

2013 AP Government & Politics (US) Summer Institute
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In addition to teaching AP Government, John is a Google Apps certified trainer. His workshops feature traditional best practices as well as tips and tricks that utilize technology to leverage student engagement and learning. Definitely bring a laptop to the workshop!

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Some philosophical underpinnings to my workshops:

- 1 Creative destruction is important. I believe in constantly improving my classes by tearing down lessons and rebuilding them and sharing them.
- 2 I love using analogies in class to help my students connect to the material.
- 3 Students should write more. You should grade less.
- 4 Ever since I opened an Atari 2600 under the Christmas tree in 1981, I've known technology has a transformative effect. apgov <3 tech!
- 5 Activating curiosity in students before class always makes class better. To accomplish this, I've been experimenting with 'flipping the classroom' over the past few years.

I look forward to spending four days with you!

Please bring your AP US Government textbook

Please bring a computer. Note: Tablet computers (iPads) may not have full functionality with some of the websites we'll be using (such as Google Docs)

Day One

Introductions & Goal Setting

Primitive Politics - a way to start class without passing out textbooks & syllabi and boring your students.

Building your class

Pacing Guide & Setting Your Calendar

The Course Description (Acorn) Book
Gatekeeping & Equity
Textbooks

Current Events

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Course management software
Blogs/Websites
Google Docs

Underpinnings Unit Greatest Hits

Intro to MCQs
How do you feel about partnered tests?
Make sure students learn from tests! Making review material from old exams.

Day Two

Parties, Groups, & Media Greatest Hits

Political Ad Project

FRQs
FRQ Writing Guide - "Do the Verbs"
Reading Simulation

Beliefs & Behaviors Greatest Hits

They write more, you grade less
Combi-FRQs - Nader
Point diaries

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SNAPS
Flipping software
YouTube playlists

Start working on flipping demo slam for Thursday

Day Three

Institutions Greatest Hits

Civil Liberties & Civil Rights Greatest Hits

They write more, you grade less

FRQ Tournaments

The half & half

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Study Blue

DAY Four

Policy Greatest Hits

How to handle those 'boring' chapters at the end of the book

Structured Controversies

They Write More, You Grade Less

They write two, they pick one

Collaborative half, individual half

Reversi quizzes

After the Exam

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Big Flipping Idea

Demo Slam! - Share your flipping lessons

Graduate Credit Option

Participants may also earn three graduate education hours for any of the AP Summer Institutes from Washburn University for a reduced tuition rate the successful completion of an academic assignment.

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