

AP Capstone
Seminar
Summer Assignment

Task 1:

To help familiarize yourself with some of the tasks required by the AP and to prepare you for one of your first assignments, read and mark up the stimulus materials from 2016. The material can be easily accessed through Google. One site you may use is:

<http://www.jonescollegeprep.org/ourpages/auto/2016/2/16/47888050/PT%202%20Source%20Documents.pdf>

- Russ Rymer, "Vanishing Voices," from National Geographic
- William Stearns Davis, "Chapter XVI: The Life of the Peasants," from *Life on a Mediaeval Barony*
- Frida Kahlo, *Self-Portrait Between the Borderline of Mexico and the United States*, 1932
- Ferris Jabr, "The Secret Life of Plants," from *New Scientist*
- James Baldwin, "A Letter to My Nephew," from *The Progressive*
- Thomas Dietz et al, "The Struggle to Govern the Commons," from *Science*

Use "Twelve Ways to Mark Up a Book" (available at:

http://hwebbjr.typepad.com/openloops/2006/02/twelve_ways_to_.html) to guide your note-taking.

For each of the texts:

- Create an APA Citation (works cited entry)
- In one typed page, under the citation:
 - Identify the different issues presented regarding the topic and the connections to the relevant lenses (environmental, scientific, economic, political and historical, artistic and philosophical, cultural and social, futuristic, and ethical)
 - Discuss HOW the author/artist developed and conveyed his/her claims.
 - Explain whether or not you believe the author/artist created a credible and compelling case

Task 2:

Read *Zeitoun* by Dave Eggers.

Using the example of the chart that lists eight key lenses and sample questions that could be asked in reference to democracy, create a set of specific, researchable, and arguable questions relevant to *Zeitoun*. Place your questions in the appropriate row. Make sure each row is complete.

ALL work is due on the first day of class.

EXAMPLE: Democracy

Lens	Issue/Questions
Environmental	Does a democratic system inevitably mean that the environment is a lesser priority? Should other species on the planet have representation in the political process?
Scientific	Should governments have a role in stopping controversial practices, such as stem cell research?
Economic	What is the relationship between capitalism and democracy? Should there be a limit on financial contributions to political parties?
Political and Historical	What is democracy? How has democracy changed over thousands of years?
Artistic and Philosophical	How has democracy shaped the modern understanding of civic virtue and civic aspiration? How have representations of democracy in the arts changed over time?
Cultural and Social	How does a democratic society explain the inequality of social classes? How do different cultures understand the meaning of democracy?
Futuristic	Does democracy have a future? How could changes to voting systems change democracy?
Ethical	Is democracy equally fair to all citizens? Is it possible to have a truly democratic system of government? Should criminals be allowed to vote? Are all people really qualified to vote?

With reference to *Zeitoun*:

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