

## AP U.S. HISTORY SUMMER ASSIGNMENT

This assignment consists of a **four (4)-page summary analysis** of two (2) readings significant to American History. **It is your responsibility to print the following readings:**

An Excerpt from John Locke's  
Second Treatise On Civil Government (1689) (See Notes on Reverse Side of Sheet)  
and  
Federalist Number 10 (1787) by James Madison

After reading the documents, you are to write a detailed **two-page (2) analysis** of **EACH** of these documents that covers the following:

- 1) Analyze Locke's idea of "contract" or "compact" theory of government. According to Locke, when is revolution appropriate? Why does he spend so much time on the legislature in regard to his theory of political power? Apply your analysis to an **on-going political issue between the Presidency and Congress**.
- 2) Why, according to Madison, is a large republic "better" or "safer" than a small republic? What relationship does the size of a republic have to the "factions" that will develop within it? **Explain two contemporary political issues that Madison might think indicate that factions may be dangerous? Explain in DETAIL.**

Be sure to include a COVER-PAGE with the following information:

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DATE

PLEASE NOTE: The summer assignment is due on the second day of school in August, 2010. The summer reading assessment will be given sometime during the first two weeks of school in September, 2010.

# **GOOD LUCK & GOD BLESS!**

**EXCERPTS FROM JOHN LOCKE'S SECOND TREATISE ON CIVIL GOVERNMENT**

Select **AN EXCERPT** from **ANY ONE (1)** of the following chapters:

**CHAPTER II            OF THE STATE OF NATURE**

**CHAPTER VIII        OF THE BEGINNING OF POLITICAL SOCIETIES**

**CHAPTER IX          OF THE ENDS OF POLITICAL SOCIETY AND GOVERNMENT**

**CHAPTER XIX        OF THE DISSOLUTION OF GOVERNMENT**

