

AP United States Government and Politics
Mr. Pauly & Mr. Fix– Benilde-St. Margaret’s School
Summer Assignment 2016

In order to prepare for the *AP U.S. Government and Politics* course, you will be required to complete the following summer assignments. These assignments are due on the FIRST DAY of the course – **no exceptions**. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact either Mr. Pauly or Mr. Fix at kpauly@bsmschool.org or jfix@bsmschool.org.

The following readings must be completed:

Reading #1: John Locke – *Second Treatise, of Civil Government* (Selection attached)

Reading #2: *Declaration of Independence* (<http://www.ourdocuments.gov>)

Reading #3: *United States Constitution* (<http://www.ourdocuments.gov>) – Read the entire constitution including amendments. We will have a **general test** over the entire Constitution during the first week of the course.

The following assignments must be submitted on the first day of class.

Assignment #1 – John Locke and the Declaration:

After completing readings #1 and #2, please type a one page essay identifying Locke’s influence on the *Declaration of Independence*. Please cite specific examples from BOTH selections.

Essays must follow the MLA format.

Assignment #2 – United States Constitution:

Prepare an outline of the Constitution. Rephrase the Preamble and the Amendments using your own words. A general description for the each of the articles is fine.

Please note where the following Constitutional Principles are found in the Constitution – *please be specific*:

Limited Government, Popular Sovereignty, Separation of Powers, Federalism, and Checks and Balances

On the first day of class you should bring the following with you:

1. Locke/Declaration Essay – hard copy and electronic copy. Please do not email any submissions.
2. Constitution outline notes

***Failure to complete these assignments will result in your removal from the AP U.S. Government and Politics course, or a significant reduction in your grade!**