

AP Research Summer Assignments 2023

Please make sure to read your school emails at least two times per week over the summer. Summer updates will be posted frequently.

Begin to consider possible general ideas for your research project. I would like you to email me three ideas for your research by June 30th. For each idea, please explain why you are interested in that topic. These may or may not be your final project topic, it is OK to change as we will continue to focus on topic choice in September.

Please purchase the course book soon, as you will need it for the summer assignments. It is *Understanding Research Methods: An Overview of the Essentials* (10th ed) by Mildred Patten and Michelle Newhart and published by Routledge. The ISBN is 978-415-790-52-9. The paperback edition is OK to use. This is a guide to research methodology. You can get it from the JC book access or Amazon.

The summer assignments are:

Read the entire preface for the book. Pay particular attention to the first section, “Why Should Students Have an Overview of Research Methods?”

Read Topics 1-7 (pages 1-24). For each of the topics, answer the Research Planning questions, primarily focusing on your own chosen idea/question. This is to help you further plan how you will conduct and guide your research. Please answer these questions thoughtfully and use them to help your understanding.

Due dates. Email your responses as attached files. Put your name on all assignments. For the answers, please indicate which of the topics you are answering AND make sure to submit your answers in a file format that is easy to open (doc or pdf is the best). If it is a Google Doc, make sure I have permission to open it.

Due June 30th

Two to three topic ideas for your project with explanations. See above.

Topics 1 and 2. Research Planning questions, focus on your idea. Your answers can be in bullet form, but please use complete sentences.

Due July 30th

Research Planning questions for Topics 3-5. Your answers can be in bullet form, but please use complete sentences.

Due August 31st

Research Planning questions for Topics 6 and 7. Your answers can be in bullet form, but please use complete sentences.