

Hello AP Teachers!

My name is Eric Ebert and I look forward to working with you at the upcoming Western Kentucky University AP Summer Institute! AP United States Government and Politics is such an exciting class for teachers and students alike. I love teaching and developing new ways of making issues in government relevant and meaningful to my students, and with 2016 being an election year, there is no better time to be teaching this course than now! Our week together will have a classroom focus that is designed to get your students to think critically and become actively engaged in the political process. Having been a participant at multiple week-long summer institutes, I can appreciate what teachers are looking for in order to make their APSI week purposeful. Our sessions will be applicable to your classroom teaching and there will be plenty of immediate, classroom-ready takeaways that can be implemented right away. Don't forget to **bring your laptop and a power cord**, because we have a lot of information to share.

This summer institute is designed to benefit both experienced AP Government teachers and those that are new to the subject. My sessions are constructed to provide new teachers with a framework of where to start and experienced teachers with the opportunity to polish, enhance, and broaden their courses. We will study the AP US Government curriculum by discussing the important concepts and objectives associated with each unit of study, explore textbooks and other resources, and examine how the AP exam is administered and scored. Please **bring the textbook you plan on using and a few lesson plans or activities** from this course or any other that you have found success with in your classroom. Finally, be sure to **come with a list of objectives** you would like to accomplish during the week.

The goal for our week will be to work together to develop the direction necessary to teach AP Government, understand what is expected of students on the AP exam and how we can promote their success, and examine how to inspire and encourage our students by challenging them at a college level. After the institute, you will be well-prepared to develop your own curriculum and teach the course in a relevant and meaningful way. Let's utilize this awesome opportunity we have together to make AP Government more applicable and engaging for our students, so they can better develop the passion for learning and analytical skills necessary to become lifelong learners of political science!

I look forward to meeting and working with you this summer! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to e-mail me at emebert@uwalumni.com.

See you soon,
Eric Ebert