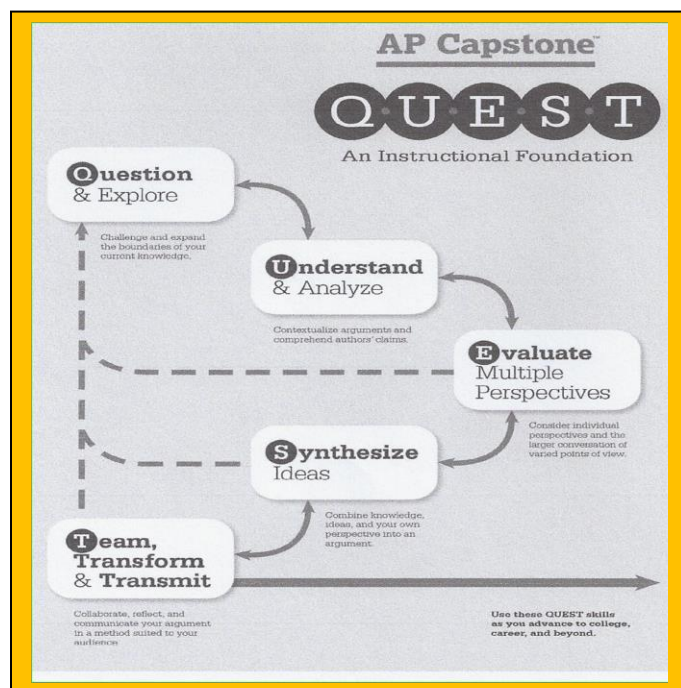


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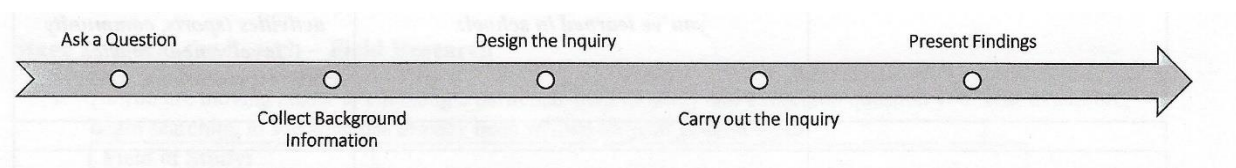
Dear BC AP Research Student,

Congratulations on completing **AP Seminar**, and welcome to the second half of the AP Capstone! I am excited about the opportunity of working with you this year ahead. During the course, we will continue with the QUEST Framework (College Board).



Now that you have mastered the skills to analyze and evaluate sources to synthesize your argument, you will design a research inquiry originally to you. Seminar ended with your synthesis of an argument based on reputable sources—this is where **AP Research** begins. You are not required to build upon your Seminar projects, but you may do so if you enjoyed any of them.

In **AP Research**, your path will look something like this:



Your end goal will be to present your findings in an academic paper along with a presentation and oral defense. However, it is the **PROCESS** of research that will be most important in your growth as a BC Crusader and student rather than the product. Most of you will experience challenges, but they will be manageable and surmountable with the help from your peers and from me (along with other faculty and staff). All this will be coupled with a healthy dose of positive self-talk, and you will have grown into a Research Master.

The most important thing about your topic is that it is interesting to you personally. Do not choose a research topic simply because it sounds academic or like someone else would think it is interesting. You will be spending the whole year on this project—it will be a more difficult year if you do not like your topic. According to the College Board, some areas you may want to consider as areas of research are:

- Natural Sciences, Technology, Mathematics, Environment
- Social Sciences, Politics, Economics Psychology
- Arts (Visual Arts, Music, Dance, Theater)
- Culture, Languages, Linguistics
- History, Literature, Philosophy, Critical Theory/Criticism
- Entrepreneurism/ Business ethics

I am excited for this upcoming year and the opportunity to guide you through this process.

Sincerely,

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