

AP Capstone Research: Developing The Research Question

Concept	Description	Reflection Questions to Answer (Required)	Additional Work (See Instructions for more information)
Focus ----- Research Discipline and Topic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Discipline: Lens or section of focus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Art / Music ○ History ○ Humanities ○ Hard Science ○ Social Sciences ○ Mathematics ● Topic: Specific interest within a discipline that creates the basics of your research question 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What discipline do you feel you are most successful in at school? Explain. ● What discipline would you enjoy working in during your research? Why? ● Looking at your gathered sources, how does your identified discipline structure research? ● What details can you add to your discipline to shape your topic interest? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gather 10 research articles in the discipline of your interest. ● You can use these articles to help inform the structure and style of your academic paper. This will remove some of your confusion when you begin composing your academic paper
Scope ----- Depth and Size of your Research Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Context: The specific setting of your research ● Variables: The items/people/situations/ issues/concepts being studied and/or manipulated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What specific things will you study? People? Animals? Things? Concepts? Theories? ● How will you work with the things that you will research? ● Looking at the methodologies of your gathered research, what possible methodologies would be appropriate for your initial research question? Explain your response. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Find 10 research articles that work with similar variables to your research interest. ● You can use these articles to help inform your research method that you will construct in the course.
Value ----- Contribution to the Body of Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The value of your research is determined by how your contribution enhances what is already known about the topic. ● You are expected to either add to the current conversation of a discipline or use multiple discipline conversations to create new knowledge. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Will your research change the way we currently see the topic? Explain your response. ● How will your research benefit society or your discipline of study? Explain your response. ● How have you determined that your initial research question fills a gap in your body of knowledge? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Find 10 current discussions about your topic. Look for contrasting views and perspectives about the topic. You will be able to use this content for your literature review or discussion of your topic. This will help you locate the need for your project.
Feasibility ----- Possibility of Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Time, money, and resources can play a major part in determining the ability to complete your research. ● You will have around two months to complete your actual research project: December & January. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What will you physically and/or monetarily need to complete your research? Will you be able to get access to this material? ● How long will your research take? Is it possible for you to complete this assignment within the school year? ● Who can help you with your research? How can they help? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Make contact with an adult that is skilled in your topic. Explain the basics of AP Research and talk with them. Ask if they would be interested in supporting you during your research process as an expert advisor.

Initial Research Question: