



AP Capstone Research

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AP Researchers:

Congratulations on completing the first half of the AP Capstone Diploma program! Now that you have mastered your research skills in Seminar, it is time to start thinking about and building the foundation for what will be your independent research project. At this time next year, you will have read, researched, analyzed, written, and defended the various different aspects of your chosen topic.

In order to prepare for the arduous road ahead, you will need to do some exploration in order to make your way closer to your final research topic. This is not much more than what you have already completed in Seminar. Before you return in the fall, you must complete the following:

MANDATORY:

- Conduct research on your potential topic(s). Find 3-5 credible sources that explain or expand your topic. Compile a bibliography.
- Write a working research question.
- Find a person, or information on a person, who you might interview to help you understand, support, or expand your topic.
- Compile this information onto a 1-page document (**300 points**).
- Submit your 1-pager into the Canvas class. You will be invited into the Canvas class upon completion of the AP Research Summer Agreement (see below).

STRONGLY SUGGESTED:

- Obtain a copy of *Research Design: Qualitative, Quantitative, and Mixed Methods* by John W. Creswell.

Completing your “1-pager” will give you a great advantage as we begin our year of research. You will not want to start from scratch as having nothing in the fall will be a great detriment to your success. We ask that you and your parent/guardian confirm receipt of this letter and the summer assignments by completing the [AP Research Summer Agreement form](#). (If the link is not active, please go to bit.ly/APResearchSummer). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out via email.

Best,

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