## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Civics Summer Assignment

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Research the answer to the following questions:

- 1. What is the Rule of Law?
- 2. What are the steps to becoming a U.S. Citizen?
- 3. What is the "Law of Blood" and how does it relate to becoming a U.S. Citizen?
- 4. What is the "Law of Soil" and how does it relate to becoming a U.S. Citizen?
- 5. What Amendment defines who is a U.S. Citizen?
- 6. What is the difference between a duty and a responsibility?
- 7. What are the duties of a U.S. Citizen?
- 8. What are the responsibilities of a U.S. Citizen?
- 9. Why were the following documents important to the early founding fathers?
  - a. The Magna Carta
  - b. The Mayflower Compact
  - c. The English Bill of Rights
  - d. Common Sense
- 10. What were the reasons the Americans declared independence from Great Britain?

- 11. What were the Weaknesses in the Articles of Confederation?
- 12. What were the differences of opinion regarding the Constitution between the Federalists and the Anti-Federalists?