

Mr. Ruggiero
AP Seminar Summer Assignment 2024

Please read everything in this document. All the information you will need for this summer assignment is below...

This assignment is due the first Friday of school...no exceptions! This will count as a homework grade and one test grade for the 1st quarter. Every day late will result in 10 points off of the final grade.

Objectives: *This assignment will develop your ability to annotate texts and write reflections. You will develop themes and make connections from three articles relating to animal testing. During the school year in AP Seminar, we will be using annotations, reflections, and thematic connections quite often, so it is crucial that you build up your skill set on these components.*

Task #1: Getting Familiar with Annotations and Reflections

1. Click the links below on annotations. Even if you are familiar with annotating, take a few minutes to watch the videos. This will ensure that you are creating the right type of annotations during your reading. (I found these videos to be quick and to the point)

a. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NmVAfoXhhPM>

b. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=25APfCzf8ks>

2. Click the link below on reflections. Even if you have a strong understanding of writing a reflection, take a few minutes to watch this video. This video covers what should and shouldn't be included when writing a reflection. This will ensure that your reflection is written properly.

a. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WjLa2sJjla0>

Put all the answers to the following tasks (2-5) on a google/word doc

Task#2: Define the following terms

1. Bias
2. Unbiased
3. Objective
4. Argument
5. Thesis
6. Claim
7. Evidence
8. Annotation
9. Reflection
10. Opinion
11. Pro vs Con

12. Thematic Connection

Task#3: Background Info

Answer the following as best as you can:

1. Are you familiar with animal testing? If so, tell me what you know. If not, quickly do some research into it and tell me what you found out.
2. Considering what you know about animal testing, how do you feel about animal testing? (is it appropriate? Should it continue? Should it be outlawed? Is it ever necessary?)
3. Give one argument for why animal testing is necessary and one argument why animal testing is not an acceptable practice.

Task #4: Read, Annotate, and Reflect

Directions: Read and annotate all 3 articles. For each article, write a reflection. Part C represents the prompts for each reflection for each article.

1. History of animal testing

a. Go to the link below

[History of animal testing](#)

b. Read and Annotate the article. You may print out the article or use Kami to read and annotate digitally. **If you use Kami, make sure you make a copy/download the article before you annotate.**

c. Answer the following questions for reflection: What is the main idea of the article? What information do you feel helped to support the author's message? Do you feel the author of the article is biased in any way? If so, which way do you feel they lean toward (For testing or against testing)? If not, then what about the article made you feel they presented the information in an unbiased/objective way? After reading the article, how do you feel about animal testing?

2. Pros and Cons of animal testing

a. Go to the link below

[Pro Con Animal testing](#)

b. Read and annotate the first 10 pros and first 10 cons of animal testing. You may print out the article or use Kami to read and annotate digitally. **If you use Kami, make sure you make a copy/download the article before you annotate.**

c. Answer the following questions for your reflection: Before reading the article, what was your opinion on animal testing for use in medical and commercial purposes? Did reading the pros and cons change your opinion on animal testing? Why or Why not? Which pro did you agree/disagree with the most? Why? Which con did you agree/disagree with the most? Why? Which side of the argument presented its case the best? Explain your reasoning.

3. When is animal testing Justified?

a. Go to link below

[When is animal testing Justified?](#)

b. Read and annotate the article. There are two opposing arguments, please read both. You may print out the article or use Kami to read and annotate digitally. **If you use Kami, make sure you make a copy/download the article before you annotate.**

c. Answer the following questions for your reflection: Before reading this article, did you feel that animal testing is ever justified (meaning is there ever a time animal testing is necessary?) What is your stance on NIH to end invasive chimp testing? How do you feel about Peter D. Walsh's stance? Which side do you feel presented their views the best (who had the most convincing argument) Explain. Which side did not? Explain.

Task #5: Drawing a conclusion

In a brief paragraph of 5-10 sentences, state your final thoughts on whether animal testing should be allowed or not allowed.

RECAP OF WHAT YOU WILL BE TURNING IN:

- A. Vocabulary
- B. Background information
- C. Annotations of all 3 articles
- D. Reflections of all 3 articles
- E. Final thoughts

*You have the option of turning in printed copies or digital copies of your work. Digital copies will be either emailed or turned in on google classroom.

* **All aspects of the summer assignment will be due by the first FRIDAY of school.**

* Be prepared to discuss the themes and the connections between all three articles.

* Do not wait until the last minute to do this assignment.

* ***If the assignment is late due to: printer broke, printer ran out of ink, internet is down, I didn't know when it was due, aliens stole it, your dog ate it, etc... you will still lose points off your final grade for the assignment.***

If you have questions or need assistance with this assignment, email me at: cruggier@eischools.org

Good Luck!

