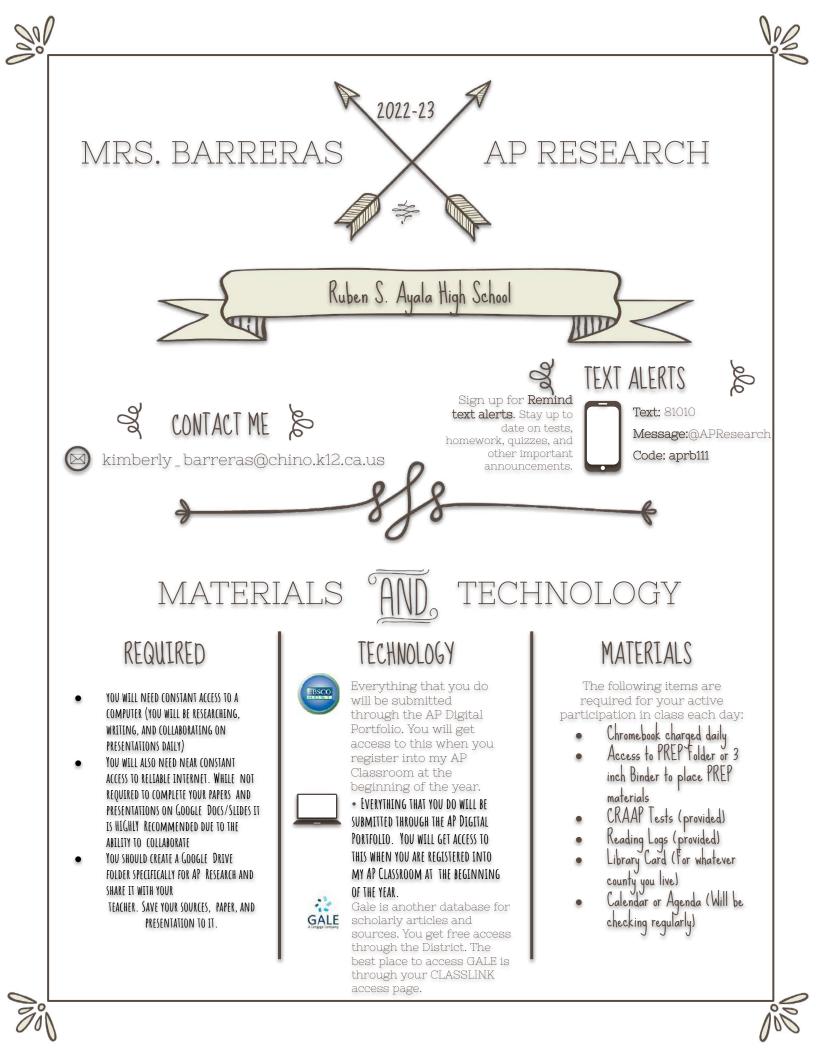
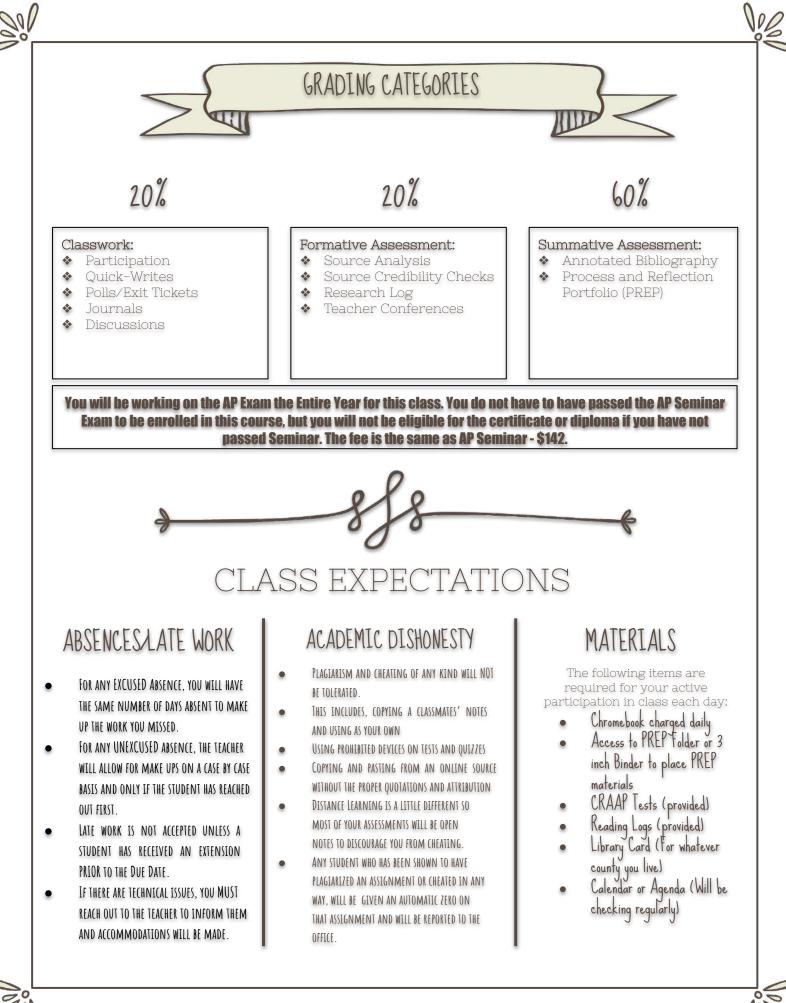


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Defense

THE ACADEMIC PAPER-15%

Academic Paper (AP)

The body of the academic paper must contain the elements listed in the following table. These elements should be presented in a style and structure appropriate to the discipline in which the topic resides (e.g., psychology, science, music). Abstracts, if included, are not considered part of the body of the academic paper and are not assessed. The academic paper must be written for an educated, non-expert audience.

Required Element Description

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Introduction and Literature Review	Introduces research question/project goal and reviews previous work in the field.
	Synthesizes the varying perspectives in the scholarly literature to situate the research question/project goal within a gap in the current field of knowledge.
Method, Process, or Approach	Explains and provides justification for the chosen method, process, or approach and its alignment with the research question.
Results, Product, or Findings	Presents the findings, evidence, results, or performance/exhibit/product generated by the research method.
Discussion, Analysis, and/or Evaluation	Interprets the significance of the results, performance/exhibit/product, or findings; explores connections to original research question/project goal.
Conclusion and Future Directions	Articulates the new understanding generated through the research process and the limitations of the conclusion or creative work.
	Discusses the implications to the community of practice.
	Identifies areas for future research.
Bibliography	Provides a complete list of sources cited and consulted in the appropriate disciplinary style.

THE PRESENTATION AND ORAL DEFENSE -25%

Presentation and Oral Defense (POD)

All students will develop a 15–20 minute presentation (using appropriate media) and deliver it to an oral defense panel of three evaluators. It is suggested that students' oral presentation be no longer than 15 minutes to ensure at least 5 minutes for the oral defense. The presentation and oral defense should take no longer than 15–20 minutes total. Like the academic paper, the presentation provides an opportunity for students to showcase their research by communicating effectively and succinctly to an audience of educated, non-experts. Students whose academic paper is accompanied by an additional piece of scholarly work (e.g., performance, exhibit, product) must arrange for the teacher and panelists to view this work prior to the presentation and oral defense.

The presentation should distill the student's argument by:

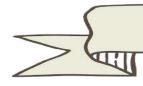
- identifying the research question/project goal
- describing and explaining initial assumptions and hypotheses/ideas and their relation to the student's personal conclusion
- providing the rationale for choices made during the research process (cite or attribute sources or evidence as needed)
- explaining the research process/method, evidence generated, conclusions, and implications

engaging the audience through a dynamic use of design, delivery, and performance techniques

Following the presentation, an oral defense panel will ask three questions of the student. The panel must consist of the AP Research teacher and two additional adult panel members (preferably expert advisers or disciplinespecific experts) chosen by the AP Research teacher. This evaluative component is designed to assess a student's articulation of the inquiry process, understanding of results and conclusions, and reflection on the research experience.

Three of these questions must be chosen from the oral defense question list, which is provided to students in advance. The oral defense panel should ask one question pertaining to the student's research or inquiry process, one question focused on the student's depth of understanding, and one question about the student's reflection throughout the inquiry process as evidenced in their process and reflection portfolio (PREP). The wording of the questions may be tailored to a student's specific project. In addition, a fourth question is permitted to clarify one of the student's answers to a previous question. Any additional questions beyond the fourth question are at the discretion of the teacher but should not be used in scoring the oral defense.

Teachers should offer students presentation guidelines including best practices for delivering information (e.g., vocal and movement techniques, use of multimedia or visual aids). It is strongly suggested that students be given opportunities to practice in front of their peers to gather feedback and learn how to respond succinctly to questions and critiques. Such practice is important to assist students in preparing for their presentations and oral defense.



WHAT IS THE PREP?

Preparing the Process and Reflection Portfolio (PREP)

The primary purpose of the process and reflection portfolio (PREP) is to inspire, support, and document the students' development throughout their research process. This portfolio should be reviewed throughout the year as a formative assessment component of the course and should be maintained by the student as evidence of participating in research to show to academic counselors, college admission officers, and faculty members.

Throughout the inquiry process, students will document their research and/or artistic processes and communications with their expert advisers, pose questions they want to explore, and reflect on the decisions made throughout the iterative research process. Students should also examine their strengths and weaknesses with regard to implementing such processes and developing their arguments or aesthetic rationales.

Through the professional development experience, teachers will be provided with a list of optional questions and tasks to help them guide students through the inquiry process. These questions help students in the early months of the academic year as they begin the inquiry process and throughout the year as they examine, and reexamine, their chosen areas of study and the process by which they engage in research. Teachers can also design their own questions and tasks.

The combined group of questions and tasks in the PREP document should address all five big ideas in the curriculum framework (QUEST), with specific attention paid to the following:

- Choice of the research question and interest in the subject matter
- Directions in which the inquiry or project seemed to lead and changes to initial topic, question, assumptions, and
 research method
- Research method, including resources used (documents, people, multimedia, measurement instruments etc.)
- Compilation and analysis of evidence
- Ways in which students have worked both on their own and as part of a larger scholarly community
- Challenges and solutions encountered throughout the research process

Teachers should regularly engage students in individual discussions or interviews to help them reflect on and document their work, organize their time, and reach appropriate milestones. Teachers should also use these discussions as opportunities to formatively assess students' progress. The PREP should be used to inform regular progress reviews throughout the year. Teacher and student preference can determine the format of the portfolio (electronic or hard copy).

In addition to responses to questions and tasks provided by teachers, the final form of the PREP should have a clear organizational structure and include:

- Annotated bibliography of any source important to the student's work
- A completed and approved Inquiry Proposal Form
- Documentation of permission(s) and approval(s), if required for example, permission(s) from an IRB or
 other agreements with individuals, institutions, or organizations that provide primary and private data such as
 interviews, surveys, or investigations
- Documentation or log of the student's interaction with expert adviser(s) and the role the expert adviser(s) played in the student's learning and inquiry process
- Feedback from peer and adult reviewers both in the initial stages and at key points in the research process; reflection on whether or not this feedback was accepted or rejected and why
- Photographs, charts, spreadsheets, and/or links to videos or other relevant visual research/project artifacts
- Draft versions of selected sections of the academic paper
- Specific pieces of work selected by the student to represent what they consider to be the best showcase for their work
- Notes taken in preparation for presentation and oral defense
- Attestation signed by the student which states, "I hereby affirm that the work contained in this Process and Reflection Portfolio is my own and that I have read and understand the AP Capstone™ Policy on Plagiarism and Falsification or Fabrication of Information"

You will receive a year-long checklist for your PREP, as well as more detailed instructions during the first week of school.

choose to purchase a 3 inch binder and keep it in my room A Calendar of some sort - either Google Calendar, iCalendar, or a hardcopy of a calendar to track and plan If you preter to have things printed or written down, you may have a hardcopy of your PKEP (typically organized into a 3 inch binder with tabs) in which you take pictures or scan relevant documents for grading

What will you need?

Google Drive subfolder

titled PREP within your

AP Research Google

Drive Folder - shared

with your teacher You may



EXPECTATIONS



• SINCE STUDENTS WILL BE CHOOSING WHAT TO STUDY IN THIS COURSE, ALL TOPICS MUST BE SCHOOL APPROPRIATE AND ACADEMIC IN NATURE.

- ALL TOPICS MUST BE APPROVED BY THE TEACHER PRIOR TO RESEARCHING AND WRITING.
- IF THERE IS A TOPIC THAT IS MORE DELICATE, YOU WILL NEED PARENT/GUARDIAN APPROVAL IN ORDER TO PURSUE IT.
- FOR THOSE WITH CONTROVERSIAL OR MORE MATURE TOPICS, STUDENTS WILL BE GIVEN A PARENT/GUARDIAN FORM TO SIGN BEFORE THEY WITNESS THE PRESENTATIONS OF THOSE TOPICS.
- ALL STUDENTS WILL BE RESPECTFUL TOWARD ANY TOPIC CHOSEN.

ABSENCES

• FOR ANY EXCUSED ABSENCE, YOU WILL HAVE THE SAME NUMBER OF DAYS ABSENT TO MAKE UP THE WORK YOU MISSED.

• FOR ANY UNEXCUSED ABSENCE, THE TEACHER WILL ALLOW FOR MAKE UPS ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS AND ONLY IF THE STUDENT HAS REACHED OUT FIRST.

LATE WORK

• LATE WORK IS NOT ACCEPTED UNLESS A STUDENT HAS RECEIVED AN EXTENSION PRIOR TO THE DUE DATE.

• IF THERE ARE TECHNICAL ISSUES, YOU MUST REACH OUT TO THE TEACHER TO INFORM THEM AND ACCOMMODATIONS

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

• PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING OF ANY KIND WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.

• THIS INCLUDES, COPYING A CLASSMATES' NOTES AND USING AS YOUR OWN

- USING PROHIBITED DEVICES ON TESTS
 AND QUIZZES
- COPYING AND PASTING FROM AN ONLINE SOURCE WITHOUT THE PROPER QUOTATIONS AND ATTRIBUTION
- ANY STUDENT WHO HAS BEEN SHOWN TO HAVE PLAGIARIZED AN ASSIGNMENT OR CHEATED IN ANY WAY, WILL BE GIVEN AN AUTOMATIC ZERO ON THAT ASSIGNMENT

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