***AP RESEARCH SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS***

**Please be aware that students will be held responsible for the assignments on the first day of the fall semester. If a student chooses to change the level of course or class or program over the summer, the student will be held responsible for the summer assignments for the courses reflected on the schedule for the first day of school. If you have questions regarding summer assignments, please contact our ELA department chair Andrea Weaver at** [**weavera@pcsb.org**](mailto:weavera@pcsb.org)**.**

AP Research Summer 2024/2025 – for AP Research Summer assignments.

**Task 1: Read and Reflect**

* + Read [*Introduction to Research Methods 5th Edition: A Practical Guide for Anyone Undertaking a Research Project*](https://www.amazon.com/Introduction-Research-Methods-5th-Undertaking/dp/1408711052/ref=sr_1_1?crid=1TGGELH12OKH1&keywords=Introduction+to+Research+Methods+5th+Edition%3A+A+Practical+Guide+for+Anyone+Undertaking+a+Research+Project&qid=1651754105&s=digital-text&sprefix=introduction+to+research+methods+5th+edition+a+practical+guide+for+anyone+undertaking+a+research+project%2Cdigital-text%2C239&sr=1-1-catcorr) *by* Dr. Catherine Dawson
  + Reflect on each chapter by answering:
  + **What is the most important thing the author wanted you to learn or think about after reading each chapter? Explain.** 
    - Responses for each chapter should be at least one paragraph.
    - Responses do *not* need to be particularly formal – first person pronouns and a conversational tone are fine – but they should show some depth of thought.

## Task 2: Interest Inventory

**Part I** is an interest inventory. Answers to the questions below have the potential to develop into research questions. It has been my experience that students do better in AP Research when they select topics that are unique and tied to genuine interest. So, answer honestly and don’t self-edit.

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| **Question** | **Answer** |
| 1. Look up topics related to art or culture (music, literature, film, theater, etc.).  What interests you? |  |
| 2. Look up topics related to the economy – U.S. or another country. What interests you? |  |
| 3. Look up topics related to the business world. What interests you? |  |
| 4. What are some current political issues in the U.S.? |  |
| 5. What are some current political issues globally? |  |
| 6. What are some historical topics that interest you? |  |
| 7. What historical topics relate to a current issue today? |  |
| 8. What are some health/medical related topics that interest you? |  |
| 9. Which kind of science most interests you? What are some topics in that field? |  |
| 10. What are some current ideas/issues happening in the world of technology? |  |
| 11. What place(s) interests you?  (Landmarks, e.g. Stonehenge, biomes, cities) |  |
| 12. What is your favorite book? Movie? Why? |  |
| 13. What career are you considering pursuing? |  |
| 14. In what ways do people surprise you? |  |
| 15. What are some current issues in education? |  |
| 16. Spend one day observing as you go about your day (brush your teeth, drive around, walk, shop, interact, travel, etc.) What are some interesting things you notice? What do you wonder? What surprises you? |  |

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| **Question** | **Answer** |
| 17. What fascinates you? |  |
| 18. What is something you are curious about? |  |
| 19. What is a topic you are passionate about? |  |
| 20. What is something you would like to create? |  |