



**2019-2020 AP United States  
Government and Politics Summer  
Assignment**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PART 1: Foundational Documents**

Directions: Read the following documents and answer each of the following questions in complete sentences. You may write your answers on a separate sheet of paper or make a copy of the document (available on school website) and type your answers. Please ensure you use accurate spelling, proper grammar, and correct punctuation.

**Brutus No. 1**

1. Which form of government (a large national republic or a confederation of small republics) is more likely to preserve and protect personal liberties and why?
2. Can a larger republic, based on the principle of consent of the governed, sufficiently protect the rights and liberties of the individual states and people, or is a confederation the only method of securing such liberty?
3. Should the federal legislature be able to repeal state laws in order to impose federal laws for the purpose of promoting the general welfare or common defense of the nation? If so, why? If not, why?
4. Brutus argues that in a republic, “the manners, sentiments, and interests of the people should be similar...if not, there will be a constant clashing of opinions and the representatives of one part will be constantly striving against the other.” Should a republic be made up of a small group of like-minded people? Or, is diversity of opinion beneficial to the success of a federal government?

**Federalist No. 10**

1. What are factions, according to Madison?
2. What are the causes of faction, according to Madison?
3. What is the primary object of government, according to Madison?
4. Where do the rights of property originate, according to Madison?
5. What is the most common and durable source of faction, according to Madison?
6. How could we cure the “mischiefs of faction,” according to Madison? Why are these remedies worse than the disease, according to Madison?
7. What is Madison’s solution for controlling the effects of factions?
8. What is a republic, what is a pure democracy, and how do they differ?
9. How does a republic inhibit the effects of factions, according to Madison?



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**PART 2: Current Events**

**Assignment:**

Locate *four* Current Event articles from a newspaper, news magazine, or legitimate online news source. The article must be a minimum of 400 words. Your articles must have been published between June 1st, 2019-August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019; no two articles may be from the same week.

**Specific Guidelines**

- 1) Choose a total of four stories, each from a different week. The current event article must be at least 400 words.
- 2) You must select a current event for four of the following topics:
  - Executive Branch
  - Legislative Branch
  - Judicial Branch (Supreme Court nominee, court cases, etc)
  - Bureaucracy (executive departments and agencies (i.e. Dept.of State, Defense, NASA, FBI, FEMA)
  - Foreign Policy (China, Mexico, Iraq, Iran, etc.)
  - Local Government
- 3) At the top left corner of each paper include:
  - Topic you are addressing (from above)
  - Title of Article
  - Author of Article
  - Date of Article

**General Summary and Your Analysis**

1. What specific evidence has the author provided for the information presented?
2. What conclusions/generalizations do you draw from this article?
3. What do you think about this issue/info? Explain and justify your position.
4. Do you think it has a conservative or liberal bias? Why or Why not?

These should be min ½ to a page if you have fulfilled the above

This is *NOT* an essay; this is a current events analysis. Therefore, use the above format, and write in complete sentences. You may type your responses if you prefer.