

Summer Reading Assignment

Incoming AP Research

The Sagemont School

2020-2021

In preparation for AP Research, you will take part in the New York Times Summer Reading Contest. Here is a link:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/08/21/learning/the-11th-annual-new-york-times-summer-reading-contest.html>

The contest begins on the 12th of June.

You are required to submit a **weekly** entry using Google Docs and share the document with Ms. Sponnoble at asponnoble@sagemont.com.

How Does the Contest Work?(<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/08/21/learning/the-11th-annual-new-york-times-summer-reading-contest.html>)

1. Every Friday beginning June 12, we will publish a post [here](#) asking the same two questions: “What got your attention in The Times this week? Why?” That’s where you should post an answer, any time until the following Friday when we will close that post to comment and open a new one that asks the same two questions.

You can always find the proper link to the place to post at the top of this page, updated each week. You can also always find it on our [homepage](#).

2. You can choose anything you like that was published in the print paper or on [NYTimes.com](#) in 2019 or 2020, including articles, [Op-Eds](#), [videos](#), [graphics](#), [photos](#), and podcasts. To see the variety of things winners have written about over the years, take a look at [this column](#).

3. You can participate any or every week, but we allow only *one* submission per person per week. **(You are required to submit a weekly entry to Ms. Sponnoble via Google Docs)**

4. Responses must be 300 words or fewer. We now also have a [guide](#) for students that details four simple ways to make your response stand out.

5. Any teenager anywhere in the world is invited to join us, *if* you are in middle or high school — or graduated from high school in 2020 and haven’t yet started college.

To respond to changing laws around data protection, this year's contest will work this way:

- Students 13-15 from anywhere in the world can submit comments via a short form that will be embedded in each week's post. (Those students will also need to have parents or guardians check that they give permission to submit.)
 - Students 16-19 from anywhere in the world can submit by posting a comment on the post.
- 6.** Make sure to provide us with the complete URL or headline (for example, "How to Deal With a Jerk Without Being a Jerk" or <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/04/05/smarter-living/how-to-deal-with-a-jerk-without-being-a-jerk.html>).
 - 7.** Every Tuesday during the contest, starting June 30 and ending Sept. 8, we will publish a previous week's winner or winners in a separate post you can find [here](#). We will also celebrate the winners on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).
 - 8.** The children and stepchildren of New York Times employees, or teenagers who live in the same household as a Times employee, are not eligible to enter this contest.