

# AP RESEARCH Summer Assignments 2021

Dear AP Research Students,

Congratulations on your decision to pursue this course! You are in for a year of growth and development of your thinking and researching skills.

We have created a few tasks for you to complete over the summer to prepare you for success in the upcoming year. We expect you to take these tasks seriously. We do not believe in “busy work.” We have specifically curated these tasks to be of the greatest benefit to you without overloading you. Please spend time with these tasks. Wrestle with them. Make sure you are understanding them. Give yourself plenty of time to complete the tasks and try to accomplish the spirit of the tasks. Do not simply go through the motions. It will be of no benefit to you at all and it turns the tasks into busy work by your own decision.

Each task has specific requirements and due dates.

We will use TURNITIN.COM to submit your summer assignments

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**Enrollment Key:** What is the **last name** of the author of *Research Design*, the textbook you ought to purchase for the course? (see below- all lowercase)

Task	Description	Due Date
1	a. Read & Respond to Leedy/Ormrod, <i>Practical Research</i> , selection from Chapter 1 b. Watch/Read & Respond “Components of a Research Paper” & AP Research Performance Task Description	Sunday, July 18, 2021 by 11:59PM
2	a. Find & Read 3 peer-reviewed articles on topics that interest you b. Complete an article response sheet for each of the 3 articles selected	Sunday, August 1, 2021 by 11:59PM
3	a. Read Booth et al., <i>The Craft of Research</i> , selection from Part II b. Develop at least ONE good research topic statement	Sunday, August 22, 2021 by 11:59PM

Readings for the summer assignment from **Leedy/Ormrod** and **Booth et al.** can be found [HERE](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1zxMHcOMV0uGHDyQjVannCACe4Hsj0Sm?usp=sharing).  
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1zxMHcOMV0uGHDyQjVannCACe4Hsj0Sm?usp=sharing>

**For the class next year, you should purchase a copy of the following text book:**

Creswell, John W., and J. David. Creswell. *Research Design: Qualitative, Quantitative, and Mixed Methods Approaches*. 5th ed., Sage, 2018.

IMPORTANT NOTE: You do NOT need to get the 5<sup>th</sup> edition. Please search for an earlier edition and find an inexpensive used copy through online retailers.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT VIA EMAIL:**  
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### Task 1a- Due Sunday, July 18, 2021 by 11:59 PM

Complete the following reflections prior to the start of AP Research. These reflections are purposefully driven to help you make the jump from AP Seminar to AP Research.

Complete the reflections electronically and submit on turnitin.com.

Please include the question when providing your responses. Responses should be at minimum a paragraph per question and should exhibit your ability to provide supporting textual and experiential evidence as well as discussion.

Leedy, P.D., Ormrod, J.E. *Practical Research: Planning and Design*. 12th ed. Pearson. (2019).

Title of Reading	Pages	Questions for Reflection
Chapter Intro & “What Research is Not”	1-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What surprised you in this section? Why?</li><li>• According to this section, how is AP Seminar different from AP Research?</li></ul>
“What Research is”	2-9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What part of this section interests you? Why?</li><li>• Which step of the research process do you think will be most difficult for you? Which step will be easiest? Why?</li><li>• According to this section, how is AP Research an extension of AP Seminar?</li></ul>
“Philosophical assumptions underlying research methodologies”	8-9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Which philosophical approach do you align with the most? Why?</li><li>• Which philosophical approach do you align with the least? Why?</li></ul>

### Task 1b- Sunday, July 18, 2021 by 11:59 PM

Visit the following link: <https://cirt.gcu.edu/research/developmentresources/tutorials/researchpaper>

Watch the video and read the page.

Respond to the following questions:

1. What component(s) of a research paper did you complete in AP Seminar? What component(s) are exclusive to AP Research?
2. With which component are you most familiar? With which are you least familiar?
3. Look up one (or more) articles/videos online about the component with which you are least familiar. Provide a link and write a brief statement of what you learned in the video/article.

Visit this link

<https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/pdf/ap-research-course-and-exam-description.pdf?course=ap-research>

Read the Handout: “AP Research Performance Task: Academic Paper and Presentation and Oral Defense” found on page 56 of the Course & Exam Description.

## Task 2- Due Sunday, August 1, 2021 by 11:59 PM

Use scholar.google.com, EBSCO, or access scholarly articles by visiting a university library or using university credentials to access specific databases.

Watch this video for tips on finding articles on Google Scholar.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yDbghsm\\_d6Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yDbghsm_d6Q)

Find 3 **scholarly, peer-reviewed articles**. Read them completely. When you read the articles, pay attention to the different components you learned about in Task 1b.

Access the TASK 2: Article Response TEMPLATE in the [Google Drive folder](#). Make a copy of the document, then complete one article response sheet for each of the THREE articles you select.

ARTICLE RESPONSE SHEET #1:

Full Bibliographic Information (choose between APA, MLA, Chicago style)

What research question is being asked in this article? What is the author's conclusion?

What method did the researcher use to gather data? Is that method replicable? Why or why not?

Are there any problems or limitations of the study? Did the author mention those limitations? What could be done to correct them?

What other questions arise from this study? What further research needs to be conducted? What research questions remain unanswered on this topic?

ARTICLE RESPONSE SHEET #2:

Full Bibliographic Information (choose between APA, MLA, Chicago style)

What research question is being asked in this article? What is the author's conclusion?

What method did the researcher use to gather data? Is that method replicable? Why or why not?

Are there any problems or limitations of the study? Did the author mention those limitations? What could be done to correct them?

What other questions arise from this study? What further research needs to be conducted? What research questions remain unanswered on this topic?

ARTICLE RESPONSE SHEET #3:

Full Bibliographic Information (choose between APA, MLA, Chicago style)

What research question is being asked in this article? What is the author's conclusion?

What method did the researcher use to gather data? Is that method replicable? Why or why not?

Are there any problems or limitations of the study? Did the author mention those limitations? What could be done to correct them?

What other questions arise from this study? What further research needs to be conducted? What research questions remain unanswered on this topic?

### Task 3- Due Sunday, August 22, 2021 by 11:59 PM

Read the selection from Booth, W. C., Bizup, J., Colomb, G. G., Fitzgerald, W. T., & Williams, J. M. (2016). *The Craft of Research*. The University of Chicago Press.

Engage with the reading and the activities Booth recommends as you move from a topic to a question.

Submit at least TWO “TQS” statement in the format from the reading:

1. **Topic:** I am studying \_\_\_\_\_
2. **Question:** because I want to find out what/why/how \_\_\_\_\_,
3. **Significance:** in order to help my reader understand \_\_\_\_\_.

This question development activity is incredibly important. In AP Research, you will end up choosing a single research question to pursue through original research and data collection/analysis for the whole year. Do not wait until the last minute to think about this question. Spend time thinking about all of the different ways it could be asked, all of the ways it could be answered, and all of the ways it might be significant. Really dig in to those “blanks” in the template and spend time wrestling with how best to fill them in.

You may submit more than two TQS statements, but it is not required.