

AP Seminar Summer Reading 2023-2024

There are two parts to the AP Seminar Summer Reading Assignment. Please read the directions for each and complete each part thoroughly.

PART A

Directions: Read the passage found in the online pdf, “Letter from Birmingham Jail” by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and then respond to the following three questions.

1. Identify the author’s argument, main idea, or thesis.
2. Explain the author’s line of reasoning by identifying the claims used to build the argument and the connections between them.
3. Evaluate the effectiveness of the evidence the author uses to support the claims made in the argument.

PART B

Directions: Read the four sources (A, B, C, and D) in the online pdf carefully, focusing on a theme or issue that connects them and the different perspectives each represents. Then, write a logically organized, well-reasoned, and well-written argument that presents your own perspective on the theme or issue you identified. You must incorporate at least two of the sources provided and link the claims in your argument to supporting evidence. In your response, you can refer to the sources as Source A, Source B, or by the author’s name.

Source A: From the 2021 U.S. Presidential Inauguration Poem: “The Hill We Climb” by Amanda Gorman

Source B: From the essay: “Mother Tongue” by Amy Tan

Source C: Presented by CBS Sports - 2021 National Football League Superbowl Video “Invisible No More: Evolution of the Black Athlete in the NFL” narrated by Viola Davis

Source D: From *New York Times*: “For Diversity Leaders in the Arts, Getting Hired Is Just the First Step” by Robin Pogrebin