

Dear Prospective AP Government Student:

Based upon information given to me by the counseling department, you are enrolled in AP Government and Politics for next school year. Please read the following description of the summer assignment. **I NEED you to contact me ASAP via Email: rhammerschmidt@lhs210.net**

Summer Assignment

You will need to BUY the book Supreme Conflict by: Jan Crawford Greenburg. It is available at Barnes and Noble and Amazon and costs about \$10 - 17 new in paperback form or electronic form. However, you may be able to find used copies on Ebay for as little as \$3.99. You need to obtain this book by the start of the summer.

Amazon:

<http://www.amazon.com/Supreme-Conflict-Inside-Struggle-Control/dp/0143113046>

Barnes and Noble:

<http://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/supreme-conflict-jan-crawford-greenburg/1100624978?ean=9780143113041>

Jan Crawford Greenburg currently serves as both the political correspondent and chief legal correspondent for [CBS News](#) and appears regularly on the [CBS Evening News](#), [Face the Nation](#), [CBS This Morning](#), and [CBS News Sunday Morning](#). The book provides some unique insights into the personalities and nominations of the United States' highest legal body.

Send me an Email @ the address above ASAP, so that I know you have received the Summer Assignment. The next page has the questions you need to respond to and bring the first day of class. These should be typed, 12 pt. font, and single spaced. Please label each question with the chapter number and question. These MUST BE in your own words. Any plagiarism will result in a "0."

Attention: You should begin to watch Meet the Press on Sunday mornings. It is on NBC at 10:00. If you miss the televised version you may watch the Netcast that is available after 1:00 pm on Sunday or you may download the Podcast. Your weekly quizzes WILL include questions from this show.

Thanks,

Mr. Hammer

Supreme Conflict Questions 2019

Question #1 – Chapters 1-2

To what extent did social issues such as abortion, gay rights, and affirmative action serve as the basis for political conflict within and around the Supreme Court in the 1980's?

Question #2 – Chapters 3-4

The nominations of both Kennedy and Souter were intended to overturn the liberal decisions of the Warren Court. Which of these two nominations represent the greatest miscalculation by presidential administration? Explain and support your claim with three examples.

Question #3 - Chapters 5-6

Justice Thomas was labeled "The youngest, cruelest justice," while Kennedy was described as "having a change of heart." Are either of these appropriate labels for these conservative justices?

Question #4 – Chapters 7-8

On page 181, the author compares the justices and judicial philosophy to hedgehog and foxes. Which sort of justice do you prefer? Explain your response citing at least three cases discussed in the book to support your answer.

Question #5 – Chapters 9-12

The Supreme Court was intended to be the branch most removed from the political fray. Yet, in many ways it is as political as the other two branches. What evidence does the text provide to support this conclusion? Please provide examples and support from various chapters. Remember ONE example does not justify a conclusion.