

## Welcome to AP RESEARCH!

Please complete these assignments before the first day of school in preparation for an awesome year in AP Research.

1. **Read and Annotate:** Chapter 1 of *Practical Research* by Leedy and Ormond. I have paper copies for you, or I can provide a pdf. Be ready to submit your annotations on the first day of school.
2. **Study Successful Work:** Visit the Exam page for AP Research on the College Board website: <https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/courses/ap-research/exam>
  - Scroll down until you find **Sample student papers** from past year's exams. Read at least **two** high-scoring samples (labeled Sample A and Sample B). Make sure to read the **scoring notes** on the last page of each document.
  - You may want to click on multiple sample papers from multiple years to get a broader idea of the types of topics that are appropriate for the course.
  - Answer these questions:
    - a. Describe the papers you read. Include topic, research question, and conclusions.
    - b. How do these papers reflect the definition and explanation of RESEARCH in Leedy and Ormond?
    - c. How is this paper different from what you did in AP Seminar?
    - d. What do the scorers seem to value? What are the most important aspects for earning a high score?
3. **Topic Brainstorming:** Write a little bit about what you might want to research this year. As of now, what topics or fields interest you? Is there another AP course you hope to connect your research project to? Tell me anything you know you want or DON'T WANT to research.
4. **Pre-Research Annotated Bibliography:** Choose two topics from the list above. Find 5 scholarly sources related to each topic (10 total) and create an annotated bibliography including APA citations and notes for all ten sources. Focus your notes on the following questions:
  - a. what the study concludes
  - b. how the researcher(s) collected data
  - c. how the researcher analyzed data
  - d. why did the researcher collect/analyze data this way?

All written work should be ready to submit digitally or in hard copy form on the first day of school. Make sure your work is neat and labeled with your name.

This course is going to be an adventure for all of us! I look forward to learning along with you! Please contact me by phone or email if you have any questions or concerns over the summer!

Sincerely,



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