

AP Research Summer Reading Assignment

"Research is formalized curiosity. It is poking and prying with a purpose."-Zora Neale Hurston

AP Research will involve the collection of both quantitative and qualitative data. We will study both types in great detail next year. For the summer, I would like you to reflect on a particular issue of interest, and simply begin to collect information or ideas regarding this issue from a variety of perspectives.

Task I: The Issue

Answer the questions below in paragraph form.

1. Briefly describe your issue or topic of choice.
2. Why is this issue relevant today?
3. What are the varying perspectives on this issue and why do they exist?
4. Who is affected by this issue? Explain.
5. Read two scholarly articles from different perspectives on this topic. Summarize each and provide the MLA citation.

Task II: Collecting Information

Choose three people to interview regarding their opinions on this topic. These people should vary in age, education level, gender, background, etc. Create questions to ask each of the three individuals regarding this issue and share their responses. You are welcome to keep their responses anonymous.

For task II, please submit a short description of each person (age, gender, occupation, etc.) and a transcript of the interview.

Task III: Your Reflection

Compose a reflection on your own beliefs regarding this topic. This should be 350-500 words and include thoughtful analysis that is based on your understanding of multiple perspectives.

This assignment is due on September 15. Please email me over the summer with any questions.