

## AP Seminar Summer Reading 2022-23

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**Welcome to AP Seminar!** I am so very excited that you have chosen the AP Seminar course—it is a powerful course that will change the way that you think about writing and research (in a good way!) and I very much look forward to having you in class. The task that follows will give you a taste of some of the ideas we will be discussing this year, and to that end, I can't wait to see what you come up with! We are going to have a GREAT year!

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### **Assignment Directions:**

#### **Step 1:**

For nearly the whole of our year, we will be using the following list of themes. Read through the list and identify the two (2) themes that most interest you. If there is a theme about which you are uncertain or you do not understand the concept—do not select it! We will discuss it when we meet together as a class.

- *Aesthetics*
- *Belief*
- *Communication*
- *Courage*
- *Culture*
- *Democracy*
- *Discovery*
- *Discrimination*
- *Diversity*
- *Education*
- *Environment*
- *Evolution*
- *Food*
- *Freedom*
- *Government*
- *Health*
- *Home*
- *Identity*
- *Immigration*
- *Innovation*
- *Intelligence*
- *Justice*
- *Language*
- *Liberty*
- *Media*
- *Modeling*
- *Myth*
- *Networks*
- *Opportunity*
- *Peace / War*
- *Perception*
- *Place*
- *Power*
- *Protest*
- *Revolution*
- *Rights / Responsibilities*
- *Social media*
- *Space*
- *Sustainability*
- *Technology*
- *Theory*
- *Traditions*
- *Transformation*
- *Utopia*
- *Work / Leisure*
- *Wealth / Poverty*

#### **Step 2:**

Follow the news! On a regular basis over the summer, consult the news using the specific sources/outlets listed below looking for stories and events that relate to the two (2) themes that you noted as interesting in step 1. --Random web searches for the topic/theme are not acceptable—follow current events using the specified outlets.

Specific News Outlets & Links:

- Reuters: <https://www.reuters.com/>
- The Associated Press: <https://apnews.com/>
- The BBC: <https://www.bbc.com/>
- The Wall Street Journal: <https://www.wsj.com/>
- The New York Times: <https://www.nytimes.com/>
- The Guardian: <https://www.theguardian.com/international>
- USA Today: <https://eu.usatoday.com/>

**Step 3:**

Construct a NEWS JOURNAL for each of the two (2) THEMES using the sources that you consult during your reading—the format is as follows:

**Theme #1:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Entry #1:

- ⇒ Article title, author, and publication:
  - ⇒ Publication Date:
  - ⇒ Web link:
  - ⇒ Brief summary of the article (3-5 sentences):
  - ⇒ Identify at least 2 topics/issues/questions/problems related to the larger THEME that the article raises/addresses:
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Entry #2:

- ⇒ Article title, author, and publication:
  - ⇒ Publication Date:
  - ⇒ Web link:
  - ⇒ Brief summary of the article (3-5 sentences):
  - ⇒ Identify at least 2 topics/issues/questions/problems related to the larger THEME that the article raises/addresses:
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Entry #3:

- ⇒ Article title, author, and publication:
  - ⇒ Publication Date:
  - ⇒ Web link:
  - ⇒ Brief summary of the article (3-5 sentences):
  - ⇒ Identify at least 2 topics/issues/questions/problems related to the larger THEME that the article raises/addresses:
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Entry #4:

- ⇒ Article title, author, and publication:
- ⇒ Publication Date:
- ⇒ Web link:
- ⇒ Brief summary of the article (3-5 sentences):
- ⇒ Identify at least 2 topics/issues/questions/problems related to the larger THEME that the article raises/addresses:

## Theme #2:

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  - ⇒ Publication Date:
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### **Step 4:**

Have your NEWS JOURNAL ready by the second day of class—you will present your NEWS JOURNAL to your peers in a short presentation. More specific guidelines will be provided in class.

Should you have any questions as you engage with this task, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Cicoria at [ccicoria@asparis.fr](mailto:ccicoria@asparis.fr).