

“Summer” Assignment

In addition to the primary texts for both AP Govt and HEcon, both courses will be supported by a supplemental reading materials throughout the semester. These books will be used to introduce important concepts for specific units of study and each student will be required to read them, take a quiz on their contents, and complete a written assignment. The details for the assignments and the due dates will be provided during the course, but in order to help disperse your workload I suggest reading them during the summer, perhaps on the beach or in the shade of a lovely tree.

Honors Economics

Freakonomics, Steven Levitt & Stephen Dubner

An unconventional application of economic thought and theory to everyday life. This is a highly readable nonfiction work that will get you thinking in about things like an economist.

AP Government:

Warriors Don't Cry, Melba Pattillo Beals

The integration of Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas by nine African American teenagers is a compelling story of the struggles between majority rule and minority rights, about state rights and national supremacy, and about racism in America. Melba's story is powerful and timeless, and although you will not need to use it until the spring semester, I advise you to read it this summer... but I can't tell you why.