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School Year 2017-2018
Summer Assignment

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AP Comparative Government & Politics Summer Assignment

Dear Noble Academy Student:

Welcome to AP Comparative Government and Politics! I am excited to begin working with all of you on very interesting and relevant subject matter.

Please take time to complete the brief, attached assignment before your first day of class. This assignment will serve as a brief introduction to the primary subject matter of our course this year. Entering Day 1 with background information on the case study subjects that we will be delving in to over the course of the year will be absolutely invaluable to the first few weeks of lecture and Harkness. The more you know now, the more dynamic our discussions will be and the more in depth we can get with each unit.

Your summer assignment consists of terms and definitions and country identification and background research:

- The “AP6” countries will be the primary subjects of comprehensive government and political analysis in preparation for the AP Test
- In order to properly analyze each country you need to know basic background information about its governmental structure, economy, history, and role in international relations

This work is extremely important to the structure of our first two weeks of class. **Assignment WILL BE COLLECTED on the FIRST day of class.** Completion of this assignment will automatically factor into your class grade.

Be aware...there may even be a pop quiz on the subject matter...you've been warned!

We will be building on all of the information covered in this assignment for the rest of the year as we build towards scoring a 3, 4, or 5 on the AP Test.

If you have questions or concerns, you can reach me by email at cgreen@thenobleacademy.org.

Get invested, get excited, and get prepared!

Continuous effort – not strength or intelligence – is the key to unlocking our potential.

Ø Winston Churchill

Sincerely,
Mr. Green

AP Comparative Government & Politics Teacher

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ASSIGNMENT

- 1) Identify each of the numbered countries from the map below
- 2) In the corresponding numbered areas research and fill in the appropriate information regarding the identified country



Example

Name: *Republic of Macedonia*

Corresponding Continent: *Europe*

Year of Independence: *1991*

Current Type of Government: *Parliamentary Democracy*

Definition of government type: *A system where the executive branch (head of state, head of government) derives power from its control of the legislative branch (a parliament)*

Name of Current Leader/s: *Trajko Veljanovski (President of Parliament)*

Economic Structure: *Open Capitalist Economy*

Leading Trade/International Partners: *European Union (Germany)*

One Key Historical Event (related to government and politics): *Peaceful secession from Yugoslavia*

One Key Contemporary Event (related to government and politics): *Violent protests between nationalist Macedonians and ethnic Albanians (since spring 2017)*

Name: _____ Date: _____

Country #1

Name:

Corresponding Continent:

Year of Independence:

Current Type of Government:

Definition of government type:

Name of Current Leader/s:

Economic Structure:

Leading Trade/International Partners:

One Key Historical Event (related to government and politics):

One Key Contemporary Event (related to government and politics):

Interesting fact:

Country #2

Name:

Corresponding Continent:

Year of Independence:

Current Type of Government:

Definition of government type:

Name of Current Leader/s:

Economic Structure:

Leading Trade/International Partners:

One Key Historical Event (related to government and politics):

One Key Contemporary Event (related to government and politics):

Interesting fact:

Name: _____ Date: _____

Country #3

Name:

Corresponding Continent:

Year of Independence:

Current Type of Government:

Definition of government type:

Name of Current Leader/s:

Economic Structure:

Leading Trade/International Partners:

One Key Historical Event (related to government and politics):

One Key Contemporary Event (related to government and politics):

Interesting fact:

Country #4

Name:

Corresponding Continent:

Year of Independence:

Current Type of Government:

Definition of government type:

Name of Current Leader/s:

Economic Structure:

Leading Trade/International Partners:

One Key Historical Event (related to government and politics):

One Key Contemporary Event (related to government and politics):

Interesting fact:

Name: _____ Date: _____

Country #5

Name:

Corresponding Continent:

Year of Independence:

Current Type of Government:

Definition of government type:

Name of Current Leader/s:

Economic Structure:

Leading Trade/International Partners:

One Key Historical Event (related to government and politics):

One Key Contemporary Event (related to government and politics):

Interesting fact:

Country #6

Name:

Corresponding Continent:

Year of Independence:

Current Type of Government:

Definition of government type:

Name of Current Leader/s:

Economic Structure:

Leading Trade/International Partners:

One Key Historical Event (related to government and politics):

One Key Contemporary Event (related to government and politics):

Interesting fact: