

AP Research Summer Assignment 2026

Please make sure to read your school emails at least two times per week over the summer. Summer updates will be posted frequently.

Begin to consider possible general ideas for your research project. Email three ideas for your research by July 17th. For each idea, please explain why you are interested in that topic. These may or may not be your final project topic, it is OK to change as we will continue to focus on topic choice in September.

Please purchase the course book soon, as you will need it for the summer assignments. It is *Understanding Research Methods: An Overview of the Essentials* (11th ed) by Mildred Patten and Michelle Newhart and published by Routledge. The paperback edition is acceptable to use. This is a guide to research methodology. You can get it from the JC book access or Amazon.

The summer assignments are:

Read the entire preface for the book. Pay particular attention to the section, “Why Students Benefit Students from Learning about Research Methods?”

All work should be done in MS Word and emailed.

Due dates. Email your responses as attached files. Put your name on all assignments. For the answers, please indicate which of the topics you are answering AND make sure to submit your answers in a file format that is easy to open (doc or pdf is the best). Please no Google Docs.

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Due July 17th

Two to three topic ideas for your project with explanations. See above.

Read Part 1; 1.01 through 1.08 (pages 1-45). For each of the topics, answer the Check Your Understanding Questions. This is to help you further plan how you will conduct and guide your research. Please answer these questions thoughtfully and use them to help your understanding.

Due August 14th

Read Part 2; 2.01 through 2.10 (pages 47-99). For each of the topics, answer the Check Your Understanding Questions. This is to help you further plan how you will conduct and guide your research. Please answer these questions thoughtfully and use them to help your understanding.