

U.S. Government (CP) Enrichment Activities

Text: Magraders American Government- Prentice Hall publisher

Use your text, reference materials and the Internet to research and complete the following assignments.

| Complete ONE Project <u>OR</u> ONE Essay for each week | |
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| Week 1 | <p>Projects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Using a word processor or publisher rewrite the Declaration of Independence in your own, modern words. 12.1 Create an Excel document outlining all the articles and amendments to the constitution. 12.1 Create a PowerPoint discussing the major third parties over the last 200 years of presidential elections. 12.6 Create a PowerPoint that outlines the variety of fringe political parties today. 12.6 |
| | <p>Essay: Minimum one-page, typed, double spaced, font size 12</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss the six basic principles of the Constitution. 12.1 M.L.King wrote,“injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”Discuss this in relation to the Constitution.12.1 Describe how the “right to vote” has changed since 1776. 12.3 Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of the two-party system. 12.6 |
| Week 2 | <p>Projects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Create a 10-20 slide PowerPoint on how a bill becomes a law-use graphics. 12.4 Create a 30-60 second video or audio commercial for a made-up presidential candidate. 12.6 Create a PowerPoint outlining a biographical sketch with pictures of each of the current Supreme Court Justices. 12.4 Draw a flow chart on the process for making a Constitutional amendment. 12.5 |
| | <p>Essay: Minimum one-page, typed, double spaced, font size 12</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Has any one of the three branches of government become too powerful? Describe and support your point of view.12.4 Describe the four landmark Supreme Court decisions you feel are most significant. 12.5 How has the media influenced recent events in American history? 12.8 Explain the advantages and disadvantages of ratifying the Constitution by popular vote. 12.4 |
| Week 3 | <p>Projects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Create a chart that lists the various powers of the presidency with a short explanation. 12.4 Draw at least 2 political cartoons reflecting the presidency today. 12.6 Create a PowerPoint outlining the presidential appointment process. 12.4 Draw a poster for a presidential candidate. 12.6 |
| | <p>Essay: Minimum one-page, typed, double spaced, font size 12</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How have presidential powers changed since the writing of the constitution? 12.3 Should the electoral college be maintained, changed or dissolved altogether? Support your position. 12.6 Discuss the impact of the Monroe Doctrine on presidential power and American foreign policy. 12.7 Why, do you think, have so many Presidents decided to make undeclared war? 12.7 |
| Week 4 | <p>Projects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Create a 10-20 PowerPoint presentation describing a feudal society. 12.9 Draw a chart that compares and contrasts capitalism, communism, fascism and socialism 12.9 Attend a city council or local school board meeting-take minutes and type them out. 12.7 Create a poster with a flow chart outlining the different means California uses to raise revenue. 12.7 |
| | <p>Essay: Minimum one-page, typed, double spaced, font size 12</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> What qualities do you think make for a good President? Compare those to how/why we elect who we do. 12.6 Why is voter turnout in the United States so low? Support your arguments. 12.6 Write an original referendum or initiative about a law you think should change. 12.7 Compare and contrast capitalism and socialism. 12.9 |

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