Welcome to AP Seminar! You are a true pioneer, as you are part of the very first AP Seminar class at Pikesville High School. This is an inquiry-based course where we will ask questions, challenge ideas, and evaluate arguments. Most of our coursework will be based on complex current issues that face our world today. We will focus on the how and the why behind our ideas, choices, and societal expectations.

This summer, I would like you to complete the following:

**Part I: Ask a “big idea” question.** Think deeply about a specific issue that you care about and craft a central question surrounding that issue. Your question may be inspired by current events this summer.

Your question may be grounded in one of the following broader lenses:

- Environmental
- Scientific
- Economic
- Historical
- Political
- Philosophical
- Artistic
- Ethical
- Cultural and Social
- Futuristic

**Part II: Write a response to your question that does not exceed 750 words.** This should be thoughtful, original, and concise. This will be my first impression of you as a writer. This assignment should be typed, double spaced, Times New Roman, size 12 font.

**Part III: Bring your question and your answer to class on September 23.** If you would like a no fault, first read of your paper for suggestions on revisions, please bring it to class on the first day of school.

If you have any questions over the summer, please feel free to email me at eharoth@bcps.org. I look forward to meeting you!

Ms. Haroth