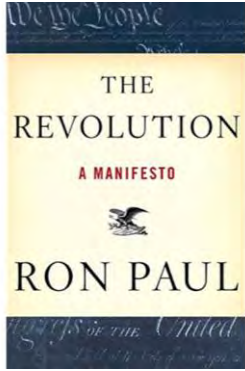


## **AP U.S. Government and Politics (12th Grade)**

**\*\*\*DUE on the first day of class**



Paul, Ron. *The Revolution: A Manifesto*. New York: Grand Central Publishing, 2008. ISBN: 0446537519

U.S. Congressman and presidential candidate, Ron Paul discusses the Constitutional foundations of American government and comments on a variety of contemporary political issues. Paul's approach to politics is straight forward and thoroughly engaging. Paul's arguments will elicit a wide range of reactions—sometimes forcing one to rethink his or her views and often prompting the defense of one's view—on issues like abortion, illegal immigration, government regulation of the economy, and

U.S. foreign policy. **For this assignment, read *The Revolution: A Manifesto* and choose three (3) quotations from each chapter that stand out to you. For each quotation, write 2-3 sentences explaining the historical/political context and the significance of the quote. See below for an example of the assignment:**

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*"This revolution, though, is not altogether new. It is a peaceful continuation of the American Revolution and the principles of our Founding Fathers: liberty, self-government, the Constitution, and a non-interventionist foreign policy."*

*Here, Ron Paul offers the thesis of his book. Paul lays out his core beliefs and in doing so, suggests that they are rooted in the American political tradition of the Founding Fathers. Clearly, Paul believes that the United States has moved too far away from these founding principles and it will require a peaceful revolution to recapture those ideas.*