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AP Seminar IWA (PT2) Research Topics

Part I: Topic:

1. What is your topic?
2. What *Problem* or *Issue* exists with your topic?
3. Is your topic tangible/ concrete enough to argue? (as opposed to theoretical/ hypothetical/ philosophical). Explain.

Part II: Research Question: Write your working RQ and give it a score based on the rubric below:

Research Question:

Criteria:

1. Requires a judgement or evaluation to be made
2. Is researchable (not too broad or narrow; feasible)
3. Involves genuine points of on-going debate
4. Invites engagement with alternative perspectives
5. Simple (avoids containing multiple nested questions)

Rubric:

1	2	3
Meets 0-2 of the criteria mentioned above	Meets 3-4 of the criteria mentioned above	Meets all 5 of the criteria mentioned above

Part III: Stimulus Material

1. What stimulus material(s) will you connect to your topic?
2. How will you make the connection between the stimulus material and your topic?

Part IV: Argument

1. What will be the argument of your paper? (see above RQ criteria 1)
2. What potential subcategories could your topic be divided into?
3. Who are the stakeholders in your argument? (to whom does this topic matter?)

Part V: Feasibility

1. Please list your current sources (Tier 1 and Tier 2)?
2. Do there seem to be enough Tier 1 and 2 sources available to use as evidence for a compelling argument? Based on what evidence?
3. What concerns do you have about your topic at this time?