

Levittown School District AP Capstone Program

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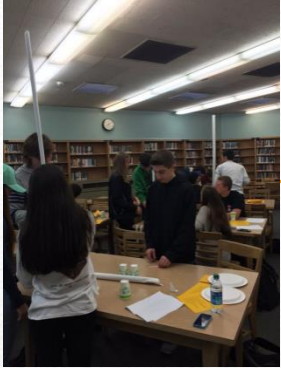
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- AP Capstone is a new program from the College Board that allows students to earn an AP Capstone Diploma by successfully taking the two AP Capstone Courses, AP Seminar and AP Research, and four other AP courses in any discipline.
- The two AP Capstone courses are focused on skill, not content. The critical skills that students focus on is in research, argumentation and communication.
- The first course, AP Seminar, is taken as students' English experience in the tenth grade.
- The second course, AP Research, is a stand alone course that students take after successfully completing AP Seminar.



What is AP Capstone?



Program Overview

AP Capstone

AP Seminar

Themes are chosen that allow for deep exploration based upon:

- student interests
- local and civic issues
- global topics
- concepts from other AP courses

AP Research

Deep investigation of a topic to foster a scholarly understanding of a real world issue.

- Academic thesis paper
- Public Presentation and Defense

AP Capstone Diploma™

Students who earn scores of 3 or higher in both of the AP Capstone courses and on four additional AP Exams of their choosing will receive the AP Capstone Diploma™.

AP SEMINAR (Year 1)

Team Project & Presentation

Research-based Essay & Presentation

Written Exam

AP RESEARCH (Year 2)

Academic Thesis

Public Presentation and Defense

AP Capstone Certificate™

Those students who earn scores of 3 or higher in both of the AP Capstone courses but not on the four additional AP Exams will receive the AP Capstone Certificate™, signifying successful performance in those courses.

4 AP COURSES (Throughout High School)

AP EXAM 1

AP EXAM 2

AP EXAM 3

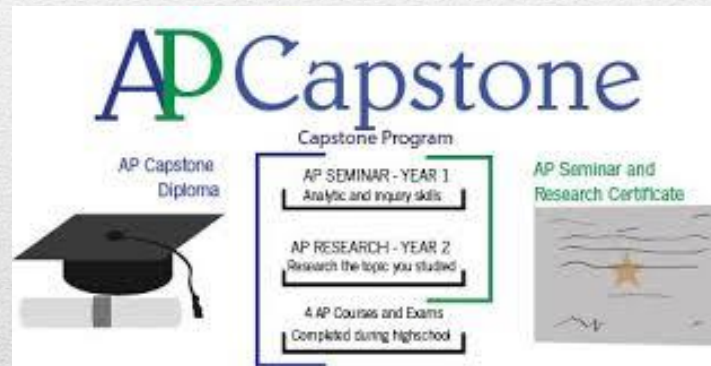
AP EXAM 4

- The AP Seminar course will be offered to students in the tenth grade. This course will be taken as a student's English 10 course. Students who take the AP Seminar course will receive their tenth grade English credit.
- The course is co-taught by an English and Social Studies teacher.
- The AP Research course will be offered to students who have successfully completed the AP Seminar course.

How will this course be structured in Levittown?

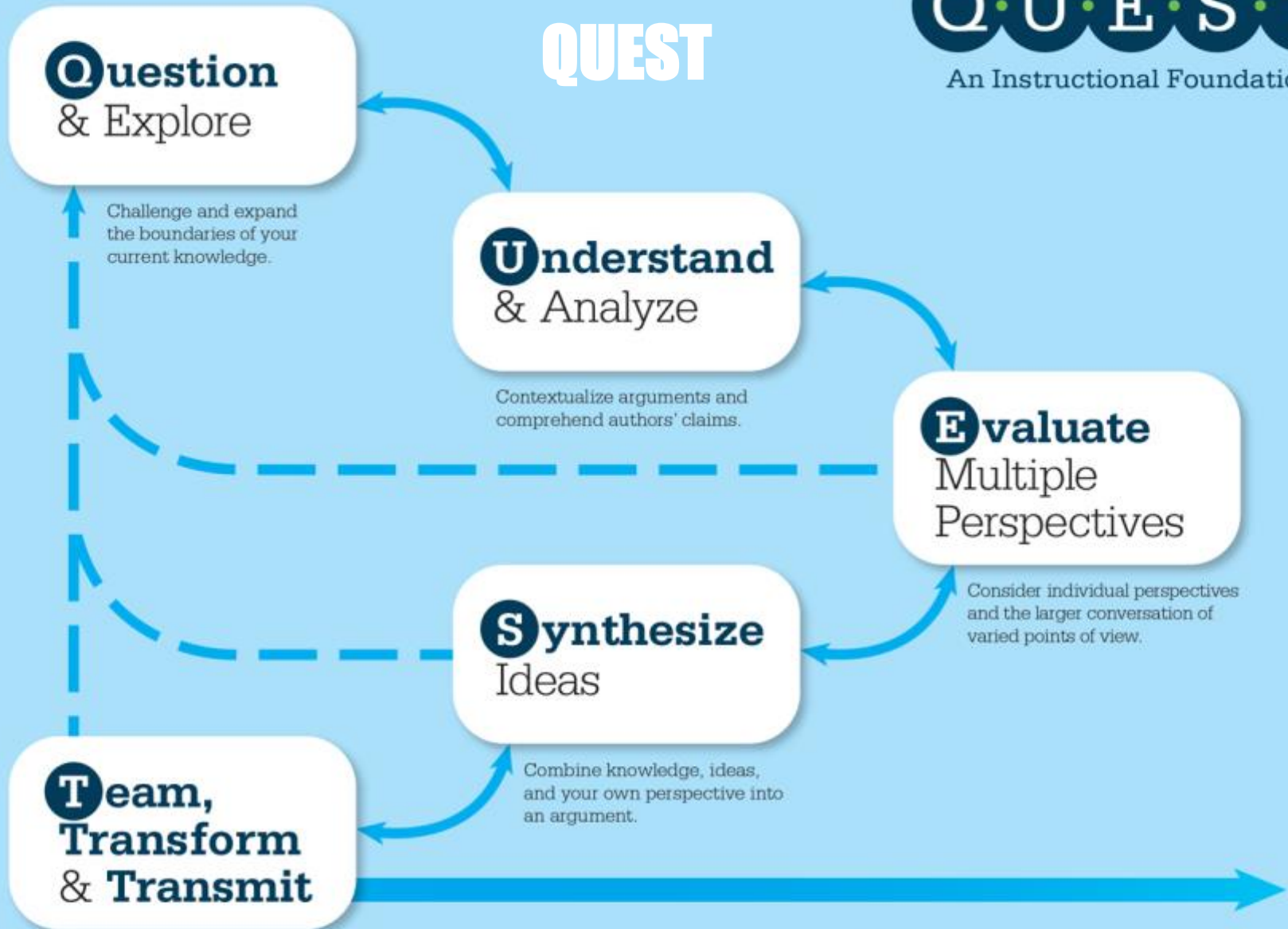
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Videos about AP Capstone

QUEST



Use these QUEST skills as you advance to college, career, and beyond.

- Using an inquiry framework, students practice reading and analyzing articles, research studies, and foundational literary and philosophical texts; listening to and viewing speeches, broadcasts, and personal accounts; and experiencing artistic works and performances.
- The course aims to equip students with the power to analyze and evaluate information with accuracy and precision in order to craft and communicate evidence-based arguments.

“Let’s go an inch wide and a mile deep as we really research and explore a specific topic of interest...”

AP Seminar



In AP Seminar, teachers will encourage students to explore a topic through several of the following lenses:

- Artistic and philosophical
- Cultural and social
- Economic
- Environmental
- Ethical
- Futuristic
- Political and historical
- Scientific

AP Seminar (continued)

General Course Structure*

Students work on research skills, determining credible sources, understanding different perspectives, reviewing potential topics.

Students are arranged in groups, select a group topic, create a group research question. *Example: “How do the harmful effects of chemicals in American fast food affect Americans?”*

Students write an individual research paper based on the group topic and the lens of their choice. *Example- Economic lens: What are the cost-benefits of using chemicals in fast foods?”*

Students create a group multimedia presentation. Students present this as a group to their class, answer questions and defend their argument.

Students select a new individual research topic. They compose a written argument, and an individual presentation. Students present to the class individually, answer questions and defend their argument.

End-of-course exam

Format of Assessment

Team Project and Presentation | 20% of AP Seminar Score

- Individual Research Report
- Team Multimedia Presentation and Defense



Individual Research-Based Essay and Presentation | 35% of AP Seminar Score

- Individual Written Argument
- Individual Multimedia Presentation
- Oral Defense

End-of-Course Exam (2 Hours) | 45% of AP Seminar Score

- Analyzing an argument using evidence. (3 short-answer questions)
- Build own argument using at least 2 of the 4 provided sources. (essay)

AP Seminar (continued)

- Fosters research, argumentation, and communication skills.
- Provides a setting to build on the knowledge and rigorous course work of AP in an interdisciplinary format.
- Allows students a choice to challenge themselves academically, and by showing their passion and interest in specific research topics.
- Transforms students into independent thinkers.

Benefits of AP Capstone for Students



Below are some of the 250+ colleges that have endorsed AP Capstone for its challenging interdisciplinary curricula



Visit www.collegeboard.org/apcapstone for the latest list of colleges with credit policies for AP Seminar and/or AP Research.

Characteristics of a Successful AP Capstone Student

- Self-Motivated
- Cooperative
- Collaborative
- Hard-working
- Inquisitive
- Enthusiastic
- Determined
- Outgoing
- Willingness to learn



AP Capstone™

Is this course for you?

AP Capstone Seminar

Costs

\$141 for the end-of-year exam

Students' acceptance into this program will be contingent upon their completed student questionnaire, a well-written essay of 300-500 words, and committee input.



Is this course for you?

QUESTIONS???
