

AP Capstone Seminar –2020 Summer Assignment

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Welcome to AP Seminar for the 2020-2021 school year! I recognize that the summer offers an opportunity to unwind and relax, and I encourage you to do just that. However, in order to prepare yourself for the upcoming course, I ask that you complete the following summer assignment.

The summer assignment has **two parts**, both of which will require a computer with access to the Internet. You have TWO months to complete this assignment. This is a college level course where most coursework will be done digitally, so "I do not have a computer/internet/printer" is not an acceptable excuse.

Part 1: Email Me – Due on/before Friday, August 7th

1. E-mail me (from you PACE email) acknowledge that you have received the summer assignment. My e-mail is bacosta@pacehs.com
2. Format the e-mail as follows:
 - a. Subject Line = Your First and Last Name – AP Seminar
 - b. Construct your email as a "Letter of Introduction"
 - c. The body should contain the following information (on separate lines):
 - "I have reviewed the summer assignment and am aware of my responsibilities" – OR – "I have reviewed the summer assignment and have the following questions..."
 - Why did you decide to take AP seminar?
 - What are your educational goals?
 - For example – when I was your age, I wanted to maintain a 3.5 GPA while working 20 hours a week in order to save up for a car.
 - What is your biggest concern about taking AP seminar?
 - When it comes to writing, what do you feel is your greatest weakness?
 - Anything additional you would like me to be aware of, now is your chance to disclose it.
3. Hit send and verify it has sent BEFORE YOU CLOSE YOUR DEVICE :)

Part 2: Read, Annotate, & Research with *Outliers* by Malcolm Gladwell – Due on August 19/20th (second day of school)

1. Annotate *Outliers*.
2. Keeping the qualities you identified in mind, conduct your own research into an individual whom you see as an outlier, someone who is not mentioned in the book (refer to list at the bottom. Read guidelines on 2nd page) .
 - For a businessperson, you may want to visit websites such as *Forbes Magazine* (forbes.com), *The Washington Post* (thewashingtonpost.com), or *The New York Times* (nytimes.com).
 - For a celebrity, maybe *Rolling Stone Magazine* (rollingstone.com) or *Entertainment Weekly* (ew.com) could have information you need.
 - For an athlete, *Sports Illustrated* (si.com) or ESPN (espn.go.com) might help you.
 - National Public Radio (npr.org) could prove valuable in all cases as well.
3. For the outlier you chose, write a 2 page, double spaced, 12 font, paper defending your choice. Use references in your paper.

Outliers you **CANNOT** research:

Alexander Bickel
Louis Borgenicht
Laureano Caviedes
Joe Flom
Bill Gates
Mort Janklow

George Harrison
Steve Jobs
Bill Joy
Mauricio Klotz
Christopher Langan
John Lennon

David Levin
Paul McCartney
Mozart
Daisy Nation
Robert Oppenheimer
Ringo Starr

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