**AP Research Summer Prep:**

Hello! Congratulations on your submission of the AP Seminar Digital Portfolio. All the skills you have practiced and developed over the course of this year will continue to be important both in life and during your future education. In order to get a jumpstart on next year’s work, here is an assignment that will help you identify your research topic/question and zero in on some key considerations. I have been assured that Mrs. Carlson will award extra “points” for whatever work you complete over the summer and submit. Please type your responses and organize by “Concept”. Complete reflection questions and the additional work using complete sentences, paragraphs. Please be as thorough as possible

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| **Concept** | **Description** | **Reflection Questions to Answer (Required)** | **Additional Work**  **(Required)** |
| **Focus**  Research Discipline  And Topic | \*Discipline Lens or section of focus  ~Art  ~History  ~Humanities  ~Social Sciences  ~Mathematics  ~Hard Sciences  \*Topic:  Specific interest within a discipline that creates the basics of your research question | 1.What discipline do you feel you are most successful in at school?  2.What discipline would you enjoy working in during  your research?  3.What details can you add to your discipline to shape your topic interest? | \*Gather 5 research articles in the discipline of your interest.  Create a file for next year where you can keep track or save these articles. |
| **Scope**  Depth and Size of your research project | \*Context:  The specific setting of your research  \*Variables:  The items/people/situations/issues/concepts being studied and/or manipulated | 4.What specific things will you study?  People? Animals? Things? Concepts? Theories?  5.How will you work with the people/animals/things/concepts/theories that you will research? | \*Find a current discussion about your topic.  Look for contrasting views.  Save this on your computer or print this out for future reference. |
| **Value**  Contribution to the Body of Knowledge | The value of your research is determined by how your contribution enhances what is already known about the topic.  You are expected to either add to the current conversation of a discipline or use multiple discipline conversations to create new knowledge. | 6.  Will your research change the way we currently see the topic?  7.  How will your research benefit society or your discipline of study? | **C.  Write a reflection regarding questions 6 & 7.** |
| **Feasibility**  Possibility of Research | Time, money, and resources can play a major part in determining the ability to complete your research.  You will have around two months to complete your actual research project. | 8.  Who might be able to help you with your research?  9.  What would you need physically and/or monetarily to complete your research? | D.  **Write a reflection regarding your connection to anyone who could help with the research and/or if you would need resources to complete this interaction.** |