

7th Grade Civics Summer Reading Assignment

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Answers to Response Questions = 100 points (Due first day of school)

Please follow these directions in order to ensure success for this assignment. You will want to pace yourself in order to complete this assignment before school begins. Assignments submitted after the due date will incur a 50% late penalty. Students who enroll at CPS after the first day of school will until the end of September to complete their work.

This may be written or typed (if typed it must be 12-point font, double spaced and in Times New Roman).

Directions: Read the following three documents (copies of all three can be found online in many places) and then answer the questions below in complete sentences.

Documents

- The Declaration of Independence
- The U.S. Constitution
- The Bill of Rights

Reading Questions

1. What was the purpose of the Declaration of Independence? Explain, use lines from the Declaration to back up your response, and use parentheses to cite where they are found.
2. What is meant by the word *prudence*?
3. If the word *unalienable* were to be left out of the Declaration of Independence, how would the meaning of the whole document change? Explain your answer using the lines from the Declaration. Tell where they are using parentheses.
4. How many complaints are there in the Declaration of Independence?
5. Did it seem like the men who wrote this document rushed to judgement in their decision? Explain and cite your answers.
6. What is the purpose of the first paragraph of the U.S. Constitution?
7. How is the Constitution divided?
8. Where (what area) in the U.S. Constitution does it state that the U.S. will have a president?
9. Where does it state that the U.S. will have a congress?
10. Where does it state that the U.S. will have a system of courts?
11. What are the Bill of Rights?
12. What is a warrant?
13. Define *militia*.
14. Define *double jeopardy*.
15. Which Amendment:
 - A. Protects a citizen's right from illegal search and seizure without a warrant
 - B. Protects a citizen from having troops quartered in his or her house without permission
 - C. Allows a citizen to train in a militia
 - D. Protects a citizen against double jeopardy and self-incrimination
 - E. Allows a citizen the right to freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom of the press, freedom to peacefully assemble, and to petition the government
 - F. Protects a citizen from cruel and unusual punishment
 - G. Allows one citizen to sue another citizen in civil court
 - H. Protects other rights that citizens have, even if they are not specifically listed
 - I. Gives citizens right to a speedy and public trial and the right to a lawyer at said trial
 - J. Powers which are not limited to the federal government or barred from states, are reserved for the states