

A Caution about AI/ChatGPT

Dear AP Student:

We are pleased that you have accepted the challenges of AP courses. These courses are designed to challenge you with a depth of knowledge and experience you will encounter on the college level. The rewards of each course are the skills developed in each discipline.

As teachers of AP, we strive to provide students with all the steps in the process to becoming successful by interacting with the materials in various ways. Our hope is that as students encounter obstacles in working through material, they will work diligently and productively to overcome them. Such is the reality of progress and growth.

Such progress can be stunted, however, when students rely on methods other than themselves and academically accepted discussions with peers and mentors to work through the challenges placed before them. We have all been warned of the dangers of plagiarism, and we are aware of the consequences when we copy someone else's work without attribution, when we ask someone else to do our work for us, when we buy work online, and other such situations. Now, we must be aware that using ChatGPT or any other such AI generator falls under the category of plagiarism as well. When you tell a machine what you need and it creates it for you, you have done no work of any significance. You have not worked your brain. You have not overcome any obstacles.

Therefore, beginning this school year, all summer assignments that can be submitted to turnitin.com will be submitted. As such, please submit the following document to turnitin.com in its entirety (though you are welcome to delete this first page). Any assignment receiving a high AI percentage will receive no credit. Additionally, I *highly recommend* that all students exclusively use Google Documents to type their work as a way to authenticate that no AI generator was used.

With this in mind, approach all of your studies with purpose and diligence.

Regards,

FSAPS AP Staff

AP Research Summer Assignment

Part 1: Interest Inventory

The goal of this assignment is to brainstorm ideas for your AP Research project. Complete the interest inventory before continuing with the next assignments. Your answers can be bullet-pointed phrases or short sentences, but please *refrain* from writing full paragraphs. **There are 16 categories; please choose 10 that you are most intrigued/excited by to answer.**

Question	Answer
Before diving into a variety of different topics to gauge your interests, what is a topic that <i>you</i> can see yourself researching for this course?	
Look up topics related to art or culture (music, literature, film, theater, etc.). What interests you?	
Look up topics related to the economy – U.S. or another country. What interests you?	
Look up topics related to the business world. What interests you?	
What are some current political issues in the U.S.?	
What are some current political issues globally?	
What are some historical topics that interest you?	
What historical topics relate to a current issue today?	
What are some health/medical related topics that interest you?	

Which kind of science most interests you? What are some topics in that field?	
What are some current ideas/issues happening in the world of technology?	
What place interests you?	
What is your favorite book? Movie? Why?	
What career are you considering pursuing?	
In what ways do people surprise you?	
What are some current issues in education?	

Part 2: Research Question

Use the interest inventory to write 3 research questions for two different topics that you are especially passionate about. These topics can be pulled from the interest inventory you completed above or from your own personal repertoire. Use what you think a research question is as your guidance for this part.

Topic 1:

Question 1	
Question 2	
Question 3	

Topic 2:

Question 1	
Question 2	
Question 3	

Part 3: Field Exploration

Choose a field of study that interests you - you can use the interest inventory above to guide you, or choose your own topic.

Write a two-page paper explaining why you are interested in this field. Your essay should discuss what draws you to this particular field and why it necessitates more study in your opinion. You should also discuss any questions in this field that you would like to explore further. Please include any personal or academic experiences that have influenced your choice.

Your essay should be typed and double-spaced with 1” margins on all sides and include a proper header in the upper left-hand corner of the document. Please use Times New Roman, 12 pt. font. Please write your essay beginning on the next page of this document.

Start your essay on the following page.