

ADVANCED PLACEMENT RESEARCH

Mastering the Research Process

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WHAT IS AP RESEARCH?

AP Research, the second course in the AP Capstone experience, allows students to deeply explore an academic topic, problem, issue, or idea of individual interest. Students design, plan, and implement a yearlong investigation to address a research question. Through this inquiry, they further the skills they acquired in the AP Seminar course by learning research methodology, employing ethical research practices, and accessing, analyzing, and synthesizing information. Students reflect on their skill development, document their processes, and curate the artifacts of their scholarly work through a process and reflection portfolio. The course culminates in an academic paper and a presentation with an oral defense.



Begin Your QUEST!

This summer you will begin the first phase of your QUEST*, which is to "Question and Explore". The QUEST is a step-by-step guide that will culminate into your Research Question and will be the crux of your Final Paper and Research Presentation.

*Question, Understand, Evaluate, Synthesize, Transform

Your Summer Assignment:

Ask yourself: "What do I want to know, learn, or understand?" You will be with this topic for an entire year, so make sure it is something that genuinely interests you! Some of the 2020 topics include issues regarding the impact of COVID-19 on local businesses, Racism within social classes, stereotypes in animated films, tropes in Horror novels, attachment styles and relationships, gender and political advertisements, mental health and Greek life, and these are just a few of the amazing projects that came to life this past year!

YOUR TASK: Choose any FOUR sources related to a topic that interests you. Then complete the attached worksheet to be turned in as your summer assignment.

"Why should I take AP Research?"

The skills you learn in this course are invaluable! The research process is something you'll need in almost any career field. In addition, your work may even go on to be professionally published!

Each research participant has an expert in their field guiding them through the process; furthermore, you pick the topic of study, you choose your method, YOU get to become an expert in something you love!

