AP Research

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Oct. 15, 2020
DAY 14

Connecting with Your Mentor

You are going to make your first official post in the MME, using the [DISCUSSIONS] tab at the top of your project.

- In this, you need to do the following:
    - Address your mentor formally.
    - Thank your mentor for accepting your request.
    - Talk about your schedule: we're on a block, so you have class every other day, and you plan to communicate _once a week_ to share your writing, ask questions, or get help planning next steps.
    - Talk about where in the process you are now: still reading / gathering sources, narrowing the scope of your project, refining research question, and developing initial ideas for the structure of data gathering. (Ask for help with something specific if you know what you need next.)
    - Let them know to be on the look-out for a letter from me going over the specific requirements of the AP Research exam and the College Board limitations on mentoring.
    - Close with something positive and upbeat to set the tone for the next communication.
    - Sign your communication the way you would like to be addressed.

Some Sample First Communications

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https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kFtPmIZazFIUXPbON_96BdlQkF-dx2h5cKB7jFpeAVA/edit?usp=sharing

Next Steps for You

1. Figure out where you are in the process:
   a. Finish proposal and profile revisions / get Ms. B.'s approval
   b. Create your project and add your information
   c. Read the mentor profiles / complete APR Assignment #8 to compare potential mentors
   d. Request your first choice mentor
   e. Communicate with your mentor
2. WORK ON THE BIBS THAT ARE DUE TODAY
3. Finish any unfinished work from previous days

Next week we will start writing our literature reviews while we continue to gather sources and info.

A complete lit review **draft** will be due Nov. 5, 2020.