

AP United States Government and Politics
Summer Weekly News Assignment

Each week you will choose one hard news story from a *reputable* newspaper, magazine, or online news source. Search for quality reporting that is supported by evidence. Do not use editorials or opinion pieces.

After reading each article you will need to:

1. Cite the article's author, title, publication, date of article, and an Enduring Understanding (EU) that relates to the article. Sample citations are below.
2. Provide a brief description of the topic of the article and briefly describe and elaborate on how the article connects to the EU that you identified in the citation. **Do not link the article to more than 1 EU.**

You must complete 8 entries. Each entry must be an article from a different week.

This assignment is due on the first day of school. You will complete each entry in the same Google Doc.

The assignment is worth a total of 24 points with each entry being worth 3 points.

3pts = Thorough, accurate, and clear connection to EUs with MLA citation

2.5pts = Complete and accurate connection to EU's with MLA citation

2pts = Incomplete and/or unclear or incorrect connection to EU's and/or no citation

0pts = Student did not complete

Sample citations:

Geraghty Jim. "James Comey's Stellar Windiness." *National Review*, 20 April 2018, EU: 3.

"An Appeals Court Just Thwarted Trump's Efforts to Punish Sanctuary Cities."
Mother Jones, 19 April 2018, EU: 4.

Helpful website: <https://www.allsides.com/unbiased-balanced-news>

Unit 1 - Foundations of American Democracy

#	Original EU	Alternate Wording with Related Topics
1	CON-1: The Constitution emerged from the debate about the weaknesses in the Articles of Confederation as a blueprint for limited government.	<p>The Constitution responded to problems within the Articles of Confederation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AoC could not raise taxes • AoC could not pay for an army • AoC gave no enforcement power to national government.
2	CON-2: Federalism reflects the dynamic distribution of power between national and state governments.	<p>Federalism is the idea that power is shared between national and state governments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both can raise taxes • National government controls immigration. • Democrats and Republicans debate the balance of power between state and national government.
3	LOR-1: A balance between governmental power and individual rights has been a hallmark of American political development.	<p>American politics is shaped by the struggle between individuals' rights and government control.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil Rights • National Security • Bill of Rights
4	PMI-1: The Constitution created a competitive policy-making process to ensure the people's will is represented and that freedom is preserved.	<p>The Constitution created a policy-making process that protects the balance between freedom, civil liberties and government power..</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separation of powers • Checks and balances • Impeachment

Unit 2 - Interactions Among Branches of Government

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5	CON-3: The republican ideal in the U.S. is manifested in the structure and operation of the legislative branch.	<p>The republican ideal of representative government is incorporated into the structure of the bicameral Congress which is directly elected by the people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Representation in the House is apportioned based on a state's population. ● Representation in the Senate is based on equal representation among the states. ● Both the House and Senate must pass identical legislation for it to move to the president for approval.
6	CON-4: The presidency has been enhanced beyond its expressed constitutional powers.	<p>Over time the powers of the Executive have been expanded.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Executive Orders ● Executive Agreements ● Signing Statements
7	CON-5: The design of the judicial branch protects the Supreme Court's Independence as a branch of government, and the emergence and use of judicial review remains a powerful judicial practice.	<p>The judicial branch asserts its independence as a branch of government, and judicial review remains a powerful practice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Judicial review was established in <i>Marbury v. Madison</i>. ● In 2010, the Supreme Court overturned the portion of the McCain-Feingold Act that limited independent expenditures in <i>Citizens United v. FEC</i>. ● Justices are appointed for life, removing them from political pressure.
8	PMI-2: The federal bureaucracy is a powerful institution implementing federal policies with sometimes questionable accountability.	<p>The federal bureaucracy implements federal policies with sometimes questionable accountability.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● EPA implementing environmental policies such as the Clean Air Act. ● Issuing fines ● The IRS collects federal taxes.

Unit 3 - Civil Liberties and Civil Rights

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9	CON-6: The Supreme Court's interpretation of the U.S. Constitution is influenced by the composition of the Court and citizen-state interactions. At times, it has restricted minority rights and, at others, protected them.	<p>The Supreme Court's interpretation of the U.S. Constitution is influenced by the composition of the Court. The Court has both restricted & protected minority rights.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Brown v. Board of Education</i> expanded civil rights by establishing the principle that segregation in schools is unconstitutional. • Upholding of state voter ID laws
10	LOR-2: Provisions of the U.S. Constitution's Bill of Rights are continually being interpreted to balance the power of government and the civil liberties of individuals.	<p>The Bill of Rights is a tool to continually debate the tension between liberty and order.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hate Speech • Gun Policy
11	LOR-3: Protections of the Bill of Rights have been selectively incorporated by way of the Fourteenth Amendment's due process clause to prevent state infringement of basic liberties.	<p>The 14th Amendment's Due Process clause has been selectively incorporated in order to prevent state infringement of basic liberties.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>McDonald v. Chicago</i> • <i>Roe v. Wade</i> • <i>Gideon v. Wainwright</i> • <i>Carpenter v. U.S.</i>
12	PRD-1: The Fourteenth Amendment's equal protection clause as well as other constitutional provisions have often been used to support the advancement of equality.	<p>The Constitution - especially the Fourteenth Amendment's Equal Protection clause - has been used to advance equality.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Windsor v CT</i> • National Organization for Women
13	PMI-3: Public policy promoting civil rights is influenced by citizen-state interactions and constitutional interpretation over time.	<p>Public policy promoting civil rights is influenced by the relationship between the people and government, along with judicial rulings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil Rights Act (after the March on Washington) • <i>Brown v. Board</i> (changing interpretation of 14th Amendment)

Unit 4 - American Political Ideologies and Beliefs

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14	PMI-4: Widely held political ideologies shape policy debates and choices in American policies.	<p>Political ideologies (liberal vs. conservative) shape the debates and choices in American policies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immigration policy (path to citizenship & DACA vs. border security) • Gun policy (controlling gun violence vs. right to own gun)
15	MPA-1: Citizen beliefs about government are shaped by the intersection of demographics, political culture, and dynamic social change.	<p>Citizen beliefs about government are shaped by a combination of demographics (age, gender, race, etc.), political culture, and social change.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women tend to vote more for Democrats • Children tend to adopt political views of parents
16	MPA-2: Public opinion is measured through scientific polling, and the results of public opinion polls influence public policies and institutions.	<p>Scientific polling measures public opinion and influences policies and institutions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pew Research Center • Real Clear Politics

Unit 5 - Political Participation

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17	PRD-2: The impact of federal policies on campaigning and electoral rules continues to be contested by both sides of the political spectrum.	<p>Campaign and election rules continue to be contested by liberals and conservatives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Citizens United v FEC</i>
18	PRD-3: The various forms of media provide citizens with political information and influence the ways in which they participate politically.	<p>The media provides citizens with information and influences their political participation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Print ● Television ● Internet sources & podcasts ● Social media
19	PMI-5: Political parties, interest groups, and social movements provide opportunities for participation and influence how people relate to government and policy-makers .	<p>Linkage institutions (political parties, interest groups, media, and social movements) allow for participation and influence of political process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Democrats and Republicans ● NRA, Sierra Club, & ACLU ● Tea Party, #MeToo, & Black Lives Matter
20	MPA-3: Factors associated with political ideology, efficacy, structural barriers, and demographics influence the nature and degree of political participation.	<p>Political participation is affected by many factors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gerrymandering ● Voter ID laws