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AP Seminar
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Welcome to AP Seminar

Your summer work is an essential component to start the year right. The work below was designed to best prepare you for success in your AP Seminar course.

The AP Seminar course objective is to enable students to “develop and practice the skills in research, collaboration, and communication that you’ll need in any academic discipline. You’ll investigate topics in a variety of subject areas, write research-based essays, and design and give presentations both individually and as part of a team.” (CollegeBoard)

AP Seminar Summer Work Assignment

Over the course of the summer, read, summarize, and analyze TEN news stories. (These can be breaking, front-page news stories or can be feature stories from social media etc.)


Only 3 articles can be sports/ entertainment stories.

Some of these news stories’ topics will drive the “big ideas” of our course. They, along with the form at the end of this document, will allow me to group you for certain “big ideas” with classmates whose ideas are either similar to or different from your own.

Name: _____

<p>News Story Link</p>	<p>Summary of the News Story (5-10 sentences)</p> <p>Be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Objective 2. Chronological 3. Thorough (beginning, middle, end) 	<p>What does this story say about our world, culture, values, and/or priorities? (50-100 words)</p>
<p>Example/ Model:</p> <p>https://www.cbsnews.com/news/billionaire-robert-smith-morehouse-college-students-loans-paid-class-of-2019-commencement-speaker-sunday/</p> <p>(hyperlinked)</p>	<p>Robert Smith announced to graduates at the Morehouse College commencement that he and his family were going to cover every graduate's debts. Everyone was shocked, including the college president, at the 40 million dollar donation. Smith made an allusion to MKL junior in order to prove that people need to work together and support each other in order to push forward. He also stated that the "21st century" marks a "Fourth Industrial Revolution," in which technological advancement is at a peak and in which African Americans need to take leadership positions. Smith earned an "honorary doctorate" from the school at the graduation. (5 complex sentences)</p>	<p>This article says a lot, when you really think about it. It says at the most obvious level that technology is important, but it also says that races still protect one another. It says that college debt is a significant problem for many people but also that money can buy a person prestige and honor. It says that people are giving and implies that people can be grateful. It does also imply that people feel the need to compete with others. (81 words)</p>
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15. Please don't forget to complete the form below		

Personal Seminar Questionnaire

Please answer each of the following questions truthfully and with as much detail as you can.

1.) What do you think are the two most exciting things about our world today?

2.) What do you think are the two most significant problems in our world today?

3.) What do you think is the most important thing to learn from school? Why?

4.) What is your political stance? Please feel free to research this or ask your parents. If you choose not to say, that is okay, but please explain why you choose not to disclose your political standpoint.

5.) What has your favorite subject been in school so far? Be specific about what you've liked about that subject and what activities have been your favorite.

6.) Please tell me what makes you either excited about or scared of this course.