

AP Capstone™

Advanced Placement Research Summer Assignment

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Greetings Future Researchers!

I have decided to shorten and streamline the summer work this year. The idea behind it is you already have a solid working topic, either from our time together or on your own over the summer. It is my sole goal that we hit the ground running in August and have an easier year for it!

You are choosing ANY topic that interests you, based on the criteria we previously discussed in class – i.e. it has not been over-done and it can sustain your interest for an entire year. Remember, it should be feasible – so think through the logistics of your process ahead of time and make sure we can reach your project goals by the end of the year. Your purpose here is to identify a GAP in the current field of knowledge and attempt to ask and answer a question that has never before been researched.

For the topic please develop the following –

Problem Statement – You will need to do additional online research to craft a truly effective problem statement – You should identify a problem, state why it is important, and what you plan to do about it!

Working Research Question, Hypothesis, or Project Objective – A well-written problem statement will help you develop a research question/objective which will eventually drive your entire year. (No pressure!) What are you attempting to accomplish with your topic of inquiry?

Working Outline – Using your problem statement and research question, brainstorm what you think the structure of your paper will look like. Understand that this may change, but the more detailed you are here, the easier your life will be later! **Think “line of reasoning!”**

Five Annotated Sources – 250-300 words each – utilize Google Scholar – **scholar.google.com** – to identify 5 scholarly, peer reviewed academic works on your topic. Read through each and write-up a brief synopsis of key points from that paper. What was said? Why was it important? Key findings? Also of importance – what did the author *not* say about the topic??? – This is how we locate a true gap!

Include the citation information in the format of your chosen discipline – English, Social Sciences, Medicine, History (MLA, APA, AMA, Chicago, etc.) and should be well-written, in typed paragraph form.

Consultant Contacts – **Call or email** (provide proof) at least **3** people who you think can help you with your topic. These people should be topic specialists and willing to answer questions, review drafts, and provide general guidance to you during your research process.

***All work should be typed and done to the best of your ability – all sub-par work will be given a zero – you may re-do but will receive a maximum of **HALF** credit.