

## AP Capstone Seminar Summer Assignment

1. Read the Introduction and three **PARTS** of *Talking to Strangers* by Malcolm Gladwell.
  - A. After each chapter you, write up the main point or message of that chapter.
  - B. Mark or make a list of evidence (examples or research data) that Gladwell uses to support his argument.
  - C. Be ready to participate in a seminar discussion about topics brought up in the book the **first day of class**.
  
2. Watch at least two **Ted Talks** which you have not watched before. The second week of school you will do oral reports (an elevator speech) to your classmates about your Ted Talks. To prepare for those Ted Talks, do the following when you listen to them.
  - A. Write down what makes the speaker credible. These credentials may be listed by the speaker or you may need to Google the person to discover them.
  - B. Write up the primary argument (one sentence is enough) of each speech.
  - C. Under the claim write a list of evidence that the author uses to support his/her argument.

The evidence may come from collected data, quoted authorities, or the speaker's own personal experiences or observations.
  - D. Review the Scoring Guide posted on Google Classroom over Elevator Speeches.
  
3. Explore the world of **podcasts**. Find **one series** you like and listen to at least two episodes so you can review the podcast to your peers. This will be due the third week of school when you will deliver and record a podcast review to be shared with Mrs. Ryan and your peers. To prepare for the podcast review, do the following.
  - A. Write up the primary focus of this podcast and how it has earned credibility.
  - B. Write up what it is you like about this podcast.
  - C. Review the Scoring Guide posted on Google Classroom over the Podcast Review.
  
4. Join Mrs. Ryan's media connections.

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