AP Government Summer 2022 Assignment

All students taking the AP Government course are expected to have more of an understanding of politics. In order to become a more informed citizen of New York City (who will soon be voting!) you are expected to have a clear understanding of local, state and federal elections. This assignment will help to introduce you to these expectations.

Part One: Make a copy of this document and answer the following questions

Local Officials

Borough President - Use a google search to answer the following questions based on your address
1.) Who is your borough president?
2.) What is their political party affiliation?
3.) When were they elected?
4.) What issues are they focused on?

City Council - Use this website: [Council Members & Districts - New York City Council (nyc.gov)](nyc.gov)
1.) Put your address in the search bar, what number district are you in and who is your New York City Council member?
   a.) When were they elected and how many terms have served?
   b.) What political party are they affiliated with?
   c.) What are two pieces of legislation that they have authored? Did the legislation get passed?

NY State Officials

Assemblyperson - Use this website: [Assembly Member Search | New York State Assembly (nyassembly.gov)](nyassembly.gov)
1.) Who is your state assemblyperson? What number district are you in?

2.) Are they up for reelection this year?
   IF YES:
   Who are the candidates running in the race?
   a.) What political party are they affiliated with?

b.) What are two pieces of legislation that they have authored? Did the legislation get passed?

c.) What piece of their campaign is most important to you and why?

d.) Find two other politicians who have endorsed this candidate and their reason.

IF NO:

d.) When were they elected and how many terms have served?

e.) What political party are they affiliated with?

f.) What are two pieces of legislation that they have authored? Did the legislation get passed?

g.) Find two other politicians who have endorsed this candidate and their reason.

State Senator - Use this website: [Find My Senator | NY State Senate (nysenate.gov)](https://nysenate.gov)

1.) Who is your state senator? What number district are you in?

2.) Are they up for reelection this year? If so, who are the candidates running in the race?

IF YES:

Who are the candidates running in the race?

a.) What political party are they affiliated with?

b.) What are two pieces of legislation that they have authored? Did the legislation get passed?

c.) What piece of their campaign is most important to you and why?

d.) Find two other politicians who have endorsed this candidate and their reason.

IF NO:

h.) When were they elected and how many terms have served?

i.) What political party are they affiliated with?

j.) What are two pieces of legislation that they have authored? Did the legislation get passed?

k.) Find two other politicians who have endorsed this candidate and their reason.

Federal (National) Government Officials

Representative: Use this website: [Find Your Representative | house.gov](https://house.gov)

1.) Who is your representative? What district number are you in?

2.) Research their reelection campaign and answer the following:

a.) Who are the candidates running in the race?

b.) What political party are they affiliated with?

c.) What are two pieces of legislation that they have authored? Did the legislation get passed?

d.) What piece of their campaign is most important to you and why?

e.) Find two other politicians who have endorsed this candidate and their reason.

On August 23rd, NY State is holding a Primary Election for the NY State Senate and US Congressional Representative. You have an option to research either the NY State Senate or US Congressional Representative race in your district.

1.) Choose one: State Senate or US Congressional Representative. Identify the candidates running for the Democratic or Republican primary.

2.) Choose **one** candidate and based on your last name, research the candidate's platform on **two** issues below (assigned by last name) - note, you can choose any of the three issues listed next to your last name.

Local/State News Sources:
- The City (NY State and NYC specific)
- Gothamist (NY State and NYC specific)
- New York Post
- NY Daily News

National/Federal/State
- Source One: *Mother Jones*
- Source Two: *The New York Times* (you can read the articles if you create an account/login with your @nycstudents.net email address; you can also use Incognito Mode if you run out of free articles)
- Source Three: *National Review*

Choose **two** of the topics your assigned row based on last name

Economic Issues	Political Issues	Social Issues	Last Name
Covid-19 Pandemic/Supply Chain Issues	National/Local Security	Roe v Wade and the impact of abortion rights	A-E
Recession and the role of the Federal Reserve	Censorship in Public Educational Curriculum (e.g. debates around	Discrimination and "othering" - AAPI hate crimes, LGBTQ and	F-L

	CRT, FL's "Don't Say Gay" bill, school funding, standardized testing)	trans rights, Black Lives Matter, and etc	
Healthcare	Immigration	The role of policing in the U.S	M-T
Impact of foreign policy decisions on the U.S. economy (e.g. Canadian steel tax; Russian sanctions and gas prices)	U.S. involvement in foreign conflicts (e.g. Afghanistan, Ukraine, South Korea)	Second Amendment Debate	U-Z

Which race is this? US Congressional Representative for NY State Senator

Candidate Name Political Affiliation District	1) Is there an incumbent candidate (who already holds this position)? 2) Who is a challenger for this position (in the opposing political parties)?	Primary Election Results for the specific race:
Issue # 1 Platform/Stance - Find the language from the official website	Evaluate the platform stance. Is it feasible? How will this policy improve the lives of constituents? Do you support or disapprove? Provide a detailed explanation.	Source(s) used
Issue # 2 Platform/Stance - Find the language from the official website	Evaluate the platform stance. Is it feasible? How will this policy improve the lives of constituents? Do you support or disapprove? Provide a detailed explanation.	Source(s) used