



Summer Reading for AP Seminar 2024

Welcome to AP Seminar! This English 2 course focuses on essential communication skills. You will learn how to examine written and media sources, create effective research-based writing, collaborate with a team, and present information effectively. You are expected to read one of the following nonfiction books and complete a review of the book. This will be due on Tuesday, August 20, 2024.

Choose 1:

Invisible Child: Poverty, Survival, and Hope In an American City-by Andrea Elliot

Learn about the difficult choices Dasani must make as she comes of age in New York City.

Paved Paradise: How Parking Explains the World-by Henry Grabar

Grabar looks at how a “humble” parking spot influences many aspects of our lives.

All That She Carried, The Journey of Ashley’s Sack, A Black Family Keepsake-by Tiya Miles

The story begins in 1850, South Carolina with a “sack”. This object carries family history through three generations.

Fuzz: When Nature Breaks The Law- by Mary Roach

Mary Roach is considered one of the funniest nature writers. This book explores the zany scenarios where wildlife and humans meet.

The Assignment:

When you return to school, you will be working with other classmates who read the same book as you read. This book will be used as a basis for your **Mock Team Multimedia Presentation** and the basis for your **Mock IRR**. We will be looking at marginalized populations and identity as our first topic.

Please take notes on the subject matter including - facts, quotes, summaries, paraphrases, interpretations, and reactions/reflections. There is no formal notetaking sheet for this assignment. You may use your own format. This will help you with completing your reaction paper.

After you read the book, you will complete a 1000-to-1200-word reaction paper for a summative grade. This paper must be **handed in on or before August 20, 2024**.

Reaction Paper

Overview: The purpose of your paper is to create an analytical essay that demonstrates an in-depth understanding of your novel. The audience is me, and your classmates. Each of these novels give a perspective on an aspect of society. As you read, you will gain insight into various issues and problems that exist in our society.

The Paper:

- Your paper should include a brief overview of the novel (about a paragraph or two). Do not retell the entire book. I read it, too.



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- All these books are going to give you a new perspective on an aspect of our society. After reading the book, what insights did you gain? Explain your insights using quotes and examples from the book to support your ideas.
- Based on what you learned from your book, what is a problem your book highlighted? Explain the problem.
- End your essay by explaining steps that could be taken to solve the problem you identified. Use outside research (two or three sources) to develop your solution.

Rubric:

This assignment will count for 100 points and will be counted as a summative grade.

25 Points- The student summarized the book in a way that supported their insights, justified the problem they identified in the novel without creating a narrative retelling of the plot.

30 Points- The student clearly explained one or two insights they gained from the novel. The students used examples and quotes from the book to support their perspectives.

30 Points-The students used what they learned from the book to identify a problem. The student discusses steps that can be taken to solve the problem.

15 Points- The paper has fewer than 3 convention errors. (Have your paper proofread and revise it. I am expecting a final draft.)