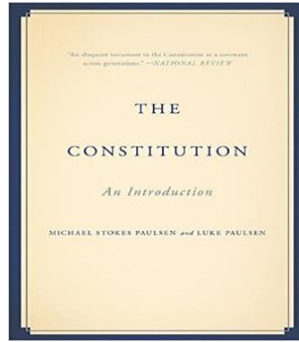


# AP Government and Politics Summer Reading Assignment

Paulsen and Paulsen, *The Constitution: An Introduction*, Basic Books, 2015 or (2017).



This is a new book written by a father-son team. The dad is a professor of law. The son is now a recent college graduate. The duo conceived and wrote the book over the son's high school and college years. The father is the expert, the son helped make it easier to digest. Hopefully, their efforts will allow you to more easily understand the creation of the Constitution and the federal Republic, and the story of the Constitution afterwards.

The book is available in paperback (**\$12.23**) from **Amazon.com** and other outlets. At Amazon you can also purchase used copies in both paper and hardback versions. Order the book early in the summer.

As you read, notice and mark a copy of the Constitution. It is included in the back of this book.

## Reading Schedule (3 deadlines)

1. **August 28, 2019.** Read the Introduction and Chapters 1—5 (pp. xi—115) by the first day of school. We will have a **test** over these chapters (Part I of book) **on Day 2** of school that will be either entirely multiple-choice or mostly multiple-choice and one brief essay. This test will be worth about the same as a typical unit test (50 points).
2. **1<sup>st</sup> Week of School.** Read Chapters 6 & 7 (pp. 119—184) during the first few days of school in August. I'll have exact deadlines posted when we return to school. We will take a shorter assessment, probably a **25-point test** on these two chapters.
3. **February-March 2018.** We will read the final three chapters later during the year as we study Civil Rights and Civil Liberties.

The summer reading is rather important. How you approach this assignment will set the tone for how you will approach the class in general. You have plenty of time in summer to read the first part of the book. Do NOT wait until the final days of summer to begin. Do NOT rely on online book reviews or other short cuts. But be ready to discuss Part I when school starts, and ready for that initial test on Day 2.

---Mr. Wolford