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Dear AP US Government Students:

Welcome to our class for freshman students who are excited about an election year course focused on American government and politics! Our first and perhaps most important topic will be the U.S. Constitution. To prepare for our first unit of study, please complete the attached Constitution Study Guide and bring a typed, hard copy of your work to our first class in August. As this will be your first grade in this class, completion of this study guide must be your individual work, and you will also submit a copy of this study guide to Assignments to your class Teams site. To assist you in completing this study guide, you may use your own copy of the Constitution, the online Interactive Constitution sponsored by the National Constitution Center (linked below), and the College Board:

<https://constitutioncenter.org/interactive-constitution>

and/or the updated version of **The Words We Live By: Your Annotated Guide to the Constitution** by Linda R. Monk. If you would like to purchase this book, make sure that you order the updated version to this book, signified by the small black circle in the corner. I have copied the Amazon link to order this book, but it is available elsewhere. This link is below:

[https://www.amazon.com/Words-Live-Annotated-Constitution-Stonesong/dp/078688620X/ref=mt\\_paperback?\\_encoding=UTF8&me=](https://www.amazon.com/Words-Live-Annotated-Constitution-Stonesong/dp/078688620X/ref=mt_paperback?_encoding=UTF8&me=)

If you would like to order a study guide for this course, there is a third edition of the AMSCO AP US Government and Politics book which will provide enrichment and sample questions and essay prompts. You may order this at the link below:

<https://www.perfectionlearning.com/social-studies/advanced-placement/united-states-government-politics-ap-exam.html>

Thank you for your interest in American government and politics. We look forward to seeing you this fall!

Sincerely,  
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