2013 AP Unit 1 – Political Media Bias

**Month Day In-Class Discussion Topic Reading to Prepare for that Day**

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| Aug. | 28 W | Introduction: [**Rules**](http://www.bornemania.com/gov/rules/htmlclassrules.html) and Forced-Choice Exercise: [**Proposed Rules**](http://www.bornemania.com/gov/projects/rulesproject.shtml) | Proposed Rules Handout  Class Rules Agreement |
|  | 29 Th | The Legislative Process; Form Constituent Groups & Legislative Groups; Forced-Choice Concluded | Proposed Rules Handout |
| - | 30 F  Rally | [**The Legislative Process**](http://www.bornemania.com/gov/projects/rulesproject.shtml)  (Brainstorming Class Rules) | - |
| Sept. | 2 M | **\*\*\* Labor Day \*\*\*** | - |
|  | 3 T | Q: OUHSD Policies: Homework and Grades | Homework (BP 6154) and Student Achievement (BP 5121) <http://www.ouhsd.k12.ca.us/about/schoolboard/boardpolicies.htm> |
|  | 4 W | Discussion of [**Proposed Legislation**](http://www.bornemania.com/gov/projects/rulesproject.shtml) (Bring class set)  “How to do a Close reading”: Bring Friday’s readings | **Class Contracts Due Today**  **(Bring Friday’s Readings)** |
| (+) | 5 Th | Vote on [Final Proposals](http://www.bornemania.com/gov/projects/rulesproject.shtml)  Intro. to Parliamentary Procedure;  Count and Re-Count Votes  (Lunch if Needed to finish Voting) | - |
|  | 6 F | Q: Zinn’s 2000 Election and the USCCR Report | Zinn: Ch. 25 from A People’s History of the United States: “The 2000 Election and the ‘War on Terrorism’ (pp. 675 – 682) + |
|  | 9 M | **Film: Unprecedented - 1** | USCCR Report on Florida 2000 – Executive Summary:  <http://www.usccr.gov/pubs/vote2000/report/exesum.htm> |
| - | 10 T  Late | **Film: Unprecedented – 2**  Is being Non-Partisan “Fair”? &  Why We Need to be Informed | Media Bias: <http://www.criticalthinking.org/files/MediaBias2006-DC.pdf>  pp. 2 – 3 Point of View |
|  | 11 W | Q: Topical Focus, Point of View, Bias, & Propaganda + Objectivity | Media Bias: <http://www.criticalthinking.org/files/MediaBias2006-DC.pdf>  pp. 4 – 8 Objectivity |
|  | 12 Th | **Film: Outfoxed**  Watch for ways in which media bias is evident by both filmmakers and “news” makers | Media Bias: <http://www.criticalthinking.org/files/MediaBias2006-DC.pdf>  pp. 8 – 21 Examples |
|  | 13 F | **Lecture: From Mossadegh to Abu Ghraib – US Foreign Policy in Iran, Iraq, and Afghanistan 1950+** | Timeline Part (Iran-Iraq-Afghanistan): <http://www.main.bornemania.com/index.php/ohs-classes/cp-american-government-4/documents/26-timeline-links> |
|  | 16 M | **Film: The End of Summer** | (Review Timeline) |
| \* | 17 T  Late | Philosophy vs. Rhetoric,  False Comparison, Bad Example, Ignorance as Proof, Tautology, False Choice, Red Herring, and Wrong Ending  (*see specific list below*) | Jay Heinrich’s Thank You for Arguing, Ch. 14. Spot Fallacies (pp. 137 – 154) |
| + | 18 W | **Film: Hijacking Catastrophe (Introduction + 30 minute version)**  **LUNCH SESSION (required)** | Logical Fallacies: <http://www.logicalfallacies.info/>  And/Or - <http://www.theness.com/index.php/how-to-argue/> |
| ---/+ | 19 Th  Min. | **Music: 16 Military Wives**  **Back to School Night!!!** | Lyrics to 16 Military Wives: <http://www.songmeanings.net/songs/view/3530822107858533163/>  9-11 and Iraq: <http://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/spotlight/the911decade/2011/09/201197155513938336.html> |
|  | 20 F | Q: Texts and Texas  **(Featuring Magruder’s!)** | Texas Conservatives: <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/03/13/education/13texas.html?_r=2&scp=1&sq=Texas%20School%20Curriculum&st=cse> +  One Word, “Plastics.”: <http://californiawatch.org/environment/plastics-industry-edited-environmental-textbook-12123> |
|  | 20 F | **AP Gov. Session #1**  **3:30 pm – 4:30 pm** | McGraw Hill 5 Steps to 5: Ch. 1 & 11 (Mass Media) + p. 12 Plan B |
| + | 23 M | Q: Surely, You’re Joking!  Capitalism, Socialism, and Communism  **(Featuring Magruder’s!)**  **LUNCH SESSION (required)** | Mr. Feynman: <http://www.textbookleague.org/103feyn.htm> |
|  | 24 T | **Film: The Control Room  LUNCH SESSION (required)** | - |
|  | 25 W | **Citations: Reasons & Formats**  FactCheck & Politifact +  Q: How to Lie with Footnotes | Al Franken: Lies and the Lying Liars Who Tell Them, “Ch. 2 – Ann Coulter: Nutcase” - <http://ethosworld.com/library/Franken-Lies-And-the-Lying-Liars-Who-Tell-Them.pdf> |
|  | 26 Th | **Unit 1 Review** | - |
| (+) | 27 F | **Unit 1 Test** (keep lunch clear) | **-** |