



# AP Seminar



**AP Seminar** is the first course in the **AP Capstone Program**.

The skills you master in Seminar will be the foundation for your work in the second course, **AP Research**.

In Seminar, you will work both in teams and individually and learn how to evaluate sources and use those sources to support well-reasoned and well-developed oral presentations and written arguments.



**The assignment below focuses on the key skills of researching, analyzing, evaluating, and annotating.**

This assignment is due within the first week of school, to be determined by the instructor.

- 1) Select a topic from the following: health/medicine, innovation, intelligence, social media, space, sustainability, technology.
- 2) Find three articles of substance that address your topic in some thematic way. At least one article must be in conflict with or be helpful in creating a counterargument to some aspect of one of the other two articles.
- 3) Vet your sources. Be prepared to explain how you checked your sources for credibility.
- 4) Print your articles. Fully annotate your articles. The word annotate literally means “to note.” Go beyond highlighting. Provide ample and meaningful notes in the margins. Make connections throughout and between the sources.
- 5) Type a question that could lead to deeper inquiry into your topic. Also, type a thesis statement for a potential essay that would include information from all three sources.

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