

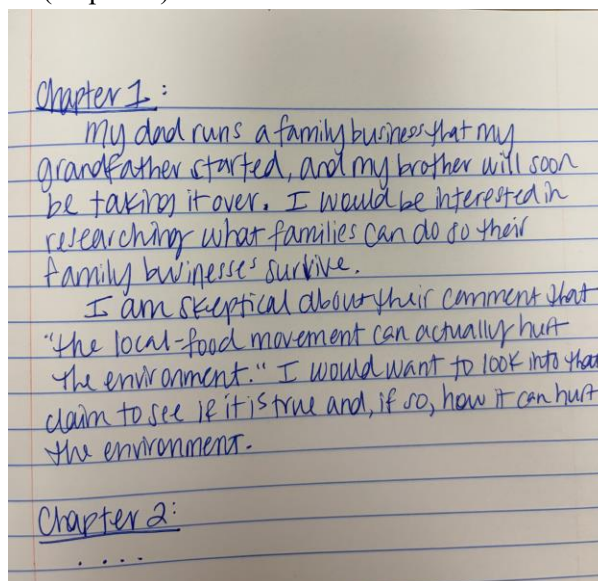
AP SEMINAR SUMMER ASSIGNMENT

Think Like a Freak by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner

This assignment must be submitted on the first day of class. Email lindsey.hiller@richlandone.org with any questions.

For the AP Seminar summer assignment, you will need a new notebook (single subject) or composition journal; you will keep this notebook/ journal in the classroom throughout the year. Your assignment is to read *Think Like a Freak* by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner and complete the following assignments professionally, using academic language and correct grammar and punctuation. Write legibly in your Seminar notebook/journal. You are not required to bring the physical book to class, so you are welcome to borrow a copy from the library or listen to the audiobook. (45 pts total)

1. **During reading**, react to each chapter in 3-5 sentences. Do not use a new page of your notebook for each chapter—just title the chapter and write your reaction and skip a line for the next chapter (example image below). Please use the back of the notebook page. Here are some ideas for types of reactions: questions you have during the chapter, an issue or topic you would want to learn more about and why, a connection you made during the reading to another book/story/current event/personal experience, a part of the chapter you liked and why, a part of the chapter you did not like or are skeptical about and why. If your reaction is to the beginning of the chapter, please read the entire chapter. (18 points)



2. **After reading** the book, complete the following (also in your notebook/journal):
 - a. Identify any issue that interests you; this issue does not have to be one mentioned in the book. (1 point)
 - b. Ask **ten different questions** about the issue. *Reference Chapter 3 for advice on asking questions differently.* (10 points)
 - c. Brainstorm **three different possibilities for what the root** of the problem could be. *Reference Chapter 4 for advice on getting to the root of an issue.* These possible roots can be from your brain or proposed by someone else. If proposed by someone else, include the source. (6 points)
 - d. Think like a child (per Chapter 5) and **generate five potential solutions** for this issue. You are welcome to use solutions that have already been proposed if you are aware of them from news editorials, organizations, proposed legislation, etc. If you list a solution that has already been proposed, include the source. (10 points)

If you enjoy reading *Think Like a Freak*, you will also enjoy their other books or Malcolm Gladwell's books.