

AP Research: QUEST Framework

Essential Questions



Question and Explore

Challenge and expand the boundaries of your current knowledge.

- ▶ What do I want to know, learn, or understand?
- ▶ What questions have yet to be asked?
- ▶ How does my research question shape how I go about trying to answer it?
- ▶ How does my project goal shape the research or inquiry I engage in to achieve it?
- ▶ What information/evidence do I need to answer my research question?



Understand and Analyze

Contextualize arguments and comprehend authors' claims.

- ▶ What strategies will help me comprehend a text?
- ▶ What is the main idea of the argument or artistic work, and what reasoning does the author use to develop it?
- ▶ What biases may the author have that influence his or her perspective?
- ▶ Does this argument acknowledge other perspectives?
- ▶ How can I assess the quality or strength of others' research, products, or artistic works?



Evaluate Multiple Perspectives

Consider individual perspectives and the larger conversation of varied points of view.

- ▶ How might others see a problem or issue differently?
- ▶ What patterns or trends can be identified among the arguments about this issue?
- ▶ What are the implications and/or consequences of accepting or rejecting a particular argument?
- ▶ How can I connect the multiple arguments? What other issues, questions, or topics do they relate to?
- ▶ How can I explain contradictions within or between arguments?
- ▶ From whose perspective is this information being presented, and how does that affect my evaluation?



Synthesize Ideas

Combine knowledge, ideas, and your own perspective into an argument.

- ▶ How do I connect and analyze the evidence in order to develop an argument and support a conclusion?
- ▶ Are there other conclusions I should consider?
- ▶ How does my scholarly work emerge from my perspective, design choices, or aesthetic rationale?
- ▶ How do I acknowledge and account for my own biases and assumptions?
- ▶ What is the most appropriate way to acknowledge and attribute the work of others that was used to support my argument? How do I ensure the conclusions I present are my own?



Team, Transform, and Transmit

Collaborate, reflect, and communicate your argument in a method suited to your audience.

- ▶ How can I best appeal to and engage my audience?
- ▶ What is the best medium or genre through which to reach my audience?
- ▶ How might I adapt my written and oral presentations for different audiences and situations?
- ▶ How might my communication choices affect my credibility with my audience?
- ▶ Which revision strategies are most appropriate to developing and refining my project at different stages?
- ▶ How do I provide feedback that is valuable to others? How do I act upon feedback I have received?
- ▶ How can I benefit from reflecting on my own work?