

# IBMYP VA/US Comparative Government

## *Summer Enrichment Extra Credit Opportunity*

**Purpose:** Although you may be on summer break, governments around the world are continuing to carry out their functions and make decisions that impact the lives of citizens. Choose ONE option from the following list to complete to enrich your understanding of governments of the past and present. **Successful completion of this assignment will count as an extra credit test grade during MPI.** You may only complete one of the options for extra credit.

### Option #1

Select ten (10) current events relating to governments around the world from June 15th (the day after school is out) until September 2nd (the day before we come back). Your current events must come from at least five different countries.

For each current event, write a brief (no more than 3-5 sentence) summary and then describe this story's connection to the larger concept of government. What can you infer about the nation's government from the article? How does this relate to what you know about the government of the United States? Include a link to the article/source.

Finally, write a 1-2 page reflection in which you discuss similarities and differences between governments, the overall purpose of government, and anything notable that you noticed.

### Option #2

Read a book from the list below. These titles may be available at Henrico County Public Libraries.

- *The Fountainhead* by Ayn Rand
- *Gideon's Trumpet* by Anthony Lewis
- *All the President's Men* by Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein
- *Habias Data: Privacy v. the Rise of Surveillance Tech* by Cyrus Farivar
- *The Nine: Inside the Secret World of the Supreme Court* by Jeffrey Toobin
- *The Buffalo Creek Disaster* by Gerald Stern

While reading your book, choose a series of eight quotes that relate directly to the concept of government. Write a ½ page annotation for each quote by describing how the quote relates to the concept of government. (For example, what does it tell you about the author's view on government? The characters' view on government? What roles does government play in this story? Is it a commentary on the role of government in society?)

Finally, write a ½ - 1 page reflection on the novel as a whole. Discuss how the novel relates to government, the purposes and views on government reflected in the book, and any other themes related to government you noticed.

For BOTH assignments, please write in Times New Roman, size 12, double-spaced formatting.  
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