

Summer Work

The summer work for AP Research is easy, fun, and will benefit you greatly when the school year starts. I want you to keep a “Writer’s Notebook” and do some preliminary reading this summer to chronicle your thoughts, ideas, and findings on possible topics for your Research project next year.

Step One:

For your Writer’s Notebook, you will need to:

- 1) **Think**
- 2) **Record**

Step Two:

For your preliminary reading, you will need to:

- 1) **Read**
- 2) **Record**

Not too bad, right?

Let me give you a bit more direction:

For Step One:

- 1) **Think** about topics that are of interest to you (which you do all the time anyway).
- 2) **Record** those topics (at least 3) and what it is about them that you find compelling, as well as what concerns you have about Researching those topics.

For Step Two:

- 1) **Read** about the topics you identified in step one (the goal is to learn more about them; at this point don’t worry about scholarly sources).
- 2) **Record** what you learned from your reading on the attached template.

Here is the purpose of this work - you will spend the school year, the entire school year, working on one research project that will result in one paper and one presentation. So the sooner you know what topic you want to pursue, the sooner you can get started on your project. That being said, I encourage you to come up with at least three ideas in case one or two don’t work out. At this point, you do not need to think through exactly what you want to find out or how you will go about conducting your research; just jot down and learn a little about a few ideas!

The biggest challenge students in AP Research have is managing their time well. Keeping this in mind, let’s get off to a good start! I suggest you are ready to start on step two by the 4th of July. You may find that after working on step two, you want to go back and add ideas to your Writer’s Notebook. If that is the case, please do so! AP Research involves a lot of “circling back” and rethinking things. Bring both your Writer’s Notebook and your reading log to class on August 17th, when our adventure begins!

Happy Summer!
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