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## AP Research

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### **Course Description**

AP Research is the second component of the AP Capstone program and is offered to students who have completed the AP Seminar course. During the course, students are required to conduct independent research based on real-world issues from multiple perspectives that plague society on the macro and micro level. This research will be based on one central research question that is as original as it is unique to the student's inquiry upon the student's observation of the real world around them. Throughout the academic year, students will be cultivating the skills and obtaining the knowledge necessary to produce and defend their scholarly work. Such skills include establishing original arguments based on vetted sources, analyzing and evaluating data that has been collected, engaging the audience in effectively written and oral process pieces, and conducting academic reflection that takes into account the student's challenges and successes throughout their inquiry. Students will document their processes and demonstrate their understanding through a process and reflection portfolio. Students will have completed the course upon successful completion of an academic paper 4,000-5,000 words and a presentation with an oral defense.

# Units Of Study

Unit	Focus	
1: Introduction to Research Methods	Show students what they need to know, learn, or understand in effective research.	
	Help students consider what questions have yet to be asked in a particular field of study (how to find the gaps in understanding that need to be filled).	
	Guide research question formulation and assist in mapping how students can go about answering these questions.	
	Teach various research methods and how the project goals can shape the research and the researcher's engagement with the process.	
	Help students recognize what information and evidence is necessary to answer their research questions.	
2: Inquiry Proposal Finalization and Setting Up Research Project	Apply reading strategies to complex texts in order to assess the quality and strength of the research, product, or artistic work including analyzing complex arguments, the way the author develops the main idea and line of reasoning, assessing bias, and acknowledging varying perspectives.	
3: Building and Developing Your Project	Analyze and evaluate a variety of problems through multiple lenses while considering societal and individual patterns and trends.	
	Thoroughly consider the implications and/or consequences of accepting or rejecting a particular argument.	
	Evaluate the connections that exist between multiple arguments while considering other issues, questions and/or topics.	
	Thoroughly evaluate and consider contradictions within or between arguments.	
	Consider the perspective through which the argument has been analyzed and reflection of that decision.	
4: Testing Your Project and Conducting Research	Analyze multiple connections that exist between types of evidence in order to develop a cohesive argument that supports a logical conclusion.	
	Consider other conclusions that may also fit the scenario being considered through viable research.	
	Determine how scholarly work emerges from perspective, design choices, or aesthetic rationale.	
	Acknowledge and account for biases and assumptions.	
	Consider the most appropriate way to acknowledge and	

	attribute the work of others that were used to support an original argument. Ensure the conclusions presented are original.
5: Conducting Your Research and Writing Your Paper	Assess the best methods for engaging the audience-
	Determine the best medium or genre through which to reach an audience.
	Adapt written and oral presentations for different audiences and situations.
	Consider the ways communication choices affect credibility with the audience?
	Introduce revision strategies that are most appropriate to developing and refining projects at different stages.
	Teach how to provide feedback that is valuable to others and how to act upon feedback students have received.
	Demonstrate how students can benefit from reflecting on their own work.

Unit 1: Introduction to Research Methods

Targeted Standards	EK 1.1-1.5	
Targeted Standards  Unit Objectives/ Conceptual Understandings	Students will understand that:  EK 1.1A1: Examining the perspectives and ideas of others often leads to questions for further investigation. Inquiry begins with narrowing the scope of interest, identifying a problem or issue and its origins within that scope, and situating the problem or issue in a larger context.  EK 1.1B1: Effective research questions lead to an examination taking into account the complexity of a problem or issue.  EK 1.1B2: The inquiry process allows one to draw upon curiosity and imagination to engage with ideas or explore approaches to complex issues.  EK 1.1C1: Topics of inquiry may come from personal interest, passion for a discipline/field, desire to better understand a topic, or desire to address an issue in the world.  EK 1.1C2: The inquiry process involves exploring the knowledge base associated with the topic of interest, including a variety of perspectives, and adjusting the scope of the topic to the parameters, requirements, and	
	requirements, and resources available for the project.  EK 1.1C3: Inquiry allows for the discovery of connections that can increase curiosity or understanding and lead to further questions.  EK 1.1D1: Scholars explore, explain, and create.  EK 1.1D2: The purpose of scholarly inquiry is to address various kinds of problems (e.g., practical, theoretical, interpretive, aesthetic) and/or corroborate, challenge, or extend an existing idea.  EK 1.1D3: Scholarly inquiry should be situated within a broader understanding of the scholarly community and of importance and relevance to that community.  EK 1.1E1: A research question/project goal emerges from the scholar's purpose (i.e., to explore, explain, and create).  EK 1.1E2: A research question/project goal often requires multiple revisions to ensure it is appropriate in terms of scope and feasibility (time, resources).  EK 1.2A1: Understanding comes not only through the collection of information but also from a variety of other factors (e.g., experience, external sources, cultural context, assumptions).  EK 1.2A2: A variety of strategies (e.g., brainstorming, concept mapping, prewriting, exploration of space, drafting) can be used to illustrate, organize, and connect ideas.	
	Illustrate, organize, and connect ideas.  EK 1.2A3: Inquiry confirms or challenges one's existing understandings, assumptions, beliefs, and/or knowledge.  EK 1.3A1: Information used to address a problem may come from various secondary sources (e.g., articles, other studies, analyses, reports) and/or primary sources (e.g., original texts and works, material culture, or personally collected data such as from experiments, surveys, questionnaires, interviews, observations, personal narratives).  EK 1.3A2: Online databases (e.g., EBSCO, ProQuest, JSTOR, Google Scholar) and libraries catalog and house secondary and some primary	

sources.

EK 1.3A3: Advanced search tools, Boolean logic, and keywords allow scholars to refine, focus, and/or limit their searches based on a variety of

factors (e.g., date, peer-review status, type of publication).

EK 1.3A4: Consulting the bibliographies of other sources may provide additional ideas or resources.

EK 1.3A5: Social media may be used as a potential source of information, but an understanding of its limitations is necessary to maintain credibility.

EK 1.3A6: Software (e.g., Microsoft Word, EndNote) and online tools (e.g., citation generators, WorldCat) are used by scholars to manage and catalog sources and produce bibliographies.

EK 1.3A7: Software and online tools (e.g., SurveyMonkey, SPSS) can be used to survey participants and analyze large data sets.

EK 1.4A1: The scope and purpose of one's research and the credibility of sources affects the generalizability and the reliability of the

conclusions.

EK 1.4A2: Credibility of evidence depends on use of sources and data that are relevant and reliable (current, authoritative).

EK 1.4A3: Determining the credibility of a source requires considering and evaluating the reputation and credentials of the author, publisher, site owner, and/or sponsor; understanding and evaluating the author's

perspective and research methods; and considering how others respond to their work. Scholarly articles are often peer-reviewed, meaning the research has been reviewed and accepted by disciplinary experts.

EK 1.4A4: When gathering data on individuals' behaviors, attitudes, and preferences, the accuracy and validity of such data depends on the honesty, memory, and reliability of the respondents and/or observers as well as the design of the data collection instrument. EK 1.5A1: The way the problem is posed, situated, framed, or contextualized will guide the inquiry process and influence the type of information needed and appropriate method of gathering it. EK 1.5B1: Methods for data collection, analysis, innovation, and/or interpretation should be aligned with the research question/project goal.

EK 1.5B2: Methods of inquiry may include research methods (e.g., qualitative, quantitative, or mixed) or artistic processes (e.g., generating, conceptualizing, testing, and then refining aesthetic approaches).

EK 1.5B3: Throughout the process of determining scope and feasibility, the scholar may, where appropriate, adjust the course of inquiry and/or develop different tools, methods, and processes. EK 1.5B4: Artistic processes can include elements of research methods as well as the exploration and shaping/reshaping of media and form through activities such as workshopping, storyboarding, composing, choreographing, staging, and model-making. EK 1.5B5: Based on the research question or project goal, methods of data or information collection may be qualitative (e.g., open-ended survey questions, interviews, observational notes, interpretation of texts); may be

quantitative (e.g., precise measurements, modeling, using structured

	and validated data collection instruments and procedures); or could include a combination of both qualitative and quantitative (mixed). EK 1.5B6: Scholars analyze data or information in a variety of ways appropriate to the inquiry.  EK 1.5B7: Scholars identify reasons for choosing a sample of information, a population, or artifacts and understand the limits of the inferences or conclusions made based on the sample chosen.  EK 1.5B8: Descriptive or inferential statistics can be used to display and/or analyze data.  EK 1.5B9: Scholars often organize and categorize (or code) data/information to identify patterns or themes.  EK 1.5B10: Scholars can combine qualitative and quantitative data/information to triangulate and corroborate trends, patterns, correlations, and/or themes.  EK 1.5C1: Scholars carefully plan methods of inquiry, analysis, and other feasible research activities, taking into account deadlines, priorities, risks, setbacks, and the availability of others.  EK 1.5C2: Scholars learn that setbacks are inevitable; they need to focus on the essential goals of the inquiry or project and be prepared to try alternate approaches or look to other disciplines in order to achieve them.  EK 1.5C3: Experts in the field may provide guidance and/or discipline-specific knowledge or perspective. Scholars must understand how to seek advice while maintaining self-sufficiency.  EK 1.5D1: Scholars have ethical and moral responsibilities when they conduct research.  EK 1.5D2: There are laws, rules, and guidelines that govern the conduct of researchers, in particular when studies involve humans and animals. Accordingly, scholars gain approval to conduct research with humans through an institutional review board (IRB).  EK 1.5D3: There are copyright and patent laws and guidelines that govern the use and reproduction of others' instruments, work, personal information, and intellectual property.
Essential Questions	-What do I want to know, learn, or understand? -What questions have yet to be asked? -How does my research question shape how I go about trying to answer it? -How does my project goal shape the research or inquiry I engage in to achieve it? -What information/evidence do I need to answer my research question?
Unit Assessment	Rough Draft of Inquiry Proposal Form

Core Content Objectives		Instructiona	I Action
Concepts What students will know	Skills What students will be able to do	Activities/Strategies Technology Implementation Interdisciplinary Connections	Assessment Check Points
EU 1.1: Personal interest and intellectual curiosity inspire investigation of topics or issues that may or may not be clearly	LO 1.1A: Contextualizing and identifying the complexities of a problem or issue.	<ul> <li>Differentiate between AP Seminar goals and AP Research goals</li> <li>Build off of summer</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Mini research projects 1-3</li> <li>Research Question Posters</li> </ul>

- defined. A well-crafted investigation explores the complexity of an issue or topic. Further inquiry can lead to unexpected conclusions, resolutions, innovations, or solutions.
- EU 1.2: Strengthening understanding of a concept or issue requires questioning existing ideas, using what is known to discover what is not known, and making connections to prior knowledge.
- EU 1.3: The investigative process is aided by the effective organization, management, and selection of resources and information. Appropriate technologies and tools enable the scholar to become more efficient, productive, and credible.
- EU 1.4: The relevance and the credibility of the source of information is determined by the context of its use.
- EU 1.5: There are multiple ways to investigate questions, problems, and issues. Methods should be aligned with the purpose of the inquiry.

- LO 1.1B: Posing questions and seeking out answers that reflect multiple, divergent, or contradictory perspectives.
- LO 1.1C: Identifying a topic of inquiry.
- LO 1.1D: Articulating the purpose and significance of the scholarly inquiry.
- LO 1.1E: Developing and revising a focused research question/project goal.
- LO 1.2A: Retrieving, questioning,organizing, and using prior knowledge about a topic.
- LO 1.3A: Accessing and managing information using effective strategies.
- LO 1.4A: Evaluating the relevance and credibility of the source of information and data in relation to the inquiry.
- LO 1.5A: Identifying the information needed for the context of the inquiry.
- LO 1.5B: Designing, planning, and implementing a scholarly inquiry.
- LO 1.5C: Demonstrating perseverance through setting goals, managing time, and working independently on a long-term project.
- LO 1.5D: Employing ethical research practices.

- assignments and continue gathering sources for contextualizing the topic of inquiry within the field of knowledge.
- Preliminary inquiry proposal, Mini Research Project followed by a peer review of the proposal.
- Posters reflecting the research inquiry process will be created followed by a Gallery walk, peer view, and transcribed notes.
- Elevator Speeches will be presented followed by peer review.
- Written
   Reflection/Progress
   Write-Ups will follow
   major assessments
- Rough draft of the formal Inquiry Proposal Form presented to the teacher in a one-on-one interview. [CR3]
- PREP Binder [CR4a] [CR4b]
- Begin contacting Expert Advisors
  - [CR3] In the classroom and independently (while possibly consulting any expert advisors). students learn and employ research and inquiry methods to develop, manage, and conduct an in-depth investigation of an area of personal interest, culminating in an academic paper of 4,000-5,000 words that includes the following elements:
    - Introduction
    - Method, Process, or Approach
    - Results, Product, or Findings
    - Discussion, Analysis, and/or Evaluation
    - Conclusion and Future Directions

- Elevator
   Speeches
- Reading and skill checkpoints
- Academic reflections on process
- Inquiry Proposal Form Rough Draft
- PREP Binder

Bibliography

[CR4a] — Students document their inquiry processes, communicate with their teachers and any expert advisors, and reflect on their thought process

[CR4b] — Students have regular workin-progress interviews with their teachers to review their progress and to receive feedback on their scholarly work as evidenced by the PREP

- Selection of citation style appropriate for the area of study.
- Continue gathering sources, implementing research plan, and revising as needed.
- Research for background information, mining and aligning sources in an annotated bibliography, and aligning research question with research approach, design, and method (revising as needed).
- Continual immersion in research.
- One-on-one interviews with the teacher and/or expert advisor.
- Rough Draft of literature review with peer review.

#### Resources

Essential materials, supplementary materials, links to best practice

- Purdue OWL (MLA, APA, Annotated Bibliography, basic grammar review)
- Graff, Gerald, and Cathy Birkenstein. They Say, I Say: The Moves that Matter in Academic Writing.
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- Beers, Kylene and Robert Probst. Notice and Note: Strategies for Close Reading.
- List of Accommodations and Modifications English Language Arts Practices
- NIH Guiding Principles for Ethical Research
- **APA Research Ethics**
- Strategies for Student Engagement
- **Evaluating and Vetting Sources**

#### **Instructional Adjustments**

Modifications, student difficulties, possible misunderstandings

- Student Difficulties:
  - Misunderstanding directions
  - Improper execution of process as instructed
  - Challenges with written process for academic papers and prompts related to constructing writing or grammar
  - Challenges with effective verbalization of
  - Challenges with conducting research
  - Challenges with presentation skills
- Modification: providing an alternative means of responding to prompts other than traditional academic writing such as illustrating images and/or verbal presentation of findings
- Modification: distribution of notes and materials prior to a class will give the students time to prepare for a

<ul><li>Teaching AP Courses</li><li>AP Teacher Community</li></ul>	lesson and familiarize with content before the lesson is given  - Modification: teacher modeling and demonstration of techniques; provision of student samples  - Modification: simplified written and verbal instruction
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Unit 2: Inquiry Proposal Finalization and Setting Up Research Project

Targeted Standards	EK 2.1-2.3
Unit Objectives/ Conceptual Understandings	Students will understand that:  EK 2.1A1: Reading critically means reading closely to identify the main idea, tone, assumptions, context, perspective, line of reasoning, and evidence used.  EK 2.1A2: Strategies active readers use to preview and prioritize a written text include skimming, scanning, rereading, and questioning. EK 2.1A3: Strategies active readers use to make meaning from texts include annotating, note-taking, highlighting, and reading aloud. EK 2.1A4: Perspectives are shared through written, spoken, visual, or performance texts. A perspective includes the writer's attitude/ tone regarding the subject and is expressed through an argument. EK 2.1B1: The main idea of an argument is often expressed in the thesis statement, claim, or conclusion, or implied throughout a work. EK 2.1B2: Artistic works (e.g., painting, film, music, dance) convey a perspective. Analysis of a work's context, subject, structure, style, and aesthetic is critical to understanding its aims.  EK 2.2A1: Authors use reasons to support their arguments. The line of reasoning is composed of one or more claims justified through evidence.  EK 2.2A2: An argument's line of reasoning is organized based on the argument's purpose (e.g., to show causality, to define, to propose a solution).  EK 2.2A3: Inductive reasoning uses specific observations and/or data points to identify trends, make generalizations, and draw conclusions. Deductive reasoning uses broad facts or generalizations to generate additional, more specific conclusions about a phenomenon.  EK 2.2A4: A lack of understanding of the complexities of an argument (tone, implications, limitations, nuance, context) can lead to oversimplification and/or generalization.  EK 2.2B5: Effective arguments acknowledge other arguments and/or respond to them with counter-arguments (e.g., concession, refutation, rebuttal).  EK 2.2B1: An argument's context (time and purpose) and situation (in relation to other arguments) inform its interpretation.  EK 2.2B2: Writers use qualitative and/or quantita
	(e.g., language, authority, qualifiers, fallacies, emphasis). EK 2.2B5: Evidence may be used to identify and explain relationships

	the limitations of his or her conclusions, opposing views or perspectives, and/or his or her own biases.  EK 2.2C3: Conclusions are contextual and their validity must be affirmed, qualified, or refuted.  EK 2.2D1: Scholars analyze and evaluate others' studies and artistic works in terms of internal coherence and alignment of the purposes, goals, and methods of inquiry.  EK 2.3A1: The implications and consequences of arguments maybe intended or unintended.  EK 2.3B1: Arguments are significant and have a real-world impact because they can influence behavior (e.g., call one to action, suggest logical next steps).	
Essential Questions	-What strategies will help me comprehend a text? -What is the main idea of the argument or artistic work and what reasoning does the author use to develop it? -What biases may the author have that influence his or her perspective? -Does this argument acknowledge other perspectives? -How can I assess the quality or strength of others' research, products, or artistic works?	
Unit Assessment	<ul> <li>Final Draft of Inquiry Proposal Form</li> <li>Rough Draft for Literature Review</li> </ul>	

Core Content	Objectives	Instructiona	al Action
Concepts What students will know	Skills What students will be able to do	Activities/Strategies Technology Implementation Interdisciplinary Connections	Assessment Check Points
EU 2.1: Authors express their ideas, perspectives, and/or arguments through their works. The first step in evaluating an author's perspective or argument is to comprehend it. Such comprehension requires reading, viewing, listening, and thinking critically.  EU 2.2: Authors choose evidence to shape and support their arguments. Individuals evaluate the line of reasoning and evidence to determine to what extent they believe or accept an argument.  EU 2.3: Arguments have implications and consequences.	LO 2.1A: Employing appropriate reading strategies and reading critically for a specific purposes  LO 2.1B: Summarizing and explaining a text's main idea or aim while avoiding faulty generalizations and oversimplification.  LO 2.2A: Explaining and analyzing the logic and line of reasoning of an argument.  LO 2.2B: Evaluating the relevance and credibility of evidence used to support an argument, taking context into consideration.	<ul> <li>Rough Draft Inquiry         Proposal Form finalized         and submitted.</li> <li>Expert Advisor sought and         secured where         appropriate.</li> <li>PREP reflections on the         research process. [CR4a]         [CR4a] — Students         document their         inquiry processes,         communicate with         their teachers and         any expert         advisors, and         reflect on their         thought processes.</li> <li>Continual immersion in         research.</li> <li>Final Draft of the Inquiry         Proposal Form submitted         by November 30th.</li> <li>Write a new         draft of literature         review using         aligned sources</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Second draft of Inquiry Proposal Form</li> <li>Rough Draft of Literature Review</li> <li>Annotated Bibliographies</li> <li>Reflections</li> <li>PREP Binder</li> <li>Work In Progress Meetings (Ongoing)</li> <li>Posters</li> <li>Review sample papers</li> <li>Evaluation of sources</li> </ul>

LO 2.2C: Evaluating the validity of an argument.

LO 2.2D: Evaluating and critiquing others' inquiries, studies, artistic works, and/or perspectives.

LO 2.3A: Connecting an argument to broader issues by examining the implications of the author's claim.

LO 2.3B: Evaluating potential resolutions, conclusions, or solutions to problems or issues raised by an argument.

in the annotated bibliography to situate the topic and the topic and argument while identifying the gap.

- Review sample papers for in-depth analysis of the literature review component.
- One-on-one interviews with the teacher and/or expert advisor.
- PREP reflections of the research process. [CR4a]

[CR4a] — Students document their inquiry processes, communicate with their teachers and any expert advisors, and reflect on their thought processes.

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Unit 3: Building and Developing Your Project

Targeted Standards	EK 3.1-3.2
Unit Objectives/ Conceptual Understandings	EK 3.1A1: An individual's perspective is influenced by his or her background (e.g., experiences, culture, education), assumptions, and worldview, as well as by external sources.  EK 3.1A2: Perspectives are not always oppositional; they may be concurring, complementary, or competing.  EK 3.1A3: Some ideas/perspectives are ambiguous or not well defined. The process of identification and interpretation may not lead to a definitive answer.  EK 3.2A1: Critical thinkers are aware that some arguments may appeal to emotions, core values, personal biases and assumptions, and logic.  EK 3.2A2: When evaluating multiple perspectives or arguments, consideration must be given to how one's own personal biases and assumptions can influence one's judgment.
Essential Questions	-How might others see a problem or issue differently? -What patterns or trends can be identified among the arguments about this issue? -What are the implications and/or consequences of accepting or rejecting a particular argument? -How can I connect the multiple arguments? What other issues, questions, or topics do they relate to? -How can I explain contradictions within or between arguments? -From whose perspective is this information being presented, and how does that affect my evaluation?
Unit Assessment	Revision of Literature Review and Rough Draft of Academic Paper

Core Content	Objectives	Instruction	al Action
Concepts What students will know	Skills What students will be able to do	Activities/Strategies Technology Implementation Interdisciplinary Connections	Assessment Check Points
EU 3.1: Different perspectives often lead to competing and alternative arguments. The complexity of an issue emerges when people bring these differing, multiple perspectives to the conversation.  EU 3.2: Not all arguments are equal; some arguments are more credible/valid than others. Through evaluating others'	LO 3.1A: Identifying, comparing, and interpreting multiple perspectives on or arguments about an issue.  LO 3.2A: Evaluating alternate, opposing, or competing perspectives or arguments, by considering their implications and limitations.	<ul> <li>Continual immersion in research.</li> <li>One-on-one interviews with the teacher and/or expert advisor.</li> <li>PREP reflections of the research process. [CR4a]         [CR4a] — Students document their inquiry processes, communicate with their teachers and any expert advisors, and reflect on their     </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Rough draft of method, process, or approach</li> <li>WIP meetings</li> <li>Application of research method</li> <li>PREP Binder</li> <li>Academic Reflections</li> <li>Revision of Literature Review and Rough Draft of Paper</li> </ul>

arguments, one's own argument can be situated within a larger conversation thought processes.

- Begin drafts of academic paper, focusing first on revised literature review and method sections of the paper. [CR3]
- Complete any additional experiments, surveys, products, and interviews used for support of research focus

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# Unit 4: Testing Your Project and Conducting Research

	sources (e.g., APA, MLA, Chicago, AMA). <b>EK 4.3A6:</b> Appropriation in works of art has potential legal and ethical implications that scholars need to consider (e.g., scholars must credit works that are used in visual/audio sampling, parody, choreography). <b>EK 4.4A1:</b> Innovative solutions and arguments identify and challenge assumptions, acknowledge the importance of content, imagine and explore alternatives, and engage in reflective skepticism.	
Essential Questions	-How do I connect and analyze the evidence in order to develop an argument and support a conclusion? -Are there other conclusions I should consider? -How does my scholarly work emerge from my perspective, design choices, or aesthetic rationale? -How do I acknowledge and account for my own biases and assumptions? -What is the most appropriate way to acknowledge and attribute the work of others that were used to support my argument? How do I ensure the conclusions I present are my own?	
Unit Assessment	<ul> <li>Completed Rough Draft of Academic Paper</li> <li>Composition of Mock Multimedia Presentations</li> </ul>	

Core Content Objectives		Instructional Action	
Concepts What students will know	Skills What students will be able to do	Activities/Strategies Technology Implementation Interdisciplinary Connections	Assessment Check Points
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citation style.

LO 4.4A: Extending an idea, question, process, or product to innovate or create new understandings.

LO 4.5A: Offering resolutions, conclusions, and/or solutions based on evidence considering limitations and implications.

using an appropriate

- making sure that all rubric components are fulfilled. [CR3]
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- Individually and through peer review, proofread, edit, and revise the academic paper.
- Submit a paper to Turnitin.com and revise any incidental plagiarism.
- Ancillary products, performances, and projects submitted for separate classroom assessment.
- Begin planning, preparing, and practicing multimedia presentations.
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Unit 5: Conducting Your Research and Writing Your Paper

Targeted Standards			
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Unit Objectives/ Conceptual Understandings  E a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a	EK 5.1AI[R]: Inquiries result in conclusions that can be presented in different formats and that typically have the following elements: Introduction: provides background and contextualizes the research question/project goal, reviews previous work in the field related to the research question/project goal, and identifies the gap in the current field of knowledge to be addressed Method, Process, or Approach: explains and provides justification for the chosen nethod, process, or approach Results, Product, or Findings: presents the results, product, evidence, or findings Discussion, Analysis, and/or Evaluation: interprets the significance of the results, product, or findings; explores connections to the original research question/project positions; or provides and provides and provides provided to the process and how this project could mpact the field; discusses possible next steps Bibliography: provides a complete list of sources cited and consulted in the appropriate disciplinary style K 5.1A2: Coherence is achieved when the elements and ideas in an argument flow ogically and smoothly. Transitions are used to move the audience from one element or dea to another by Illustrating the relationship between the elements or ideas. EK 5.1B1: A writer expresses tone or attitude about a topic through word choice, sentence structure, and imagery. EK 5.1B2: Effective sentences create variety, emphasis, and interest through structure, agreement of modifiers, and consistency of tense. EK 5.1B2: Effective sentences create variety, emphasis, and interest through structure, agreement of elements, placement of modifiers, and consistency of tense. EK 5.1B4: Spelling and grammar errors detract from credibility. EK 5.1B4: Spelling and grammar errors detract from credibility. EK 5.1B4: Spelling and grammar errors detract from credibility. EK 5.1C3: Testication of the audience, ineffective use or overuse of these elements disrupts audience engagement and understanding. EK 5.1C3: Testication of the audience interference or overuse of th		

	EK 5.3A2: Learning requires practice through an iterative process of thinking/ rethinking, vision/revision, and writing/ rewriting.  EK 5.3A3: Scholars are mindful of the rationale behind the chosen method for data collection, information gathering, analysis, production, and presentation.  EK 5.3A4: Scholars reflect on how the inquiry process helped them deepen their understanding, make important connections, and develop greater self-direction.  EK 5.3B1: Reflection acknowledges the impact of actions on both the group and individual contributions, noting the reasons for such actions, assumptions made, and whether or not such actions and assumptions hindered or helped the achievement of the group's and individuals' tasks.  K 5.3C1: Reflective scholars explore potential future directions for their inquiries and the development of their own scholarship or bodies of work.  EK 5.3C2: Reflective scholars acknowledge how their inquiry processes and resulting works can be transformational for their own and others' understanding as well as for their personal identities as scholars.  EK 5.4A1: Peer review should be based on guidelines and defined criteria appropriate to the work.  EK 5.4B1: Peer review is an effective way for scholars to strengthen their critical eye as well as strengthen their own work.  EK 5.4B2: Communities of scholars produce, present, and perform effectively when participants actively seek and provide feedback.	
Essential Questions	<ul> <li>- How can I best appeal to and engage my audience?</li> <li>- What is the best medium or genre through which to reach my audience?</li> <li>- How might I adapt my written and oral presentations for different audiences and situations?</li> <li>- How might my communication choices affect my credibility with my audience?</li> <li>- Which revision strategies are most appropriate to developing and refining my project at different stages?</li> <li>- How do I provide feedback that is valuable to others? How do I act upon feedback I have received?</li> <li>- How can I benefit from reflecting on my own work?</li> </ul>	
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of personal conclusions and their implications.

EU 5.4: Scholars perform, present, and/or produce their work within a larger community. Throughout the inquiry process, scholars interact with and benefit from the scholarly community through thoughtful engagement with the opinions and critiques of others.

audience by employing effective techniques of delivery or performance. LO 5.1F: Defending inquiry choices and final product with clarity, consistency, and conviction.

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LO 5.2B: Fostering constructive team climate, resolving conflicts, and facilitating the contributions of all team members to address complex open-ended problems.

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and oral defense begin April 1.

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- Students research other venues for possible submission/publication of their work.
- Students showcase their work at the district's annual AP Showcase.
- Students submit the final PREP in a one-on-one exit interview with the teacher. [CR4a]

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