

AP RESEARCH SUMMER ASSIGNMENT

Due Date: September 13, 2024.

Assignment:

1. 5 research questions/topics

A. You do not need to narrow it down to a thesis yet. This can be a general idea of what you are interested in – for example, a topic is *airline safety*, while a thesis is *what impact has deregulation had on commercial airline safety?*

B. You must rank your questions/topics in the order of their relative interest or importance to you.

C. Things to consider:

- a. Does this topic interest me enough to get me excited and brainstorming possible research questions?
- b. Is the topic academic OR is it a real world problem, question or issues?
- c. Can this topic be approached through multiple perspectives and lenses?
- d. Can you find more than three academic or reliable sources with one Google search?
- e. What type of information would you need to gather to answer a research question associated with this topic?
- f. Is this topic too broad or too narrow?
- g. Will I be able to complete this research through a resolution, conclusion or solution?
- h. In completing this research project, will you be able to use a wide variety of appropriate sources?

2. Bibliography: For each of the 5 topics, you must find 1 credible article and complete an MLA-style or APA-style bibliography for each topic. One of your bibliographies must have at least 1 annotated bibliography entry. (See example from Cornell University below).

SAMPLE ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY ENTRY FOR A JOURNAL ARTICLE

This example uses MLA style (*MLA Handbook*, 8th edition, 2016) for the journal citation:

Waite, Linda J., et al. "Nonfamily Living and the Erosion of Traditional Family Orientations Among Young Adults." *American Sociological Review*, vol. 51, no. 4, 1986, pp. 541-554.

This is an example of an annotated bibliography:

The authors, researchers at the Rand Corporation and Brown University, use data from the National Longitudinal Surveys of Young Women and Young Men to test their hypothesis that nonfamily living by young adults alters their attitudes, values, plans, and expectations, moving them away from their belief in traditional sex roles. They find their hypothesis strongly supported in young females, while the effects were fewer in studies of young males. Increasing the time away from parents before marrying increased individualism, self-sufficiency, and changes in attitudes about families. In contrast, an earlier study by Williams cited below shows no significant gender differences in sex role attitudes as a result of nonfamily living.