

AP U.S. Government and Politics Policy Analysis Assignment Summer 2016

For this assignment you will research one policy initiative using the Internet:

The policy initiative I have been assigned is the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015.

Clearly label the policy initiative you have selected as the title of your paper.

Part I – Overview

Write a brief (one paragraph) explanation of the law. Define its purpose and what it proposes to do.

Part II – Players in the Policy Process

Many players impact the policy process in the United States.

- ☞ U.S. House of Representatives
- ☞ U.S. Senate
- ☞ President
- ☞ Federal Courts
- ☞ Federal agency charged with implementation of the policy. More than one agency may be responsible for providing regulations or bureaucratic oversight. Please select only one.
- ☞ Two relevant private organizations or interest groups impacted by the policy.
- ☞ Media - Two news organizations, either print or broadcast, that you can research on the web. To access the GHS library online data bases, use your student login and password in MackinVia, <https://gcisd.mackinvia.com/?selectedSchoolId=1885>
- ☞ Public Opinion
- ☞ Democratic Party
- ☞ Republican Party

Research each of the above institutions and provide:

- ☞ An explanation of the role of each of the above in initiating, advancing, implementing, impeding or simply reacting to the enactment of the policy you have selected. Cite the website you use for each policy player in each section of the paper. The website you use should be directly linked to that institution. For example, for the president, you could search at whitehouse.gov. List the House of Representatives website you use in the House section, the U.S. Senate website in the Senate section, the federal agency website in the federal agency section and so on. House and Senate websites may lead you to individual committee websites or legislative retrieval services such as Thomas, sponsored by the Library of Congress. These are good sources to use.
- ☞ Pick two of the above institutions that cooperated in getting the policy enacted and explain how that cooperation worked. For this section, you may use information from sites directly linked to the institutions or you may use news media or research institution/ think tank websites (an example would be the Brookings Institution) or use the GHS library data base to find academic journals. Copy and paste the web address at the end of this section.

- ✎ Pick two of the above institutions that opposed each other throughout the policy making process. Explain this adversarial relationship in terms of the policy itself. For this section, you may use information from sites directly linked to the institutions or you may use news media or research institution/think tank websites or academic journals. Copy and paste the web address at the end of this section
- ✎ Identify one group that wants to change or scrap the policy. Why does this group want the policy changed or eliminated? For this section, you may use information from sites directly linked to the institutions or you may use news media or research institution/think tank websites or academic journals. Copy and paste the web address at the end of the section.

Part III – Outside the National Government

The policy initiative you have selected may have implications for the national government's relationship to the states. Briefly explain the impact of the policy on the United States' relationship to two state governments. Document the Internet information you used to explain the reaction of the state government to the policy. You may use an Internet website directly connected to the state government, or you may use another source from news media or research institution/ think tank or academic journal. Copy and paste the web addresses used at the end of each state section.

Part IV – Format

You must submit your research paper on the first day of class, August 22/23, 2016. This assignment will not be accepted late. The paper must be word processed. Handwritten work will not be accepted. The paper must be at least three and no longer than five pages in length. Clearly label each section of your paper. Put each web source used in the paper at the end of each section, NOT at the end of the paper in bibliography form. (Copy and paste the site from your web browser into your paper at the end of each section.) Good luck!

You do not need your textbook to complete the summer assignment. You can pick up your textbook in August before class begins. **YOU WILL NEED THE BOOK WHEN YOU BEGIN CLASS IN AUGUST.** My teacher website has web sources you can also use. Find my name in the GHS directory or copy and paste this link into your browser: <http://www.gcisd-k12.org//Domain/631>. Check the "Links" page for helpful websites. Please feel free to contact me at my school email address. I check it regularly during the summer: ann.turpin@gcisd.net.

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