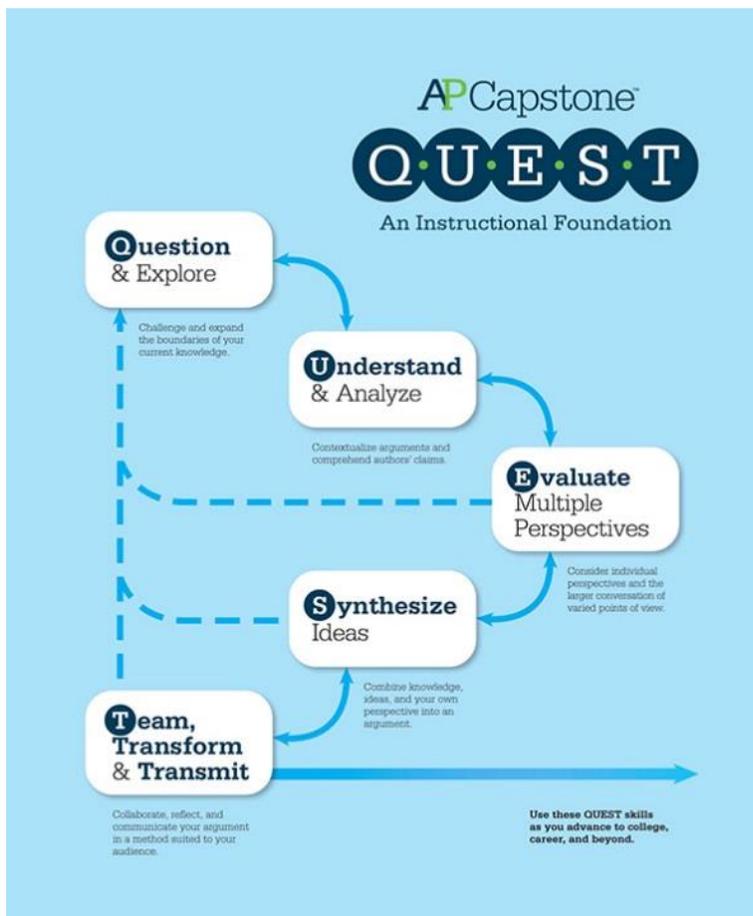


## AP Seminar Summer Assignment

The AP Seminar course works to develop advanced research and argument techniques to prepare for a series of argument papers and presentations over the course of the year. To prepare for this, you are required to *Outliers* by Malcolm Gladwell. This assignment is due on the first day of school. Don't forget to bring your books with you.

## QUEST Framework



This assignment introduces you to the QUEST framework, which forms the foundation of AP Seminar. Please review the assignment before you begin reading and keep coming back to this work to add to it as you read the text.

During the first week of school, I will collect this assignment and use it for the first few weeks of class. It is imperative that you are prepared from day one. All work must be original to you; you may not work in pairs or use the internet. You should use your own reasoning ability to think through the text and these questions.

You must type your responses and use MLA format. Create clear subheadings for each component of the assignment. Handwritten responses will not be accepted.

For this text, you will do Q-U-E of the QUEST framework.

- **Question and Explore:** Questioning begins with an initial exploration of complex topics or issues. What issues is the author looking at, tackling, and discussing?
- **Understand and Analyze Arguments:** Understanding various perspectives requires contextualizing arguments and evaluating the author's claims and lines of reasoning. At the end of the text, what is the author's claim? What major points does he make over the course of the text?
- **Evaluate Multiple Perspectives:** Evaluating an issue involves considering and evaluating multiple perspectives both individually and in comparison to one another. For the purposes of this course, a perspective is a point of view conveyed through an argument.

**Question and Explore:** Develop five questions that come up over the course of the text.

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- 3.
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- 5.

**Understand and Analyze Arguments:** Identify the main claim and three main points made in the book.

Claim:

Point 1:

Point 2:

Point 3:

**Evaluate Multiple Perspectives:** List and explain five perspectives that Gladwell provides on the topic.

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