

AP Capstone Research Summer Assignment 2020

Goal of Assignment:

The AP Research summer assignment is designed to help you further the process of finding a gap in your topic of interest, and identify a method for your own research.

This assignment is due on the first day of school. Adhering to that deadline will keep you on track for the successful completion of a 20-page paper and 20-minute presentation in April.

Assignment:

1. The Annotated Bibliography

- Read, highlight, and annotate an additional **four** peer-reviewed journal articles. (You have already done this type of work in seminar and other courses.)
- Create an annotated bibliography entry for each. Make sure to note the method the researchers used to gather data, and why they chose that method.
- Use APA style to create the bibliography.

2. The Research Question

- Reflect on the information from your peer-reviewed articles. Can you identify a gap in the research? Perhaps the original research targeted college students, and you can survey high schoolers. Or maybe the original research took place in a city, and you can pass out questionnaires to a suburban population. Can you survey a different gender? Age?
- Formulate an initial research question that addresses this gap.
*Keep in mind: Is it **feasible**?*

3. The Research Method

- Write one paragraph about your proposed research method:
 - What method will you use? (*survey, focus group, interviews, etc.*)
 - Why have you chosen this method? (*In many cases, you will use the same method utilized in your articles. Explain why those researchers chose the method that they used.*)
 - Who or what you will question/examine?
 - What potential IRB (Internal Review Board) issues might you face?

Assignment (annotated articles plus typed information) is due on the first day of school and will count as a test grade. Late assignments will lose points. Also, make sure you keep in contact using out Microsoft Team!

