

AP Government and Politics Institute

Monday, June 21, 2010

Morning Session

- Introductions and networking list
- Hand out syllabus for week-discuss agenda
- Introducing AP* Government at your site:
 - Recruiting students
 - Class curriculum (sample syllabus): teaching to the test v. student interest
 - Pacing tips
 - AP Audit
 - Summer Reading: pros and cons
 - Textbooks: criticism, praise, etc.

Afternoon Session

- Introduction to Unit 1: Constitutional Theory
 - Objectives of the unit
 - Important vocabulary and ideas
 - Possible FRQ topics
 - Possible projects
 - Using the reader: Validity of the Constitution (pro and con)
- Introduction to Unit 2: Federalism
 - Objectives of unit
 - Important vocabulary and ideas
 - Possible FRQ topics
 - Possible projects
 - Using the Reader: Obama and Federalism (EPA)

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Morning Session

- Introduction to Unit 3: Political Culture and the Media
 - Objectives of the unit
 - Important vocabulary and ideas
 - Possible FRQ topics
 - Possible projects
 - Video: News Wars-The Media and the Iraq War (Frontline PBS)
- Introduction to Unit 4: The Electoral Process: Parties, Interest Groups, Elections
 - Objectives of the Unit
 - Important vocabulary and ideas
 - Possible FRQ topics
 - Possible projects (sample: Mock Election)
 - Video: Samples from 60 Minutes, PBS and Daily Show
- Using the Reader: Should Election Day be A Holiday?

Introduction to Unit 5: Congress

- Objectives of the unit
- Important vocabulary and ideas
- Possible FRQ topics
- Possible projects (sample: Mock Senate)
- Using the Reader: Congress and the Presidency (War on Terror)

Afternoon Session

- Planning for your year: lesson plan brainstorm and textbook critiques

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Morning Session

- Introduction to Unit 6: The Presidency
 - Sample lecture
 - Objectives of the unit
 - Important vocabulary and ideas
 - Possible FRQ topics
 - Possible projects
 - Using the Reader: Bush Legacy and Challenges for Obama
 - Video: Bush and Foreign Policy
- Introduction to Unit 7: The Bureaucracy
 - Objectives of the unit
 - Important vocabulary and ideas
 - Possible FRQ topics
 - Possible projects

Afternoon Session

- FRQ Grading Workshop
 - The Reading: Pros and Cons
 - Distribute rubrics 2010 exam
- Conduct a mock grading session

Thursday, June 24, 2010

- Introduction to Unit 8: The Judiciary and Civil Liberties and Civil Rights
 - Objectives of the unit
 - Important vocabulary and ideas
 - Possible FRQ topics
 - Possible projects (sample: case law presentations)
 - Video: school prayer (60 Minutes)
 - Using the Reader: The Rehnquist Legacy and Roberts Court
- Taking the Test:
 - How to review
 - Important points to cover
 - Review books
- Debrief and evaluation