



Honors Sophomore 2025-2026

Summer Project

Throughout your Sophomore year, you will be asked to utilize and refine skills defined by Comb's "Portrait of a Graduate." These skills include your ability to critically think by connecting and exchanging ideas with others. This assignment is meant to help you track and analyze everyday arguments or decisions you encounter - in conversation, media, and public life - with a focus on the assumptions behind those arguments. The goal is to become aware of when and why people disagree, and how values shape what can or cannot be bridged. All material gained from this experience will be used throughout the first quarter.

Overall Task/Requirements:

Your assignment is split into 3 categories of observational arguments: real-world, in the media, and contrived. For each observation, you will be conducting a detailed observation log. The order in which you conduct the observations does not matter.

- ☐ **Argument Observation Logs:** The form for the observations is uploaded into the google classroom.

Google Classroom Code: **sugk3qsp**

Each argument observation log will contain the following parts:

- I. Collection of Evidence
- II. Unpacking the Situation
 - A. Speakers/Tone
 - B. Audience
 - C. Context/Circumstances
 - D. Exigence/Catalyst
- III. Summary/Reflection
 - A. What was the argument/resolution/compromise
 - B. Assumptions, bias, preconceived notions of each side
 - C. Whose side do you agree with?

- ☐ **Include Parental/Guardian Signature sheet** for Media and Contrived arguments. Found in Google Classroom.

Logistics:

- Please **join the Google Classroom** for the summer project. Code: **sugk3qsp**
- If you do not have a Comb's email address, you may find this assignment on our school website.
- **Due Date:** Sunday, July 20th by 11:59 pm. **No late submissions will be accepted.** Every student is expected to complete the Summer Honors project. 'Not knowing' that there is a summer project is not a justification as it was clearly stated in the Combs handbook when signing up for the course.
- Questions? Email: jarredondo@jocombs.org. I will do my best to check my email periodically throughout the summer.

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