

Dear students in History 7,

For summer work, I do not want to assign any particular titles for you to read, and there will not be a written piece required when you come to school in the fall (in whatever fashion we do that). I would like you to pay attention to the news this summer, though, and given the complexity of the nation and the world at the moment, that will be challenging enough.

So let's try to get back to some basics as we think about current issues. I think one theme that provides a way to think about different challenges is to look at the U. S. Constitution.

As you are taking in the news this summer, try to look for the words "Constitution" (the U. S. one), "constitutional," and "unconstitutional." Once you start looking, I think you'll find more instances than you would have guessed. Try to make note of instances where these words are used, and practice thinking about what they mean.