



AP Seminar Summer Assignment 2026 - 2027

Course Overview:

AP Seminar is a foundational course that engages students in cross-curricular conversations that explore the complexities of academic and real-world topics and issues by analyzing divergent perspectives. Using an inquiry framework, students practice reading and analyzing articles, research studies, and foundational, literary, and philosophical texts; listening to and viewing speeches, broadcasts, and personal accounts; and experiencing artistic works and performances. Students learn to synthesize information from multiple sources, develop their own perspectives in written essays, and design and deliver oral and visual presentations, both individually and as part of a team. Ultimately, the course aims to equip students with the power to analyze and evaluate information with accuracy and precision in order to craft and communicate evidence-based arguments.

Please complete the following tasks:

1. Read *Animal Farm*, a novella by George Orwell.
2. Research the following individuals and concepts linked to the Russian Revolution listed below. Work to make connections to the characters and concepts in *Animal Farm*.
 - a. Karl Marx
 - b. Tsar Nicholas II
 - c. Communism
 - d. Leon Trotsky
 - e. Joseph Stalin
 - f. The KGB
 - g. Propaganda
3. Trace the shifting power throughout the novella and determine what fuels the evolution of power.
4. Be prepared to take an exam over the novella during the first week of school.

I will not collect and grade the notes you take. Your notes and responses to the above tasks will be needed to prepare for the exam you will take during the first week of school.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

I am excited to work with you this year!

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