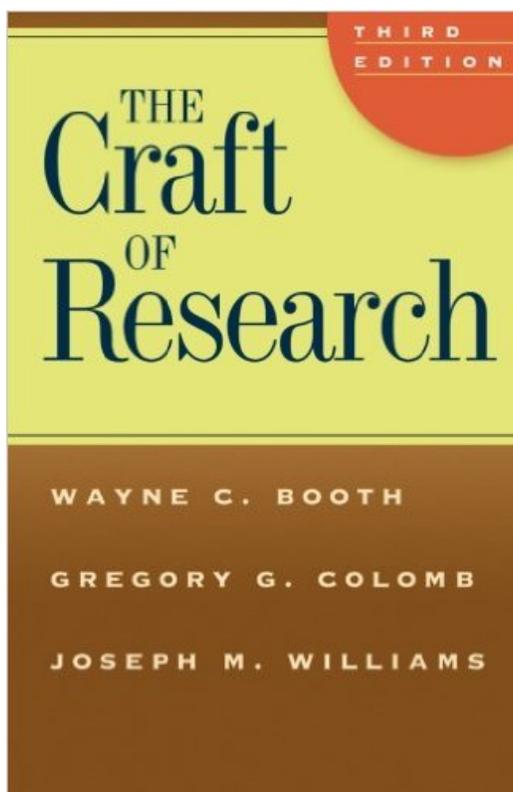


AP Research Summer Reading

Congratulations on your decision to undertake the very challenging, yet extremely rewarding AP Research course! Over the next year, you will have the opportunity to plan, design and implement your own investigation into an academic topic, problem, issue or idea of individual interest under my general direction! You will build upon the skills you acquired in AP Seminar and succeed or fail, keep in mind that this course is more about the *process* than the *product*! That being said, I do not believe any of you will fail, although you will certainly encounter obstacles on your journey, and I do expect a quality product (a 4,000-5,000 word academic paper)! In preparation to start this journey off on the right foot, your assignment for this summer is twofold:



First, you are to obtain a copy of *The Craft of Research*. There are three different editions available- I suggest the Second or Third Edition. Used copies are available on Amazon for under \$5. It appears that PDF versions are available for free online as well, although the book constitutes a sizeable file for your computer's memory. Of course, you are also welcome to purchase a new copy for yourself. This is a classic handbook for novice researchers that will provide enormously helpful insight into what real Research is and what will be expected of you in the AP Research course. It should also invest you with some degree of confidence as you enter into this process and stimulate your mind regarding potential ideas for a research project.

Please read the first three sections of the book, in addition to the Preface & Prologue:

- I. Research, Researchers, and Readers**
- II. Asking Questions, Finding Answers**
- III. Making a Claim and Supporting It**

You are to write a paragraph in response to each of these sections, reflecting on how reading the section changed how you think about Research in addition to how you plan to implement this newfound knowledge in your upcoming project. Be prepared both to discuss your responses in class as well as to turn them in. We will continue to use this book throughout the year.

Secondly, you are to complete the Word document entitled AP Research Initial Assignment AFTER you have read the required sections of *The Craft of Research*. This will acquaint you with some basic categories of Research methodology, require you to reflect on the AP Seminar course, and prompt you to put some initial research ideas on paper. Don't procrastinate!

Have a great summer and I look forward to working with you this year!

Mr. Clayton