

**AP Seminar
2023-2024
Summer Assignment**

Dear Students,

Welcome to AP Seminar! These summer assignments will help you to get in the correct mindset to approach all reading and writing with an evaluative eye - a skillset you will utilize throughout the AP Capstone program. Assignments are due on the first day of school, but will be accepted for partial up to one week late.

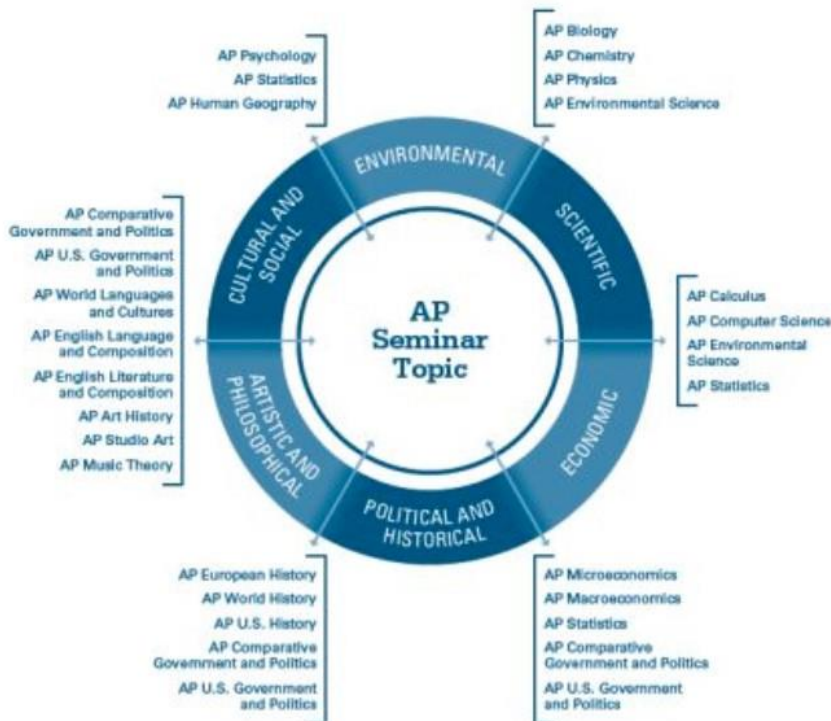
Part I: Review the lens diagram below.

The AP Seminar Course is founded on a concept known as QUEST:

Question and explore
Understand and analyze
Evaluate multiple perspectives
Synthesize ideas
Team, transform, and transmit

Your Assignment: This course is framed by the lenses found below. These lenses are integral to the seminar course and are used to support your task 1 and task 2 papers, which are major components of your AP score.

Rank the lenses (Environmental, Scientific, Economic, Cultural and Social, Artistic and Philosophical, Political and Historical) in order of your interest.



Part II: Read three articles related to your top three lenses. 1 article and annotated bibliogroahy entry for each lens you are interested in working with this year.

Your Assignment: Do a close reading of 3 different articles on a subject you will want to explore further in your TASK 1 assignment. A close reading means to keep a pencil or pen in your hand as you read and make notes in the margins, underline confusing and/or favorite passages, highlight interesting information, and comment on significant language. Complete an annotated bibliography of the three assignments. **Use the references sheet below to help guide your annotated bibliographies.**

I'm so excited!

Mrs. Crum

Beginner's Guide to the Annotated Bibliography

What is an Annotated Bibliography?

Annotated → summary/evaluation

Bibliography → list of sources

Annotated Bibliography includes a summary and evaluation of each of the sources.

What's the PURPOSE of an Annotated Bibliography?

For starters, annotated bibliographies help you learn about your subject. It goes beyond simply collecting information—you have to actually read it, summarize it, and evaluate it.

At the professional/collegiate level, annotated bibliographies establish what has already been done and where your research fits in.

What's included in an Annotated Bibliography?

1. Bibliographic entry

- *Follow MLA guidelines

2. Summary of the source

What are the main arguments? What's the point of the book/article? What topics are covered?

3. Assessment

Is this source biased or objective? Is the information reliable? Is it a useful source?

4. Reflection

How does it fit into your research? Was it helpful? How does it help shape your argument? Does it help answer your research question?

What does an Annotated Bibliography look like?

Lamott, Anne. *Bird by Bird: Some Instructions on Writing and Life*. Anchor Books, 1995.

Lamott's book offers honest advice on the nature of a writing life, complete with its insecurities and failures. Taking a humorous approach to the realities of being a writer, the chapters in Lamott's book are wry and anecdotal and offer advice on everything from plot development to jealousy, from perfectionism to struggling with one's own internal critic.

In the process, Lamott includes writing exercises designed to be both productive and fun. Lamott offers sane advice for those struggling with the anxieties of writing, but her main project seems to

be offering the reader a reality check regarding writing, publishing, and struggling with one's own imperfect humanity in the process. Rather than a practical handbook to producing and/or publishing, this text is indispensable because of its honest perspective, its down-to-earth humor, and its encouraging approach.

Chapters in this text could easily be included in the curriculum for a writing class. Several of the chapters in Part 1 address the writing process and would serve to generate discussion on students' own drafting and revising processes. Some of the writing exercises would also be appropriate for generating classroom writing exercises. Students should find Lamott's style both engaging and enjoyable.