**AP US Government & Politics**

**Day 1 Assignment- Why You Should Care about Government & Politics**

**Due Monday 9/10/18**

**Share with me on Google Docs or turn in written assignment**

**Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Procedure**

* Set up a Google Doc to tell me a little about yourself and respond to the article when prompted.
* Write ONE short paragraph for each numbered prompt below in a letter format.
* Start with a heading that lists the title of this assignment and includes your name and date.
* Use formal response—complete sentences, paragraphs and formal prose.

1. **Who are you?-** Name and nickname if different than your given name. Describe THREE things that most people know about you. Describe TWO things about you as a student that I should know.
2. **Why are you in this class?** – Be honest…but respectful! Are you interested in the class or is it just something you’re required to take?
3. **What do you know about US Government & Politics already?** – Assess your knowledge now about US Government—are you knowledgeable, uninformed or somewhere in between? Why did you put yourself there?
4. **Are you interested in news and politics?** -Do you read the news? How aware are you about current issues? Do you feel as though politics matter? Why/not?
5. **What issues in politics interest you most?** Are you concerned about the environment, jobs, health care, immigration, sexual harassment, taxes, discrimination, the military / defense or some other issue? Choose at least TWO issues that interest you and tell why you are interested in them.
6. **Read the online article- *Why should young people vote?* And respond to the questions that follow.**

Find it at this url: <http://www.thebestcolleges.org/9-reasons-we-need-young-voters-more-than-ever/>

1. Which THREE reasons given in the article make MOST sense to you for why you should vote and care about politics? Explain.
2. Is anything missing?
3. Which TWO reasons seem least important to you? Why?
4. Why do you think many young people are NOT interested in politics? Explain.