

AP Government and Politics
(Civics) Summer Reading
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This summer, all students registered in my A.P. Civics class should read at least three of the following:

- *Gideon's Trumpet* by Anthony Lewis
- *All the King's Men* by Robert Penn Warren
- *Invisible Man* by Ralph Ellison
- *Slaughterhouse 5* by Kurt Vonnegut
- *Hardball* by Chris Matthews
- *Crime and Punishment* by Fyodor Dostoyevsky
- *Lord Jim* by Joseph Conrad
- *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding

Please do not choose based on the length of the work. Read a few of the summaries on the titles, and pick the books that interest you the most. If you have already read one/a few of the titles, choose another work.

Complete 2 of the following 3 tasks once you have completed the work:

- A) Discuss the relationships/interrelationships of the characters (or author) with each other and with the different facets of "government" that they are dealing with.
- B) In each work there is an *ideal* and a *reality*. Discuss a few examples of this in the works you read.
- C) Select 5-6 quotes from your selected reading to examine more closely... 1) note and interpret each quotation and 2) offer a real life example (perhaps historical or contemporary) to illustrate your understanding.

Come prepared with your notes on the first day of school.