Summer Assignment: Advanced Placement Government

In order to prepare for the upcoming semester of AP Government, you are asked to complete the following assignment. You will be expected to have this ready for the first day of school.

- Read the first chapter of the AP Government Textbook: 
  *American Government: Roots and Reform by O'Connor, Sabato, and Yanus*

- Take *handwritten* outline notes on what you read. We will quickly review this chapter at the start of the semester, so it is up to you to read and learn the material.

The correct format for outlining is on the flip side of this page. Follow it exactly. You will be given two grades for this completed outline – one for format and one for content.

- You will be tested on the 27 amendments to the Constitution on the second day of class. Study the graphic organizer provided for you.

**Outline Format Rules**
- Begin with a Roman Numeral for the Topic.
- After each Roman numeral, letter, or number put a period.
- Begin all lines with an upper case letter.
- Line up every letter or numeral under the one above.
- If you have to go to more than one line, indent to the first letter of the line above.
- No sentences allowed! Rephrase in your own words briefly, using abbreviations and symbols.
- If you have a 1, you must have a 2. If you have an A, you must have a B.

**Outline Format**

I. Topic

A. Main idea
   1. Details that support the main idea
   2. More details
      a. Details that explain main idea
      b. More details that include definitions of main idea
      c. Reasons for main idea
      d. Characteristics of main idea

B. Main idea
   1. Details of explanation
   2. Details of explanation

II. Topic

A. Main idea
   1. Supporting detail
   2. Supporting detail

B. Main idea
   1. Supporting detail
   2. Supporting detail

III. Topic

A. Main idea
B. Main idea
   1. Supporting detail
   2. Supporting detail
   3. Supporting detail
      a. More information
      b. More information
      c. More information
      i. Even more info
      ii. Even more info
      iii. Even more info