

Boys State suggested reading list (version with links active available at www.mdlegion.org/boysstate)

1. Overview of Maryland Local Governments (PowerPoint presentation focusing on structure, revenue, and expenses of local gov'ts)

<https://dls.maryland.gov/pubs/prod/NoPblTabPDF/StructureofMarylandLocalGovernment.pdf>

2. Federalist 51, video, and explanation

<https://guides.loc.gov/federalist-papers/text-51-60#s-lg-box-wrapper-25493427>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f6J-mKOGaVQ>

<http://www.gradesaver.com/the-federalist-papers/study-guide/summary-essay-51>

3. Look at a charter for a town or city you are familiar with and understand what a Charter is to a local government in Maryland.

Go to <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgaweb/Website/Search/Publications> and search "All Years" and filter by word "Charter" to find all the charters.

Look at types of Municipal Governments in MD (**this may be on the test**) There is one type mainly in the Northeast US States that is not found in MD? Can you find this type on your own? (Hint: It is the oldest form around for governments in general)

https://berwynheights.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=1&clip_id=134&meta_id=12894

4. Chart showing structure of MD Government <http://msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/01glance/pdf/00overview.pdf>

Look at the types of County Governments in MD and how they differ. <https://mdcounties.org/152/County-Government-Structure> (**note the 3 types in MD on pdf; this may be on the test**) [click here for pdf of types of counties](#)

5. What is Duverger's law? Does it still exist or have credence in US Political Science?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HpBRGXK-QNs>

6. Why are factions or a tyranny of the majority a danger in pure democracies?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oUeM0oMomI4>

7. Roberts Rules of Order (Newly Revised, 12th Edition), or online at <http://www.robertsrules.org>
Or Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised In Brief, 3rd edition

8. A reading about life in a dictatorship.

Take some time and search <https://scholar.google.com> for scholarly articles about life under a Dictatorship. Search about life in North Korea, Soviet Union, or one of many other dictatorships.

<https://scholarworks.seattleu.edu/alfie-conferences/2021senior/presentations/4/>

For those interested search for podcast interviewing North Korean defectors.

<https://youtu.be/FwkdMRUZgcI?si=USq2pMwC9hc5VxCP>

<https://youtu.be/ZGJm4bjRaaE?si=GveBWUXH9nnlu5yk>

For Gen Alphas: Link tree for platforms to find Charles Ryu a North Korea defector

<https://linktr.ee/freshprinceofpyongyang>

9. Excerpt from Band of Brothers and Dick Winters. Reflect upon the why Veterans would take preserving our nation so dearly: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VOXUYAskOWY> (concentration camp scene-graphic) take care if watching as content may be disturbing.

Iraq War Veteran speaks about protecting freedom https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_RDD1xFJRkY

Children of Conflict & Children of Kabul (reflect on the differences in life in Afghanistan)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fayeCNpF2ms> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MpPykteD71A>

10. Watch Boys State and/or Girls State Documentary if you can find it, if not look at interviews with cast and trailers for the documentary. Paying for the documentary is not a requirement of the program. <https://g.co/kgs/cASjNL>