

**AP U.S. GOVERNMENT & POLITICS**  
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**AP U.S. Government and Politics Summer Assignment**  
**2019 Part 3 - Articles Review & Reaction**

Due Date: August 30, 2019

Task 2 must be completed before this task. Your essay is a thoughtful reaction paper to the posted articles. Your reaction must refer to and demonstrate an understanding of the Constitution and The Broken Branch. Bring a hard copy to the first day of class. **You will be required to submit this paper to Turnitin.com** - enrollment information is included in the Overview and it will be posted on the Summer Assignment page at [www.mrwagenberg.net](http://www.mrwagenberg.net)

You might want to review the previous tasks before beginning this one. As you write it, remain focused on the fact that it is your reaction as a serious student. Keep in mind that you are writing an essay. **THE POINTS TO BE ADDRESSED ARE NOT A LIST TOPICS TO BE ANSWERED AS SEPARATE PARAGRAPHS.** You may use outside sources (commentary, articles, etc.). If you do, you must include a works cited and use all the appropriate citations.

Make sure that your response includes all of the following, but do not use the list to structure your review -

- Introduction (which should include a brief discussion of the author's thesis).
- Discussion and evaluation of the main idea of the articles.
- As a citizen and future voter, how do the readings mean to you and your future?
- What do these readings mean for the Constitution now and in the future?
- Are you optimistic or pessimistic? What is your role in determining the course of the government?
- Conclusion

Be sure to use lots of relevant quotes to support your points.

For this task, no handwritten work will be accepted. In addition, you should have a cover page with your name, works cited (if any) and title of the work. No late work will be accepted. In addition, you will be required to submit the paper to Turnitin.com; the information you need to enroll is included in the Overview and it will be posted on the Summer Assignment page at [www.mrwagenberg.net](http://www.mrwagenberg.net).

The articles for this task are *How the Trump Administration is Remaking the Courts* and *What Happens When the Supreme Court Lurches Right*, both from the August 28, 2018 issue of the New York Times Magazine.