

AP RESEARCH

SUMMER ASSIGNMENT: 2023-2024

Congratulations on completing AP Seminar, and welcome to the second half of Capstone! This year, we will continue with the QUEST Framework (College Board, 2016). Now that you have mastered the skills to analyze and evaluate sources to synthesize your argument, you will design a research inquiry original to you. Seminar ended with your synthesis of an argument based on reputable sources – this is where AP Research begins. You are not required to build upon your Seminar projects, but you may do so if you enjoyed them.

The goal of this assignment is to help you determine your research topic for your AP Research course. The most important thing about your topic is that it is *interesting to you personally*. Do not choose a research topic simply because it sounds academic or like someone else would think it is interesting. You will be spending the whole year on this project – it will be a more difficult year if you do not like your topic. In addition to reflecting your personal interests, your research should be relevant to a broader audience than high school students and teachers. Consider how someone outside of our school setting may benefit from your research as you explore potential topics. According to the College Board (2016), some areas you may want to consider are:

- Natural Sciences, Technology, Mathematics, Environment
- Social Science, Politics, Economics, Psychology
- Arts (Visual Arts, Music, Dance, Theater)
- Culture, Languages, Linguistics
- History
- Literature, Philosophy, Critical Theory/Criticism

Through this summer assignment, you will be guided to consider your interests in all areas. Past research students have studied political trends, public health, environmental sciences, movies, music, technology – even comic books and video games. The sky is (almost) the limit.

Please do the following to complete this assignment:

- Complete [this document](#) in its entirety.
- The document does not provide enough space for handwritten content, therefore *handwritten documents will not be accepted*.
- This assignment is due on the second class day of AP Research.
- Please bring a PRINTED copy to class on your due date. If you do not have a printer, please be sure to arrange printing options on the first or second day of school (i.e. go to the Magnet Lounge, go to the Media Center, etc.)
- It is best practice to treat this document as a living document that you reflect upon and add to throughout the summer. Try to avoid completing it in one sitting to allow maximum reflection time.
- Please give it your best effort, in regard to completion, quality of content, spelling, grammar, etc.

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