

## CHHS Capstone: Seminar Summer Assignments

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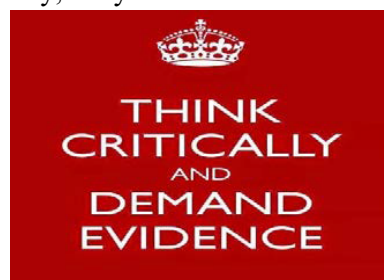
### Assignments At-a-Glance

- **Looking at Evidence & Synthesis:** Watch predetermined videos on a select topic ("For the Love of Facts" TED Talk playlist); analyze the videos, and construct extended paragraphs that synthesize information in support of an argument.
- **Issues That Matter:** Raise your awareness of the issues in the world this summer. This assignment is an informal research assignment. Surf the web and discover which issues (not just topics) matter most to you.

## Assignment #1: Looking at Evidence & Synthesis

(modified from Edgewater High School)

1. Watch the TED Talk playlist, "For the Love of Facts":  
[https://www.ted.com/playlists/487/for\\_the\\_love\\_of\\_facts](https://www.ted.com/playlists/487/for_the_love_of_facts)
2. Take notes on each of the TED Talks in the spaces provided. Be sure to follow along with each TED Talk carefully. If there is something/someone mentioned that you have no reference of, pause, **look it up**, and then continue so you can fully contextualize the information being covered.
3. Each of these TED Talks can be found on YouTube; however, if you have not already done so, it is advised that you download the free TED app.
4. While you take notes on the content of each presentation, you should also pay close attention to how well each of the speakers present. (For example—notice their vocal variety, body language/hand gestures, eye contact, casual/conversational tone, and presentation slides. These are all presentation techniques you will have to master to be successful in the AP Capstone Program.)
5. Write 1-3 paragraphs that synthesize the information in the videos (use your notes) around a central thesis/topic sentence focused on facts: our attraction to them, societal attitudes towards them, and their purpose in our society.



The templates for the videos are in a separate document.

## Assignment #2: Issues That Matter

You will be researching issues that matter to you this year, so use the summer to informally surf the web for issues (not just topics) that you may want to explore deeper. Be prepared to discuss the issues you investigate this summer sometime during the first week of class. This assignment is about heightening your awareness in preparation to make decisions about what you will research during the year; it does not have a written component that you need to do during the summer.