Summer Reading for AP Seminar 2026 - 2027

Welcome to AP Seminar! This English 2 course focuses on essential communication skills. You will learn how to examine written and media sources, create effective research-based writing, collaborate with a team, and present information effectively. You are expected to read the following nonfiction book and complete an analytical assignment for the book. This will be due **on the first day of class.**

***Educated* by Tara Westover**

Born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, Tara Westover was seventeen the first time she set foot in a classroom. Her family was so isolated from mainstream society that there was no one to ensure the children received an education, and no one to intervene when one of Tara's older brothers became violent. When another brother got himself into college, Tara decided to try a new kind of life. Her quest for knowledge transformed her, taking her over oceans and across continents, to Harvard and to Cambridge University. Only then would she wonder if she'd traveled too far, if there was still a way home.

The Assignment:

When you return to school, you will be working with other classmates who read the same book as you read. This book will be used as a basis for your **Mock Team Multimedia Presentation** and the basis for your **Mock IRR**. We will be looking at marginalized populations, education and identity as our first topic.

Please take notes on the subject matter including - facts, quotes, summaries, paraphrases, interpretations, and reactions/reflections. There is no formal notetaking sheet for this assignment. You may use your own format. This will help you with completing your reaction paper.

As you read, complete the task card assignment. Keep in mind that you only need to complete one of the creative, longer projects within the task cards. Pay attention to the notations on each card. You can print them out or complete them electronically.

Task Card Link:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1adua6YuC2RFSdvdCiUobu9aZ1hWCi-J6Ag5ugjrUQ4E/edit?usp=sharing

Rubric:

Questions Cards: 100 points

- 50 points: All questions on the task cards that require a response included a detailed answer.
- 40 points: Each question uses evidence (quotes with page numbers, or specific examples) to support the answer.
- 10 points: The student used correct grammar and conventions. If the assignment was handwritten, the writing is neat.

Creative Project (1 choice from the task cards)

- 20 points: The project follows the directions on the task card.
- 50 points: The project relates to the memoir and clearly expresses key aspects of the novel.
- 30 points: The project is creative, and expressive. It is clear that effort was given in its completion.