



# AP<sup>®</sup> U.S. Government & Politics

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## Jackson H.S./Political Participation Project

**Grade:** This assignment will be worth 10% of your fall semester grade. The posting date in the gradebook for this project will be in early December. However, your project will still earn full credit if completed before finals week. An additional project can be completed to earn no more than 5% summative extra credit for the semester dependent on completion of all requirements for that project.

### **Project Options:**

#### **Participate in a Campaign:**

Volunteer **five** hours for a political candidate or a state-wide or local initiative.

#### **Attend Public Government/Political Meetings/Classroom Political Guest Speakers:**

Attend **two** different public meetings for a city council, county council, water district, school district, a political party or an interest group that wishes to influence public policy.

#### **Attend/Watch and Review a political debate or town hall meeting.**

Watch **two** or more live debates or town hall meetings featuring one or more current elected officials and/or candidates for office.

#### **Participate in a Government Sponsored Competition:**

Complete all requirements for a competition sponsored by a government office or agency. Examples include the Congressional Apps Challenge and an Art Contest.

#### **Participate in a Government Themed Competition:**

Complete all requirements for a competition related to government or government issues. Examples include the JFK Profiles in Courage Essay Contest and the C-SPAN StudentCam Competition.

#### **Participate in a rally or march supporting an issue:**

Attend **two** or more local rallies or marches for a cause or issue.

#### **Apply for a summer internship or U.S. Military Academy Appointment:**

Complete all application requirements for a summer internship for an elected official, interest group, or a U. S Military Academy.

#### **Participate and complete in a project as a member of a student government club or organization:**

Examples include Mock Trial Club and the Mill Creek Student Advisory Board.

### **Project Requirements:**

- ☐ Identify yourself with your first name, last name, and class period.
- ☐ Verify your participation (photo/signatures/phone number references)
- ☐ Provide a time-line of your participation (dates/location/hours/activities)
- ☐ List 5-10 things you did or topics covered in your experience
- ☐ Explain the policy or policies that you were exposed to in this project.
- ☐ Explain where on the political spectrum one policy issue related to your experience belongs and explain your reason.
- ☐ Explain one tenet of American government that represents one or more of the policy issues you were exposed to in your project and why it is important to you.
- ☐ You are required to label each part of this assignment after your heading/identification.
- ☐ You are required to complete this project typed and submitted electronically to the location of your teacher's choosing.
- ☐ You are required to do your own original work to the best of your ability.