

Hello 12th graders!

Instead of a traditional summer reading assignment, I'm going to encourage you to spend some time researching your STP topic this summer. Check out some articles, check out some books, watch some movies—take as deep a dive into the subject matter as you can handle. During the first week of class, be ready to do a show-and-tell type presentation for the class in which you introduce your topic to your peers. I encourage you to prepare for this, first by doing some research/reading on your topic over the next few months. I'll leave the details of how you want to approach this summer research to you, but I will leave you with a few pieces of advice here:

- 1) Keep a reading journal. You'll need to do an annotated bibliography for your senior capstone next year, so don't get yourself in a situation where you're trying to summarize a text you read six months earlier.
- 2) I've taken a look at your capstone proposals and it's very likely I sent you a brief email with some research ideas, so check your MPH emails to see if that's the case.
- 3) You're always free to email me with any questions over the summer at [jzencka@mphschool.org](mailto:jzencka@mphschool.org).

The capstone project is a chance for you to explore and showcase your passions, so take those passions for a spin this summer. Testing whether your subject can hold your interest in the middle of the summer, when deadlines are still on the other side of the horizon, is a good way of gauging how much you're invested in this topic.

Have a great summer! I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Mr. Zencka