

Dear AP Seminar Students,

You have no formal summer homework assignments to submit for this class. Your task is to relax, enjoy, and engage with activities and people you might not have time for during your school year. I know that most of you have summer homework in other AP classes, so take a breather for this one.

Nevertheless, you should be viewing the world around you—locally and abroad, whether in a physical space or virtually. As you look around this summer, be consciously aware of what others are doing and what others are saying. Are you part of any of those activities or those conversations?

You will be engaging with “conversations” through various sources throughout the year in this class. As you do, you will be challenged to question the sources in order to form a more informed opinion about topics that affect others and our world.

Thus, begin asking questions of yourself, all kinds, about people, situations, and our planet. Keep a log, perhaps, of those questions—they may help you to identify areas of research interest for you next year. Bring it to class on the first day, if you desire.

Above all, bring yourselves to class and your curiosity. I look forward to meeting each of you in August as we come together and begin forming our distinct classroom community.

Oh, and incidentally. . . . One of the first assignments of exploration concerns our identities. Think about your own identity this summer in as many ways as you can. What all goes into making you “you?”

Love,
Mrs. Maurer
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