

Dear Future Researcher,

Congratulations on your AP Capstone Journey and the completion of AP Seminar. Many of the skills and lessons learned, and lessons to be taught next year, will be valuable in your post-high school success.

This summer work is the beginning of your research journey and will need to be included in your PREP, a tool required by the College Board that will help you stay organized in this year-long Research process. We will create your PREP within the first two weeks of school - just understand this work is just as important as what we will do in the classroom.

Please check out a copy of ***The Craft of Research (4th edition)*** with me (Mrs. Vespo, room 108) prior to leaving for the summer. All work is due ***Tuesday September 3rd***, by the end of the day. Only work turned in on time will be accepted.

I am super excited to work with all of you soon! If you feel overwhelmed, confused, frustrated, etc - please do not hesitate to contact me. I will check my email throughout the summer.

*Best of Luck, ***Mrs. Vespo***

AP Research Summer Work

Assignment 1: Summer Reading and Reflection

Directions: Create an summative outline for

Part I: Becoming a Researcher, Thinking in Print, and Connecting with your Reader

Part II: Planning your Project, From Topics to Questions, and From Questions to a Problem

Summative Outlines should include the following from each chapter/section:

- ~ Write a brief summary of the preview of the chapter (this is usually the purpose of the prologue)
- ~ Label each chapter/ section (sub-section or sub headings)
- ~ Define any vocabulary/key words in section that are important to the theme of the chapter/section
- ~ Write a 2-5 sentence summary for each section in your own words that builds on the main idea
- ~ DO you have any questions or misunderstandings about what you read from the section/ or overall chapter?

Assignment 2: Interest Inventory

The goal of this assignment is to brainstorm ideas for your AP Research project. Because you will spend two semesters working on it, it should be about a topic that you are interested in. Complete the interest inventory before continuing with the next assignment.

Part I: *For this section, do a little research on NPR, JStor Daily, Inspire, any reliable database, or consider topics you learned about in your other classes. Your answers can be bullet-pointed phrases.*

For Each Question include your source of research - reliable source that you used to spark your interest, basic sentence about the article/source, and why it captured your interest.

Question	Answer
Look up topics related to art or culture (music, literature, film, theater, etc.). What interests you?	

Look up topics related to the economy – U.S. or another country. What interests you?	
Look up topics related to the business world. What interests you?	
What are some current political issues in the U.S.?	
What are some current political issues globally?	
What are some historical topics that interest you?	
What historical topics relate to a current issue today?	
What are some health/medical related topics that interest you?	
Which kind of science most interests you? What are some topics in that field?	
What are some current ideas/issues happening in the world of technology?	
What place interests you?***	

What is your favorite book? Movie? Why? **	
What career are you considering pursuing? **	
In what ways do people surprise you? **	
What are some current issues in education?	
Spend one day observing as you go about your day (brush your teeth, drive around, walk, shop, interact, travel, etc.) What are some interesting things you notice? What do you wonder? What surprises you? **	

**** DO NOT NEED TO PROVIDE SOURCE FOR QUESTION**

Part II: *For this section, just answer the question. These can come from you or from your topic exploration in Part I, but they don't have to-however, I do not know or I do not have any are NOT acceptable answers*

Question	Answer
What fascinates you?	
What is something you are curious about?	
What is a problem you would like to see solved?	

What is a topic you are passionate about?	
What prediction can you make about the future?	
What is something you would like to create?	
What is something you don't understand but would you like explained?	

Assignment 3: Annotated bibliographies

Use the interest inventory, Part I and Part II, to brainstorm 2 possible disciplines/topics to investigate for your research project.

Topic 1: _____

Topic 2: _____

Complete 1 annotated bibliography in MLA format for EACH of the two research topics you are potentially interested in.