

AP SEMINAR SUMMER READING

Dear Students,

Welcome to AP Seminar!

**Part I: Review the lense diagram to the right.**

The AP Seminar Course is founded on a concept known as QUEST:

Question and explore

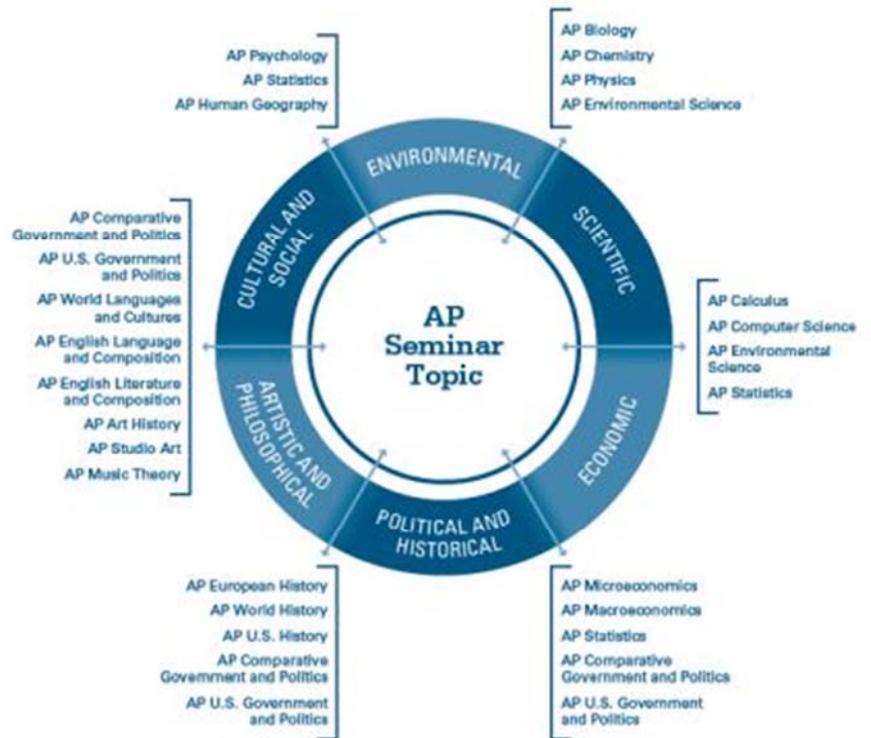
Understand and analyze

Evaluate multiple perspectives

Synthesize ideas

Team, transform, and transmit

This course is framed by the lenses found to the right. These lenses are integral to the seminar course and are used to support your task 1 and task 2 papers, which are major components of your AP score.



**Part II: Locate a news article of your choosing from a reputable source.**

Consider finding one on a topic you find engaging AND one that relates to a course on the lense diagram above.

**Your Reading Assignment:** Print a copy of the article. Complete a close reading of the text. A close reading means to keep a pencil or pen in your hand as you read and make notes in the margins, underline confusing and/or favorite passages, highlight interesting information, and comment on significant language.

**Part III: Write a response that analyzes the writer's argument.**

- Accurately identify the author's argument, main idea, or thesis.
- Provide a thorough explanation of the author's line of reasoning by identifying relevant claims and clearly explaining connections among them.

See the model, rubric, and scoring notes provided to help guide you.

**\*Be prepared to share what the selection of your article says about who you are as a person as well as information about your article and your analysis of it to the class.**

Possible Sources:

- BBC News (-International)
- The Economist- (National)
- NPR- (National)
- Toronto Star- (International)
- Al Jazeera (-International)
- Wall Street Journal- (National)
- Associated Press (-International)
- The Guardian (-International)
- New York Times- (National)
- Washington Post- (National)
- Slate- (National)
- Time Magazine- (National)
- The Globe and Mail- (International)
- CBC News- (International)
- Chicago Tribune- (National)
- Miami Herald- (National)
- New Zealand Herald- (International)
- ABC/NBC/CBS News- (National)
- Bloomberg- (National)
- USA Today (-National)

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I cannot wait to begin working with you as we begin your journey through AP Capstone. Please email me with any questions throughout the summer. I look forward to seeing you again soon! Happy reading and analyzing!

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**For digital access the College Board rubrics, scoring commentary, model, and prompts to guide students may be found following the links below:**

[https://secure-media.collegeboard.org/digitalServices/pdf/ap/ap17\\_seminar\\_eoc\\_a.pdf](https://secure-media.collegeboard.org/digitalServices/pdf/ap/ap17_seminar_eoc_a.pdf)

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**\*Students should solely focus on Question 1 and 2 of Part A. Please also note students WILL NOT need to review Question 3 or Part B.**