

## AP Seminar Summer Assignment

Congratulations to everyone for completing Capstone Foundations! You've worked hard, and are ready for the challenge of the first AP class of Capstone, AP Seminar. While the course will build off of many of the skills that we developed this year, there are also some new components that might seem unfamiliar to you. Additionally, it is important that we, as a class, stay cognizant of current debates on global issues. This summer assignment is designed to do just that.

Part 1: You will be completing an argument analysis for two different perspectives on a particular issue. You must complete the following instructions:

1. Go to the website <http://www.nytimes.com/roomfordebate>
2. The left hand side of the website has the week's featured topics for discussion, labeled "Recent Discussions". You will need to scroll down the page to see the different topics.
3. When you click on a topic title, a list of debaters and their essay titles will appear. Choose two articles that present perspectives and arguments that disagree.
4. For **each article**, answer the following.
  - a. What is the main idea/thesis/argument of the author? (~100 words)
  - b. Explain the author's line of reasoning by identifying the claims used to build the argument and the connections between them (250-300 words)
  - c. Evaluate the effectiveness of the evidence the author uses to support the claims made in the argument. Is it credible? Is it reliable? (250-300 words)

Part 2: The theme for the seminar components of this course will be **Food Education**. For part two of your summer assignment, you must begin thinking about issues that come to mind when considering these themes.

For two of the themes, you must identify a real-world problem or issue inspired by this them, and for each issue, complete a 500 word response that answers the following:

- a. What is the issue?
- b. Why is it relevant?
- c. What are two competing perspectives on this issue?
- d. What is a solution to resolve this issue, and what are the limitations and implications of that solution.

You must cite at least two sources in your response that you find and identify on your own. Both parts of the assignment are due on August 20. This must be submitted to turnitin.com. The registration information is as follows: Class ID: **21292034** Class Password: bears