



## AP Government Summer Assignment



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### **DUE DATE:**

The comparative essay is a mandatory assignment due on the 1<sup>st</sup> full day of class, fall semester

### **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of the assignment is to introduce students to the documents that shaped the early social and political history of the United States and to evaluate the impact of these documents on the philosophies of the political leaders and everyday people of the era.

The essay will not be graded but must be completed in order to remain enrolled in the class.

### **GUIDELINES AND DIRECTIONS:**

The directions for the assignment are to examine Thomas Paine's *Common Sense*, the *Declaration of Independence*, John Adams' *Thoughts on Government*, and Abigail Adams' *Remember the Ladies*, comparing and contrasting the authors' viewpoints on the natures of freedom and democracy and evaluating the documents with evidence.

The essay must be typed, double-spaced, and should not contain any grammatical or spelling errors. The length of the paper must be between 3-5 pages. Title pages and bibliographies do not count towards the page limit.

**You should be prepared to discuss and defend your paper on the first full day of the class, fall semester.**

The documents are available online at [www.staianoland.com](http://www.staianoland.com).

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