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](http://www.ourdocuments.gov)

**Reading #3:** United States Constitution [http://www.ourdocuments.gov](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.

For the following terms please perform **TWO tasks.**

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

1. Provide a definition the above Constitutional Principles.

2. Cite ONE example where each of the above terms are found with the United States Constitution.

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

2. Constitution outline notes - **TYPEWRITTEN**
3. Constitutional Principles and examples. - **TYPEWRITTEN**

*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!*