

## AP US Government & Politics Summer Work for 2024-2025 School Year

To: AP Gov Students for 2024-25 School Year - Welcome to my AP Gov classroom!

These are your instructions for the Summer work for this course. There are 15 Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) cases you are required to learn in this course. You will have an FRQ and multiple choice questions on the AP Government Exam on these 15 landmark cases. You should have the 15 case briefs (worksheets) filled out by the time you return to school in August. I will check them in class on Friday in the first week of school.

- A. Students should read through the Street Law Case Summaries of the 15 required SCOTUS Cases. Note: This is a 73 page pdf document. Please download it to your computer. However, I don't recommend printing it out. There should be a link to this in an email sent from the school office about Required Summer Work. If you did not receive that email, send me a message and I will send the link to you.
- B. As you read the case summaries, fill out the Revised Required Supreme Court Case Brief Forms. This includes a worksheet for all 15 Required SCOTUS cases for AP US Government & Politics. You will need to print out these worksheets and work on them. Please print these out one sided and hole punch them so they can be reorganized into your binders during the school year.
- C. As you fill in the worksheets on each Required SCOTUS Case, keep the following in mind.
  1. For the Facts, write down who's who for both sides of the case and the actions each took to get the case before the Supreme Court.
  2. For the Constitutional Issue/Question, write the Street Law provided question from the case summary.
  3. For the Majority Holding/Opinion/Decision, write down the judge count and the winner of the case (i.e. It was a unanimous 9-0 decision in favor of Brown).
  4. For the Amendments, Clauses, or Principles Used in the Case, write down the amendment # and the nickname of the clause (i.e. The 14th Amendment's Equal Protection Clause).
  5. For Reasoning Behind the Decision, write down the main reasons why the majority of judges came to this ruling. If you pace yourself by doing three cases a week throughout the Summer, this should not be too burdensome of an assignment over your break. I hope you have a great Summer, and I look forward to meeting you in August in my classroom. Send me an email if you have any questions.

In Christ,

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