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AP US Government & Politics Summer 2018 Assignment

The US Constitution can be found at www.constitutioncenter.org

Directions: Read through the US Constitution and complete the following sections of the handout. This is due the first day of school. If you have any questions my personal email is coachz75@yahoo.com, I will not check my school account very often throughout the summer. There will be a test on this material.

Part I: Structure of the US Constitution

1. In your own words summarize the subject / main idea of each article in one or two sentences

Preamble	
Article I	
Article II	
Article III	
Article IV	
Article V	
Article VI	
Article VII	

2. Identify two powers denied to Congress

3. Identify two powers denied to the States.

4. What are the eligibility requirements to become a Representative?

5. What are the eligibility requirements to become a Senator?

6. What are the eligibility requirements to become The President?

7. Express powers are specifically granted to the branches of government or office of holders

a. Identify two express powers of Congress

b. Identify two express powers of the Vice President

c. Identify two express powers of the President

8. What system was created so each branch has control over the other branches_____.

9. Identify one of each type of checks and balances. Indicate the power and where it comes from

a. Power that the executive branch holds over the legislative branch_____.
Found in what article and section _____

b. Power that the executive branch holds over the judicial branch_____.
Found in what article and section _____

c. Power that the legislative branch holds over the executive branch_____.
Found in what article and section _____

d. Power that the legislative branch holds over the judicial branch_____.
Found in what article and section _____

e. Power that the judicial branch holds over the executive branch_____.
Found in what article and section _____

f. Power that the judicial branch holds over the legislative branch_____.
Found in what article and section _____

10. First court to hear cases are *court of original jurisdiction*. *Appellate court* hears cases from lower courts. Supreme Court functions primarily as an appellate court. In what cases does the Supreme Court act as the court of original jurisdiction? _____

11. According to Article I, who has the power to declare war? _____

12. What power in the area of war does the President have? _____

Part II: Amendments of the US Constitution

1. What are the general purposes of all twenty-seven amendments?

Amendment 1	
Amendment 2	
Amendment 3	
Amendment 4	
Amendment 5	
Amendment 6	
Amendment 7	
Amendment 8	
Amendment 9	
Amendment 10	
Amendment 11	
Amendment 12	
Amendment 13	
Amendment 14	
Amendment 15	
Amendment 16	
Amendment 17	
Amendment 18	
Amendment 19	
Amendment 20	
Amendment 21	
Amendment 22	

Amendment 23	
Amendment 24	
Amendment 25	
Amendment 26	
Amendment 27	

2. Which amendment(s) protect the rights of Women? _____

3. Which amendment(s) protect the rights of African-Americans? _____

4. What are the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments known as? _____

5. How were US Senators chosen before the 17th Amendment _____

6. What amendments

a. Extends individual rights

b. Extends civil rights

c. Prohibits certain practices by states

d. Change specific language in the Constitution

e. Changed an amendment AND what amendment it changed

7. Identify 2 terms you did not understand in the US Constitution. Define them

Part III: Readings / Writings

Read Federalist Papers No. 10, No. 70, No. 78, Brutus 1, and Letters from Birmingham Jail. In your own handwriting and your own words, summarize each of the writings in one - two paragraphs.

*If it does not sound like a high school student's writing, I will Google search portions your paragraphs. If I find you have copied and pasted, you will earn a zero for the entire summer work.