

## **AP Seminar Summer Assignment 2026**

Welcome to AP Seminar! This is the first of two courses required for the AP Capstone program; the other is AP Research, which you will take next year.

This course is very different from other AP courses, even the AP Language and AP Literature courses offered by the English Department. In order to be successful, you will spend some time this summer getting acquainted with: 1) locating academic research sources, and 2) navigating the research technology platforms we will use throughout the year.

Since this is a college-level course in research, the majority of the work requires you to be self-directed. Telling you how many paragraphs you need to write, or how many pieces of evidence to use, is a thing of the past and won't happen in AP Seminar; essentially, you have to be ready just to produce writing in any form, receive feedback, and apply that to the next assignment. Time management and task commitment, therefore, are the two most crucial characteristics of successful AP Seminar students.

Your summer assignment is outlined on the next page. Please refer to this document and the AP Seminar Google classroom for any important information.

Sincerely,

*Dr. Laterza*

## Summer Assignment

This summer, I'd like you to spend time becoming comfortable searching databases for academic journals. We have several available through our library, but for the purposes of independently working this summer, I'd like you to use [\*Gale in Context: Global Issues\*](#).

*Gale in Context: Global Issues* offers ten broad topics which contain 682 global issues. The categories are:

1. Business & Economy
2. Conflict & Diplomacy
3. Countries & Territories
4. Environment & Climate Change
5. Events
6. Government, Politics, & Law
7. Health & Medicine
8. Science & Technology
9. Society & Culture
10. Women, Children, & the Family

Your first performance task requires a group to research a local, national, or global issue, so you'll spend the summer preparing by looking at issues of interest to you.

***Obviously, I don't want you looking through all ten categories or all 682 global issues***, but I do want you to become comfortable navigating through information, narrowing down possibilities, and finding relevant sources for areas of personal interest.

### Directions:

1. Click on the link to access [\*Gale in Context: Global Issues\*](#).
2. Enter the password **look** if needed.
3. Select any 3 of the 10 topics, and for ***each topic selected***:
  - a. Locate **2 peer-reviewed academic journals** (total of 6);
  - b. Download and **print** each source;
  - c. Read and annotate each source;
  - d. Write a four-sentence [\*\*rhretorical precis\*\*](#) for each source;
  - e. Complete the [\*\*outline\*\*](#) with bibliographic information and the 6 precis entries.
  - f. Bring the printed and annotated sources with you in September.