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

1. Overview of Maryland Local Governments (Executive Summary, Chapter 1, and Chapter 3 focusing on revenue and expenses of local gov'ts)

http://dls.maryland.gov/pubs/prod/InterGovMatters/LocFinTaxRte/Overview-of-Maryland-Local-Governments-2019.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=5FQ Y2FUa6Q

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

3. Look at a <u>Charter</u> for a town or city you are familiar with and understand what a Charter is to a local government in Maryland. <u>Also glance at the Municipal League incorporation handbook</u> and the <u>definition of a Municipal Charter at the National League of Cities website</u>

http://www.mdmunicipal.org/index.aspx?nid=190

http://www.mdmunicipal.org/DocumentCenter/Home/View/1677

http://www.nlc.org/build-skills-and-networks/resources/cities-101/city-structures/municipal-charters

4. Chart showing structure of MD Government

http://msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/01glance/pdf/00overview.pdf

- 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 is tyranny of the majority a danger in pure democracies? https://edsitement.neh.gov/curricula/alexis-detocqueville-tyranny-majority
- 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://journals.sagepub.com/doi/pdf/10.1177/0886260517721897

http://www.businessinsider.com/hyeonseo-lee-on-life-under-a-dictatorship-north-korea-refugee-defector-2016-1

For those interested search for podcast interviewing Yeonmi Park on favorite podcast platform (Joe Rogan episode #1691 is one example; Jordan Petersen interview at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8yqa-SdJtT4)

9. Excerpt from Band of Brothers and Dick Winters. Reflect upon the why Veterans would take preserving our nation so dearly: https://vimeo.com/72386955 (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 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