

**Advanced Placement U.S. Government – Summer Assignments
– SHORT version 2020 - 2021**

You will be doing ONE of the following assignments.

Your LAST name will determine WHICH assignment you will be doing.

THE DUE DATE FOR EITHER ASSIGNMENT IS: FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 2020

Any questions? Email Ms. Ruffolo at: aruffolo@cjeagles.org
(I will check email approximately once a week in the summer)

FOR THESE ASSIGNMENTS...MAKE SURE YOU PROPERLY DOCUMENT YOUR SOURCES AND USE PROPER MLA. FORMAT FOR CITATIONS WITHIN YOUR TEXT AND WITHIN YOUR POWERPOINTS AND FOR YOUR WORKS CITED PAGES. BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR SOURCES FOR INFORMATION ON EACH SLIDE OF YOUR POWERPOINTS!

THIS IS THE ASSIGNMENT YOU WILL BE DOING IF YOUR LAST NAME FALLS BETWEEN THE LETTERS A through K

1). INTEREST GROUP POWERPOINT - Due August 7, 2020

- 6-10 Powerpoint slides with a works cited slide in MLA format – MUST use some visuals / graphs (minimum of 3 visuals required).

- **Please email me a copy on the due date of AUGUST 7, 2020**

- Pick an interest group and do research on it. Include the following in the presentation.

- Define and explain the type & purpose of the Interest Group you chose
- List approximately how many members are in the Interest Group
- List the person or people who are currently in charge of this Interest Group
- Briefly explain the financial situation the Interest Group is in – how much money do they collect annually, where does most of their money go, where do they get most of their money, etc.
- Pick 2 issues, bills, laws, events, people, etc. that the Interest Group has publicly SUPPORTED and / or OPPOSED in the past 5 years. Briefly explain each of these things and where the Interest Group stood in connection to the various topics you chose.

Include a minimum of one visual

Here is some helpful information for you:

INTEREST GROUPS:

Main concern is influencing policy that directly affects their members

Different from Political Parties b/c:

Parties nominate candidates

Parties mainly concerned w/ winning elections

Parties have to deal with the full range of policy issues

TYPES OF INTEREST GROUPS:

** Economic Interests: Business Groups, Labor Groups, Agricultural Groups, Professional Groups (exs. AMA, ADA, AFL-CIO, Teamsters, Farm Bureau, United Dairy Farmers, Chamber of Commerce)

Groups that promote causes (exs. Right to Life, NRA, ACLU, Greenpeace, WWF, anti-war efforts)

Public Interest Groups (exs. League of Women Voters, Kids Voting)

Groups that promote the welfare of certain people (exs. NAACP, NOW)

Religious organizations (exs. SCLC, US Conference of Catholic Bishops)

THIS IS THE ASSIGNMENT YOU WILL BE DOING IF YOUR LAST NAME FALLS BETWEEN THE LETTERS L through Z

2) SUPREME COURT ANALYSIS POWERPOINT - due FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 2020

Directions: Pick 2 Supreme Court Cases - Choose according to your Last Name...very helpful website: <https://www.oyez.org/>

Research the 2 Supreme Court Cases that you picked. Prepare a PowerPoint / Google Presentation for each Court Case. **In the Powerpoint, use 4-6 slides PER CASE.** Include the following in this PowerPoint:

- Describe what the case was about / Summarize main points of case / What were the Constitutional issues at stake?
- Explain the ruling / verdict of the case
- List which Justices were for and which were against
- Include at least one visual for each case
- Works cited on the last slide - include at least 1 reliable source BESIDES Wikipedia!
- Be sure **EACH** slide has the source (or sources) used for the information being talked about on it

Pick 2 of the following Supreme Court Cases (Students with Last names K through O)

- DC -v- Heller 2008
- Obergefell -v- Hodges 2015
- Nationalist Socialist Party of America -v- Village of Skokie 1977
- Roper -v- Simmons 2005
- Atkins -v- Virginia 2002
- Schenck -v- United States 1919

Pick 2 of the following Supreme Court Cases (Students with Last names P through S)

- McDonald -v- Chicago 2010
- Gitlow -v- New York 1925
- Gideon -v- Wainwright 1963
- Buckley -v- Valeo 1976
- Burwell -v- Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc. 2014
- United States -v- Lopez 1995

Pick 2 of the following Supreme Court Cases (Students with Last names T through Z)

- Wisconsin -v- Yoder 1972
- Citizens United -v- Federal Election Commission 2010
- Baker -v- Carr 1961
- Morse -v- Frederick 2007
- Shaw -v- Reno 1993

Here are some internet sites you may find useful for all assignments and for use throughout the year:

www.whitehouse.gov

www.Thomas.loc.gov

www.access.gpo.gov

www.library.cqpress.com

www.fedworld.gov/firstgov.html

www.politicalinformation.com

www.access.gpo.gov/nara/nara003.html

www.house.gov

www.senate.gov

www.landmarkcases.org

www.usinfo.state.gov/usa/infousa

www.jum.eduhttp

www.findlaw.com

www.fjc.gov/history/home.nsf

www.supremecourt.gov

<https://www.oyez.org/>

House of Representatives: <http://www.house.gov/Constitution/Amend.html>

Legal Information Institute:

<http://www.law.cornell.edu/constitution/constitution.table.html>

Government Printing Office – GPO

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/constitution/html/conamt.html>