Government and Constitutional Law
Summer Assignment 2014

Welcome to Government and Constitutional Law! This course will be an in-depth examination of American Government, Politics, and Constitutional Law. You are required to complete the following summer reading assignments and the grades will be applied to your first quarter grade.

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Feel free to contact me over the summer at mkrist@hb.edu. If you have questions, don’t wait until August! It may take me a few days to get back to you, but I will respond.

DUE DATE: Second day of school.

REQUIREMENT #1: The US Constitution

Complete the outline. It is important you understand the document so completing this will give you an outline to refer to and apply as we work through Constitutional Law!

REQUIREMENT #2: Current Events

If you can relate the theoretical concepts of the course to actual events, you are much more likely to understand and retain the material. Please keep up with current events this summer. Here are some suggestions to start you out!

- Read a major national newspaper (ie: Washington Post, NY Times, Chicago Tribune, etc.) You can find these papers online.
- Watch news broadcast that concentrates on national news. (CNN, ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, PBS, etc.)
- Read news magazines (The Economist, Time, Newsweek, U.S. News and World Report, etc.)
- Watch daily, or weekly news anthology shows (Hardball with Chris Mathews, Face the Nation, Meet the Press, etc.)

Please keep a weekly journal of current events. Please document the following either in a notebook or on a word document. You will be turning this into me for a grade. Include the following information
Please note: You should be following events that are related to U.S. Government. Examples: foreign and domestic affairs (the economy, Iraq, Afghanistan, environment, etc.), Supreme Court decisions, legislation passed by Congress, Presidential actions, etc. You must represent the three branches of government (i.e., Legislative branch, judicial branch, executive branch).

I hope you all have an enjoyable summer and I look forward to our time together next year!