

## Advanced Placement Capstone Seminar

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### 2023 Summer Assignment

Welcome to AP Capstone Seminar. This is a challenging course that will set the foundation for your research and writing skills. Throughout the year, we will be reading widely on social, economic, and philosophical issues.

For your summer work, I would like you to read carefully and reflect upon the different resources below. I would like you to choose TWO of them to focus on:

1. [IQ tests can't measure it, but 'cognitive flexibility' is key to learning and creativity](#) -Barbara Jacquelyn Sahakian, Professor of Clinical Neuropsychology; Christelle Langley, Postdoctoral Research Associate, Cognitive Neuroscience; Victoria Leong, Assistant Professor of Psychology, *The Conversation*
2. [Breaking the Spell of Money](#) -Scott Russell Sanders, *Orion Magazine*
3. [The Future of Fashion Is Circular: Why the 2020s Will Be About Making New Clothes Out of Old Ones](#) -Emily Farra, *Vogue Magazine*
4. [Why suffering setbacks could make you more successful](#) -Ian Leslie, *BBC*
5. [Global heating is cutting sleep across the world, study finds](#) -Damian Carrington Environment editor, *The Guardian*
6. [People's words and actions can actually shape your brain — a neuroscientist explains how](#) -Lisa Feldman Barrett PhD, *TED*
7. [The '3.5% rule': How a small minority can change the world](#) - David Robson, *BBC*

**Assignment:** Choose TWO of the above sources to write about in two written responses. You will conduct additional independent research to inform and complicate your response.

- Write a 500 word [response](#) to EACH of the two original sources. Include:
  - Title and author of source
  - The author's argument, main idea, or thesis
  - Explain the author's line of reasoning by identifying the claims (main ideas) used to build the argument and the connections between them.
  - Evaluate the effectiveness of the evidence the author uses to support the claims made in the argument. In other words, are you convinced by what the author is saying based on the evidence provided?
- **For EACH** of the TWO sources you choose, find:
  - At **least** one additional source which **supports** the author's point of view
  - At **least** one additional source which **contradicts it** or **modifies it**.
- Include a two sentence description of each source that explains how it was useful in your response. Refer to your research sources in the body of your response
- Cite the sources in a Works Cited page.
- [Student Sample](#) - This is the level of detail I'm looking for.

**All work MUST be submitted ELECTRONICALLY via email.** Share it with Mr. Lux and make sure to send me an e-mail notification by **the first day of classes in August 2023.** Please introduce yourself and write a message when you notify me with your assignment.

**Important Note:** Fully completing **all** of the summer assignment is a precondition for acceptance into the course. **Make sure I have editing capabilities for grading purposes.**