

AP Government and Politics United States – Summer Assignment
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Using complete sentences answer the following questions after reading “The United States Constitution” in its entirety (including amendments.)
The Constitution is available on the Internet by completing a Google search for “The United States Constitution” or copying either of the following links;

<http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/constitution.html>
<http://www.usconstitution.net/const.html>

- 1. The Constitution begins with the famous "We the People" preamble. Re-write this paragraph, putting the text from 1787 into your own modern words.*
- 2. Each of the first three articles in the Constitution outlines one of the three branches of government:
 - a. Article I: Legislative - Describe (in one sentence each) the key meaning of each of the ten sections of this article.*
 - b. Article II: Executive - How is the president chosen? How is a president removed from office? What are the president's major duties?*
 - c. Article III: Judiciary - What is the Supreme Court? Why do you think the founders gave justices of the Supreme Court lifetime appointments?**
- 3. The first ten amendments to the Constitution are known as the Bill of Rights (1791). Describe the fundamental rights protected by these amendments.*
- 4. There have been seventeen additional constitutional amendments, after the Bill of Rights. List the three you consider most important/valuable and explain your reasoning.*

- All parts of this assignment should be typed, double-spaced, in a font no larger than size 14.
 - Each question, 1 through 4, should be completed on its own page.
 - This assignment is due the first day of class, September 7th, 2010 and will count as a major grade for the first marking period.
- Any questions, feel free to contact me at the above email.
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