

AP Research Summer Work 2018-2019

The summer assignment for this course is about preparing you for independent work on your year-long research project. The work is for you to think about goals, interests, and potential topics. The work is for you to think about time and task management.

Part One: Exploring the Life of a Researcher

Read *The Checklist Manifesto* and take notes. The notes should be personal, not analytical. I want you to write down feverishly what you learned from this text and how you may apply it to your research and work. Your notes can be in any form that you like. But what I expected is the following:

- Quotes from the text
- Connections to your own practice as a student
- Goals and ideas for this year
- Stories, examples, and anecdotes that resonated with you
- An honest assessment of yourself as a student (What do you struggle with? What are your habits? How do you wish to grow as a learner?)

How many pages of notes? Ten or so.

There will be a graded Student Run Discussion and a subsequent assignment.

Part Two: Knowing the Task

Read a scholarly article for each of these disciplines. Take notes and mark-up as able. We will discuss these throughout the year.

Humanities / Literature: [Welcome to the Arena](#) and [At Its Core, the 'Twilight' saga is all about](#)

Social Science / Psychology: [Who Would Jesus Date?](#)

History: [Supreme Court Case Study](#)

Science: [Development of Mouse Model](#)

Performing Arts: [Clinton/Trump Gender Swap](#)

Part Three: Exploring an interest.

In a document, you should write 8 journal entries. Determine a subject or a general area of interest or inquiry; you are expected to write a response *at least* once a week (8 times). The guidelines for your journal response will be as follows:

- Each entry must include a title and image
- Each entry must include a link to an article
- Each entry must include a block quote (three lines or more)
- Each entry must include a response in no more than three paragraphs that includes your response and connection. Write these in your own voice.

I encourage you to journal more often. Other entries may be links to videos, pictures, articles, or personal reflection on your topic. You are building a knowledge base and the habit of personal inquiry.

Part Four: Showing off your work.

Share with me by July 1st a substantial piece of your work --- It could be a Chem lab or a research paper or a Math project. Tell me why it is a strong piece of work in a full paragraph or two. I want to get a sense of your work.

Also, share with me your AP Seminar/English portfolio.