

AP US Government and Politics Summer Assignment 2019

Your summer assignment this year is to write a 2 page minimum, double-spaced paper, and submit it through turnitin.com on my website, aburgamy4jma.weebly.com on the book *Miracle at Philadelphia* by Catherine Drinker Bowen. ***This is due by the FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL on August 15, 2019 BEFORE class begins!*** It MUST be a digital copy through turnitin.com, NOT a hard copy. Late assignments will lose 10 points for each day that they're late. Instructions on how to do this will be on my website.

In your paper, you need to address and answer the following, IN ESSAY FORM. It does NOT need to follow this exact flow, but all of these points MUST be addressed in order to

receive full credit:

1. State the title and author of the book; i.e., "In Catherine Drinker Bowen's *Miracle at Philadelphia*..."
2. Describe the author's thesis/reasoning behind writing the book. Think the "why's" and the "what's" - why did she write it, what questions was she addressing, etc.
3. Describe the Great Debate, the New Jersey Plan, and the Virginia Plan. What did these all have in common? What did Randolph have to do with these?
4. Why did delegates feel the convention needed to be secret?
5. What were some criticisms of the Constitution? Why did some delegates not want to sign it? How did they overcome these issues?
6. Why/when were the Preamble and Bill of Rights added?
7. What was the 3/5 Compromise? Why was it added?
8. What was Benjamin Franklin's role?
9. How did Drinker Bowen justify the claims she made? What sources did she use?
10. Are there any other perspectives that Drinker Bowen could have included? What alternate explanations might exist for the events that went on and the decisions that were made?
11. How did you feel about the book? What did it teach you? What parts stood out to you?

Please use good grammar, punctuation, avoid passive voice, no contractions, use a size 11 or 12 font, 1 inch margins, etc. This is a formal essay, so please treat it as such! This will count as your very first daily grade! Turnitin.com will detect any plagiarism and will automatically generate a word count, so please don't try tricks such as enlarging the period size to get to 2 pages. You are all good students, so I know you're capable of great work! If you need to cite a passage that you're quoting, please do it like this: "arrived in Philadelphia" (p 15).

<http://www.hemingwayapp.com/> is a good website to use to help you identify and clear up issues with writing. <https://www.grammarly.com/> is another one.

Good luck! Have a great last summer of high school! If you have any questions, you can email me at aburgamy@johnmilledge.org and I will generally respond within 24 hours. Please don't wait until the last minute to do this assignment. If you pace yourself over the summer, we will all be happier with the outcome.