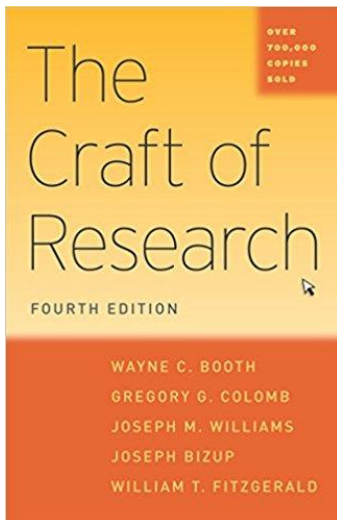


AP Research Required Summer Reading

Congratulations on all that you have accomplished this year in AP Seminar, and I look forward to working with you as you take the next step of the Capstone with AP Research. In preparation for the course next school year, you will have two summer assignments.

Assignment 1: You will begin reading *The Craft of Research* (4th edition) by Wayne Booth et al., which is a work designed to guide researchers at varying levels of experience.



You will need to purchase your own copy of the book so that you will be able to highlight or underline important passages or make notes in the page margins. Used copies may be ordered on Amazon.com for a minimal price. There also appears to be a PDF available for the work, but I would suggest obtaining a physical copy.

Please read the first two sections, including the Preface:

I. Research, Researchers, and Readers

II. Asking Questions, Finding Answers

For each section, I would like for you to write a paragraph response reacting to a key concept or aspect of the research process that made you think about research in a different way and address how you might utilize these strategies in your project next year.

Assignment 2: For the first phase of your research, the **Question & Explore** phase that will culminate in a final paper and presentation at the end of the year, you will read critically, pose questions, and identify issues that compel you. To begin this phase, **you will explore a topic or topics that interest you and keep a journal of your reflections as you begin to answer the first, most important question: “What do I want to know, learn, or understand?”**

This summer you need to find two sources about a topic that interests you and that you want to research further. The most important objective is to explore sources on topics that genuinely interest you and keep a journal (a course requirement) of what you learned and your reflections on possible research connections. You may use a variety of sources for your exploration including but not limited to research articles (Google Scholar), podcasts, documentary films, interviews with subject experts, archives, and books. Be sure to include a citation of your source in your journal with your reflection.

Please note: The goal of this assignment is for you to begin exploring research topics. I DO NOT expect you to have a topic by the first day of class. However, the closer you are to identifying a topic or topic area, the more time you will have to work on your research project next year.

Please email me with any questions you have, and I look forward to working with you next year.

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