

**REQUIRED SUMMER READING FOR AP US GOVERNMENT & POLITICS
2019**

Please note there are 2 required readings.

I. The Brethren by Bob Woodward and Scott Armstrong

There will be an in class essay on this book during the SECOND cycle of class.

While reading the book, you should focus on the following:

- The role of the clerk
- The policy making role of the Court
- The cases discussed *
- The job of the Chief Justice
- The balance on the Court
- The personalities and interactions of the justices

*You should take notes on the following cases/issues as these will be discussed in depth later in the course:

- Obscenity cases and Supreme Court tests
- Roe v. Wade (1973)
- US v. Nixon (1974)

II. Read the attached packets of articles and for each complete the information listed below. There will be a reading quiz that includes all of these articles during the FIRST cycle of class. (15 points)

Packet #1

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Packet #2

https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B3_0BWiru4nMeWN6NFVTSkMxZEpVbFRmRFg2eKlMeEs1V0Rz/view?usp=sharing

- (a) Name, author and date of article
- (b) Outline main arguments
- (c) What is your opinion and why?
- (d) **Choose 2 articles** and find a current event that relates to each of them. Print out the current events, summarize the main points of each current event article and explain the connection between your current event articles and the assigned articles. These current event articles and summaries should be printed out for the first day of class and will be collected. (15 points)

III. Optional reading:

All the President's Men by Woodward and Bernstein

Gideon's Trumpet by Anthony Lewis

Hardball by Chris Matthews

Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson

Political Tribes by Amy Chua

Thirteen American Arguments by Howard Fineman

Hillbilly Elegy by J.D. Vance

IV. Stay informed!

Try to read the newspaper and/or listen to politically engaged podcasts.

Some suggestions for reading news and opinion articles about politics are:

New York Times, Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post, CNN, Fox News, The Atlantic, and The New Yorker.

Some good podcasts are: The Daily, NPR Up First, Civics 101, Constitutional, Radiolab More Perfect Union and We the People.