



## **SUMMER ASSIGNMENT 2018**

### **AP CAPSTONE RESEARCH**

In order to find a topic that will be of interest to you for an entire year, it is a great idea to consider who you are; what you like; what you dislike; what courses you do well in at school; as well as what work you struggle with in your studies.

This year, your summer assignment for AP Research might feel a little different than other schoolwork you have done, but that is a good thing!

When you return to school in September please have ready to share:

- 1) Your weekday schedule during the summer (just one sample of a typical day will suffice);
- 2) Your weekend schedule during the summer (again one example will suffice);
- 3) Your schedule during any vacations;
- 4) Your typical schedule during your junior year;
- 5) Your favorite ways to spend your free time;
- 6) Your favorite subjects in school;
- 7) Your least favorite subjects in school;
- 8) What AP courses you have senior year;
- 9) Three things you always wanted to know more about;
- 10) Three things you are curious about but do not seem like school-related topics (maybe the history of Snoopy or the dating practices of adolescents or the dedication of sports fans);
- 11) Three things you are passionate about in your life and the world around you;
- 12) Three things you think everyone else takes too seriously;
- 13) Three things you think no one takes seriously enough;
- 14) Three interesting things about yourself;
- 15) Three things you hate;
- 16) Three things you would do if you won a lot of money;
- 17) Three things you would change about Brooklyn Tech if you could;
- 18) Three things you would change about NYC if you could;
- 19) Three things you would change about the United States of America if you could;
- 20) Three things you would change about the world if you could;
- 21) Three hobbies/interests/passions from grade school you have abandoned;
- 22) Three things you love that you never have time for anymore;
- 23) Three books you wish you had read;
- 24) Three YouTube channels you follow or social media accounts you follow;
- 25) Three people you would like to meet (living or dead);
- 26) Three places you would like to travel;
- 27) Three questions you have about this class;
- 28) Three things you think this list omitted;
- 29) Three things you adore and love.



You should compile this information in a bound notebook dedicated to AP Research. This notebook will be the beginning of your AP Research journal, and it will be assessed throughout the course of the year.

How can you do well with this first assignment? Really spend time on each component you are asked to consider. For example: make a chart of your day with specific times. Consider all of the things you do and whether or not you are curious about them/enjoy them/do them out of obligation/etc. Make a mind map of your ideas. These are just some suggested ideas. Please use the ones that help you, but you should feel free to present this information in any way that you think is relevant or creative.

Do not just list three things when asked. Explain your choices and elaborate on them. If a memory springs to mind, write it down. If you want to elaborate on why you love chemistry do so.

I expect neatness, creativity, color, images, details, artistic expression, intellectual engagement, and honesty. You can make collages; you can include articles; you can find artifacts—old exams, projects of the past, photographs—to add to your entries.

Have fun with this work as it will not only guide your choices in this course, but it will actually also help you get some ideas for your college essay.

Length? If I imagine a notebook, I suspect, after making charts, drawing images, creating a collage, making maps, etc....it will be at least ten pages about yourself and your proclivities and dislikes. I want you to think about who you are and what you like. This is the best way to enter AP Research and our year of recursive inquiry.

Enjoy the reflective time, and I will meet you in September.

Best,

Ms. Rowley

**Due Date: Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**