

Part One: Learning about "Politics" with the book *Hardball* by Chris Matthews

Assignment Information: You will need to buy or borrow a copy of the book: *Hardball: How Politics Is Played Told by One Who Knows the Game* by Chris Matthews

* You can get a used copy of the book from Amazon.com for under \$5!

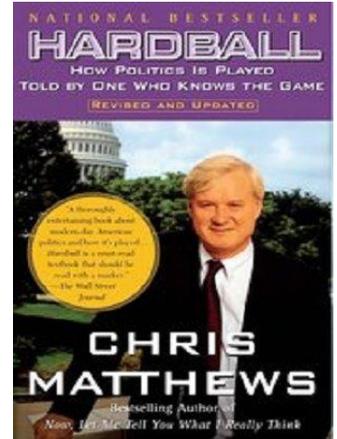
* *If you wait until the last minute to complete this part of the Summer Assignment, you will likely earn a low grade!*

Hardball Assignment Directions:

- (1) Define each of the following political maxims.
- (2) Provide at least one modern example of the maxim being followed or being ignored.
- (3) Your final copy must be **TYPED**.

1. What've ya done for me lately?
2. All politics is local
3. It's better to receive than to give
4. Dance with the one that brung ya
5. Keep your enemies in front of you
6. Don't Get Mad; Don't Get Even; Get Ahead

7. Leave no shot unanswered
8. Hang a Lantern on Your Problem
9. Only talk when it improves the silence



Part Two: Defining "Need to Know Political Jargon"

Assignment Information: These are common words used in the media and "political insiders". Your knowledge of these words will help you digest and understand many of the current event articles you will come across this summer and throughout the school year. Some of these words have different meanings in different contexts, so please write down definitions that relate to government and politics.

Political Jargon Assignment Directions:

- (1) Define each of the following items in **10 words or less**.
- (2) Write a sentence using each word **that shows you understand the meaning of the word**.
- (3) Your final copy must be **TYPED**.

~*~ Hint to finding the definitions of most of these words~*~

1. Use www.google.com to search for these words, though if you follow these steps you will save time looking up these words.
2. When searching put in the following phrase: define: "word"
 - An Example: define: "Inside the Beltway"
 - Using the quotes limits your search results providing you with a better quality of results

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| 1. Inside the Beltway | 17. Gerrymander | 33. Red herring |
| 2. Superdelegate | 18. Polarization | 34. Political suicide |
| 3. Sound bite | 19. Lameduck | 35. Talking points |
| 4. Rank and file | 20. Pork barrel spending | 36. Triangulation |
| 5. Pundit | 21. Coattails effect | 37. Gaffe |
| 6. Maverick | 22. Grassroots | 38. Sacred cow |
| 7. Partisan | 23. "On the fence" | 39. Obamacare |
| 8. Bipartisan | 24. Party Platform | 40. Whistle blower |
| 9. Swing state | 25. "The Hill" | 41. Gender Gap |
| 10. Germane | 26. Bully pulpit | 42. K Street |
| 11. Stump speech | 27. Logrolling | 43. Flip-flopper |
| 12. Lobbyist | 28. Earmark | 44. Positioning |
| 13. Bandwagon | 29. Political Action Committee (PAC) | 45. Retail politics |
| 14. Bailout | 30. Independent Expenditure | |
| 15. Boondoggle | 31. Super PAC | |
| 16. Red tape | 32. Gamechanger | |

