



SMITHTOWN

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Student Name _____

Due:

In Class on Tuesday, September 15, 2026

AP CAPSTONE RESEARCH SUMMER ASSIGNMENT



INSTRUCTIONS

To Open and EDIT the PDF using KAMI - please scroll to the instructions at the end of the document (about Page 10).

OVERVIEW

In order for you to become more comfortable with potential topics of inquiry that could hold your interest for the year, it's best to reflect on the things you enjoy and take a quick glance at those topics to see how others have turned them into research studies. Hopefully through this gathering of ideas, when you enter AP Research in the fall, you will be able to make an informed decision about the different ways you could approach one (1) topic of inquiry that will guide your year-long Quest.

INTEREST & EXPLORATION INVENTORY

The goal of these questions is to help you brainstorm ideas for an anticipated AP Research project. For these sections, do a little reflecting on things you have wondered about, questioned, learned about in your classes and learned about in your day-to-day life.

Then, based upon your answer you will then conduct a basic search using GOOGLE SCHOLAR for research paper titles on the topic area. This will encourage you to begin to see how researchers created different types of research studies all based on a similar topic.

Please see the below example as a model.

Exploration #1 SAMPLE

Question	Answer
What do you plan to study, or major in, when you attend college?	Film and Directing

Using your answer to the above question, conduct a Google Scholar Search for research paper suggestions within a topic.

1. Use Google Scholar search phrases such as **Research Paper topics about (the subject area)**
Example - research paper topics about Film and Directing
2. Scroll through the results, click on the links, and review what's contained on that page
3. In the chart below
 - a. Select five research paper research paper titles that you think look INTERESTING
 - b. Cut and paste the research paper titles

RESULTS FOR RESEARCH PAPER TOPICS
Film directing for computer games and animation
The way Hollywood tells it: Story and style in modern movies
Directing: Film techniques and aesthetics

Movies as the gateway to history: The history and **film** project

Where to look at the **movies**: Analyzing visual attention to understand **movie** editing

YOUR EXPLORATION

TASK

After answering each question - use the Google Scholar search engine to search for the already published papers and scholarly articles on the topic. Google Scholar is a web search engine that indexes scholarly literature. Type in <https://scholar.google.com> and be sure to press the 'articles' button below the search bar.

Exploration #1

Question	Answer
What do you plan to study, or major in, when you attend college?	

Using your answer to the above question, conduct a Google Scholar Search for research paper suggestions within a topic.

4. Use Google Scholar search phrases such as ***Research Paper topics about (the subject area)***
Example - research paper topics about accounting
5. Scroll through the results, click on the links, and review what's contained on that page
6. In the chart below
 - a. Select five research paper research paper titles that you think look INTERESTING
 - b. Cut and paste the research paper titles

RESULTS FOR RESEARCH PAPER TOPICS

Exploration #2

Question	Answer
What is one issue in the local community, the country or the world that concerns you?	

Using your answer to the above question, conduct a Google Scholar Search for research paper suggestions within a topic.

1. Use Google Scholar search phrases such as ***Research Paper topics about (the issue)***
Example - research paper topics about climate change on Long Island
2. Scroll through the results, click on the links, and review what's contained on that page
3. In the chart below
 - a. Select five research paper research paper titles that you think look INTERESTING
 - b. Cut and paste the research paper titles

RESULTS FOR RESEARCH PAPER TOPICS

Exploration #3

Question	Answer
What was the topic of the IRW (individual paper)?	
Which lens did you use to focus your paper? <i>[Environmental / Scientific / Economic / Political and Historical / Artistic and Philosophical / Cultural and Social / Futuristic / Ethical]</i>	
What was your suggestion for further research?	

Using your answer to the above question, conduct a Google Scholar Search for research paper suggestions within a topic.

1. Use Google Scholar search phrases such as **Research Paper topics about (the activity of interest)**
Example - Research Paper topics about the Impact of Nostalgia on Mental Health
2. Scroll through the results, click on the links, and review what's contained on that page
3. In the chart below
 - a. Select five research paper research paper titles that you think look INTERESTING
 - b. Cut and paste the research paper titles

RESULTS FOR RESEARCH PAPER TOPICS

REFLECTION

Based upon the exploration exercise and/or other ideas that you may have – what are between three and five possible ideas you may want to dig deeper into for a possible research study and what lens might you choose for each?

POSSIBLE RESEARCH PAPER TOPICS	LENS <i>[Environmental / Scientific / Economic / Political and Historical / Artistic and Philosophical / Cultural and Social / Futuristic / Ethical]</i>

Using Kami to Complete AP Summer Assignments

[Click here for video directions.](#) / [YouTube Link](#)

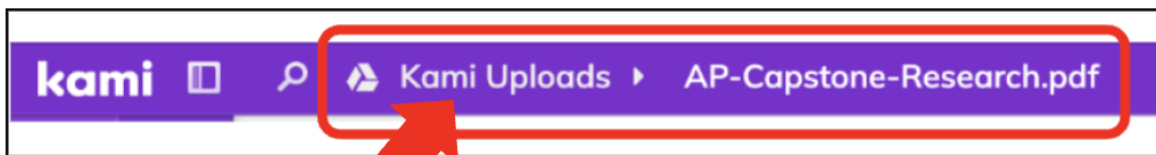
**Be sure to follow the guidelines set by your teacher and within the assignment.*

Opening and Saving Your File

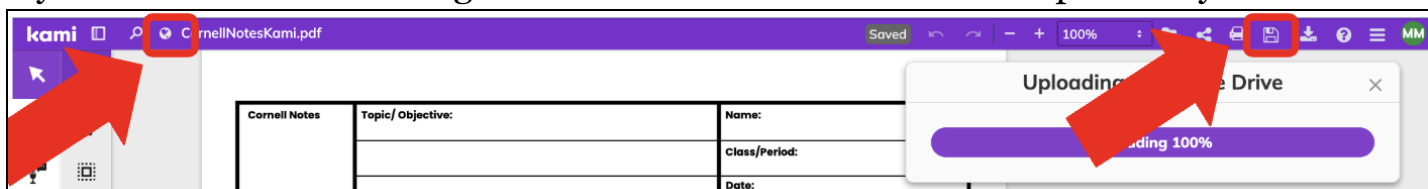
When you open the link from the district website, click the Open with Kami button. Sign in with your Smithtown Google Account.



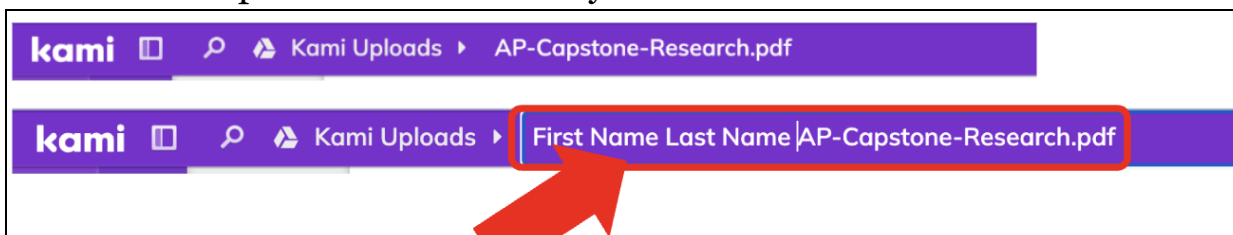
Make sure you see the Drive logo in the upper left hand corner. It is now saved in your Kami Uploads Folder in your Google Drive



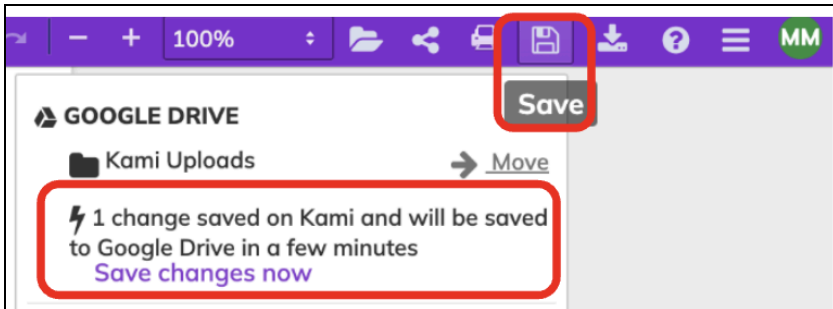
If you don't see it and see a globe then click on the save icon to upload to your Drive.



Click on the top and rename it with your full name and the name of the assignment.

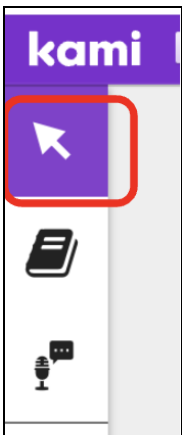


Kami will save your work, but it doesn't save as often as Google does. You may want to check that your work has been saved before closing. Click the save icon, then click Save changes now.



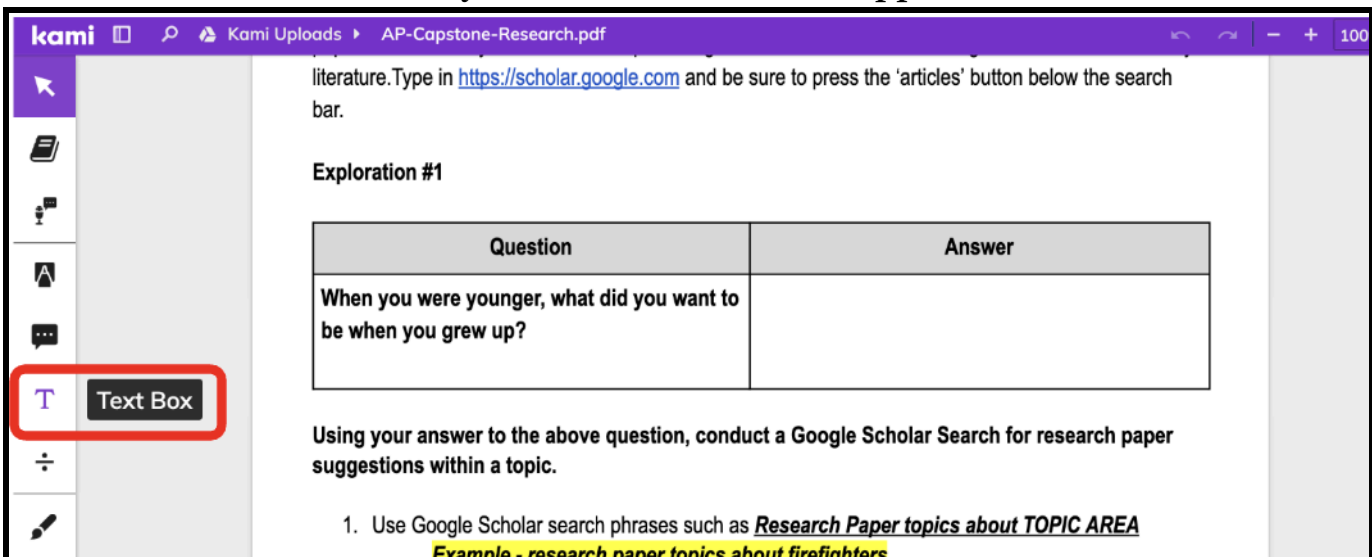
Using the Kami Tools & Typing Responses

Click the arrow button to scroll through file



To add a textbox:

Click the T then click where you want the textbox to appear

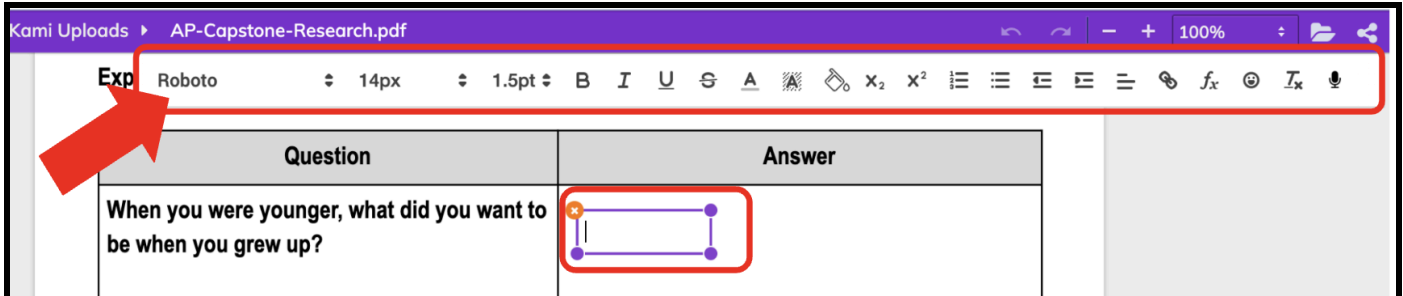


Once you click to create the textbox, you will see the text toolbar pop up on the top of your Kami screen.

You can then choose your font, point size, line spacing and color (black) and then click in the box to type

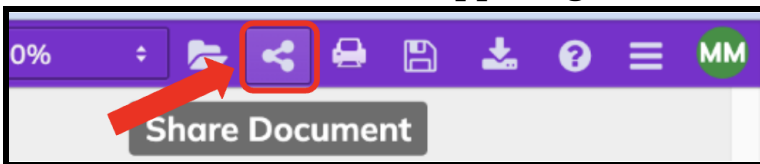
Kami will remember your setting and apply them to all textboxes you make while in this session.

You can also format your text after typing by highlighting the text and then selecting the font, point size, and spacing.



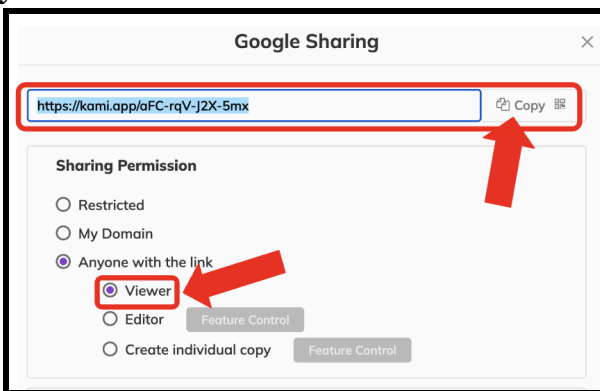
Sharing / Submitting Your Work

Click the share icon in the upper right corner



Then you will get the following popup menu You have 2 choices :

1 - Make sure the 'view' button has been selected, copy the share link, and email it to your teacher.



2- Click the button on the bottom to: Change Other Google Drive Share settings

Enter your teacher's name or email

Make sure the share settings are set for Smitstown CSD and Viewer

Click done and it will be emailed to your teacher

AP Capstone Research Summer Assignment

Google Sharing [Close]

<https://kami.app/aFC-rqV-J2X-5mx> [Copy]

Sharing Permission

- Restricted
- My Domain
- Anyone with the link
 - Viewer
 - Editor [Feature Control]
 - Create individual copy [Feature Control]

Download/Print Permission

Collaborators can download and print this file

- Yes
- No

[Change Other Google Drive Share Settings]

Share "First Name Last Name AP-Capstone-Research.pdf" [Help] [Settings]

Type your teacher's name here

People with access

[Profile] Your name and email will appear here [Owner]

General access

[Group Icon] Smithtown Central School District [Viewer]

Anyone in this group with the link can view

[Info] Viewers of this file can see comments and suggestions

[Copy link] [Done]