

APGOPO Summer Assignment
2017-2018

Your assignment will be to read, listen to, and/or watch the major news stories related to the federal government throughout the summer, and participate in multiple online discussions via Padlet. There will also be an open note current events quiz the first week of school.

Padlet Discussions

- After reading/listening/watching the major federal (not state/local) news stories, participate in at least **FOUR** online discussions from the eight weeks listed in the table below by posting questions and/or comments on the appropriate Padlet discussion page. Each Padlet discussion will be posted on my website and I'll also send each of you direct links. You can discuss any news stories as long as they relate to the *federal* government and political system.

Examples (these are not exhaustive lists):

Acceptable: major Supreme Court decisions, anything related to the Trump presidency, U.S. foreign policy with North Korea, Syria, etc.

Unacceptable: contract dispute between Ripon teachers and Ripon Unified School district, increases in California's gas tax, etc.

- You must be signed in to your RUSD Gmail account while participating in the Padlet discussions.
- All questions on the current events quiz will be created from content from all Padlet discussions, so be sure to read the questions/comments from each of them even though you're only required to participate in four of the discussions.
- You may take handwritten notes throughout the summer as you watch and discuss the news, which may be used during the current events quiz the first week of school. Keep in mind that the quiz will be timed, so excessive note-taking may be counterproductive.
- As you read/listen/watch/discuss the news, start developing opinions on the issues facing our country -- **DO NOT** become overwhelmed if you don't fully understand everything at first, as you will develop a deeper understanding over time.

Padlet Discussion Dates

(each student is required to participate in **4 of the 8** discussions)

June 11-17	June 18-24	June 25-July 1	July 2-8
July 9-15	July 16-22	July 23-29	July 30-August 5

Relevant Links

News Resources: <http://rmayfield.weebly.com/political-news.html>

Padlet Discussions: <http://rmayfield.weebly.com/summer-assignment1.html>

Contacting Me Over the Summer

Should you have any questions about the assignment over the summer, feel free to contact me via email or Remind as I will regularly check each of these throughout the summer. When you email me, please indicate in the subject that it is a question regarding the AP summer assignment.

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Sign up for Remind: remind.com/join/apgoporhs

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