



# Memo Prompts

## *AP US Government and Politics Examples*

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Description: The US Government Simulation is composed of 5 Periods, each of which have a defined start and stop time. To successfully submit a memo, choose at least one question from the current Period below and **write a minimum of 300 words. It must include specific examples from within your simulation.**

Grade: Memos in total count for 10% of your grade

Due Dates: Each memo must be submitted prior to the end of the current Period. I.e. If Period 2 finishes on Friday at 5:00 PM, the memo must be submitted by Friday at 5:00 PM.

### Period 0 Prompts *[choose at least 1]*

1. With which role(s) do you believe you will most interact across the simulation? Why?

### Period 1 Prompts *[choose at least 1]*

1. **Standard 3.1 LOR-2.B:** Describe the rights protected in the Bill of Rights and how they may support your position goal.
2. **Standard 4.7 PMI-4.A:** Explain how ideologies of the two major parties shape policy debates in a bill that is currently in the works.
3. **Standard 5.6 PMI-5.E:** Explain the benefits and potential problems of interest-group influence on elections and policy making. How does an interest group influence your role?

### Period 2 Prompts *[choose at least 1]*

1. **Standard 1.2 LOR-1.B:** Explain how models of representative democracy are visible in major institutions, policies, events, or debates in the U.S.
2. **Standard 2.1 CON-3.A:** Describe the different structures, powers, and functions of each house of Congress.
3. **Standard 2.5 CON-4.B:** Explain how the president's agenda can create tension and frequent confrontations with Congress.
4. **Standard 4.2 MPA-1.B:** Explain how cultural factors influence political attitudes and socialization.

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### Period 3 Prompts *[choose at least 1]*

1. **Standard 1.7 CON-2.A:** Explain how societal needs affect the constitutional allocation of power between the national and state governments.
2. **Standard 2.15 PMI-2.E:** Explain the extent to which governmental branches can hold the bureaucracy accountable given the competing interests of Congress, the president, and the federal courts.
3. **Standard 5.8 PRD-2.A:** Explain how the different processes work in a U.S. presidential election and how it relates to your position in the simulation.

### Period 4 Prompts *[choose at least 1]*

1. **Standard 1.9 CON-2.C:** Explain how the distribution of powers among three federal branches and between national and state governments impacts policy making.
2. **Standard 3.6 LOR-2.D:** Explain how the Supreme Court has attempted to balance claims of individual freedom with laws and enforcement procedures that promote public order and safety.
3. **Standard 5.11 PRD-2.E:** Explain how the organization, finance, and strategies of national political campaigns affect the election process.
4. **Standard 5.12 PRD-3.A:** Explain the media's role as a linkage institution and how you coordinate with them to meet your position goals.

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