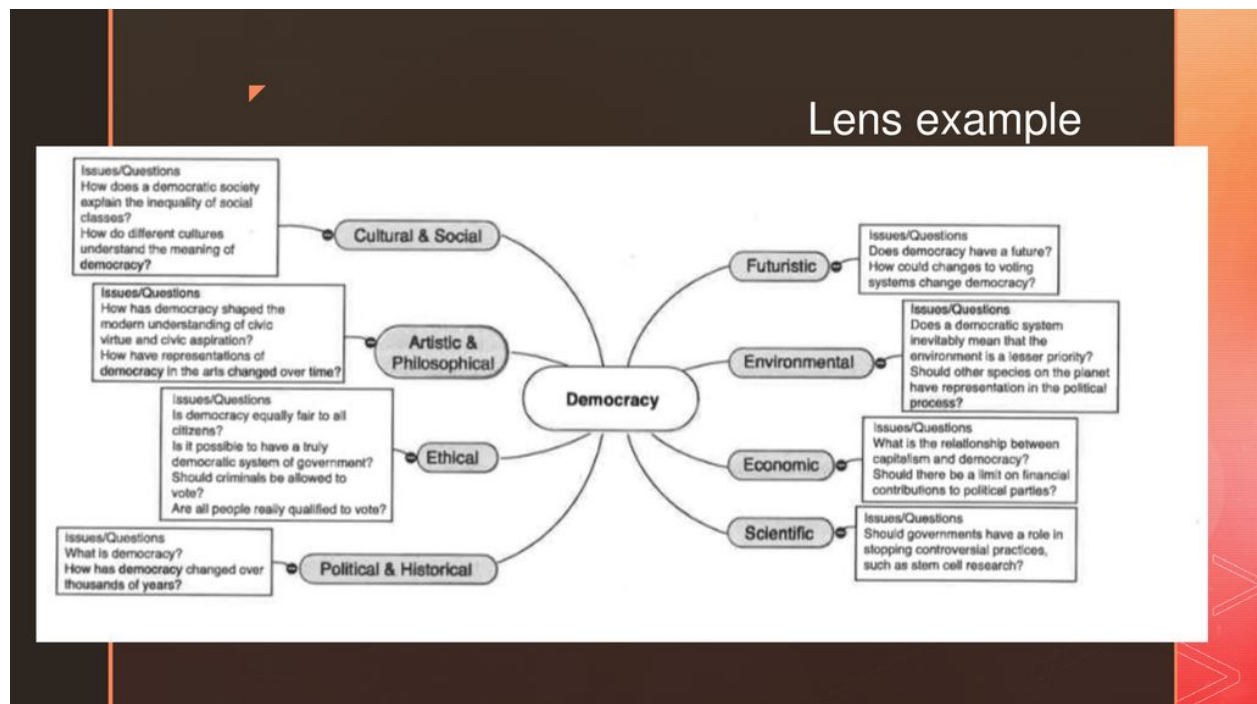


In the first part of AP Seminar, we will be investigating topics through different lenses. We will also have a theme for the year (TBD). So, as an example, let's look at Democracy. The following are the eight lenses identified by the College Board in their course description.

### Lenses

- Environmental
- Scientific
- Economic
- Political and Historical
- Artistic and Philosophical
- Cultural and Social
- Futuristic
- Ethical



This strategy is how we will collaborate on a question while having an individualized perspective. Each member of a group, while working on a problem the group has identified, will focus on a specific lens.

Your summer assignment will be to choose your own Theme (you can use the list below), then choose a lens (from the list above), and explore a problem you identify by citing two articles about the subject.

### Possible Themes

These themes are possible starting points. Within these themes, issues can be identified for exploration and investigation.

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|------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| ▶ Aesthetics     | ▶ Identity     | ▶ Power                       |
| ▶ Belief         | ▶ Immigration  | ▶ Protest                     |
| ▶ Communication  | ▶ Innovation   | ▶ Representation              |
| ▶ Courage        | ▶ Intelligence | ▶ Revolution                  |
| ▶ Culture        | ▶ Justice      | ▶ Rights and responsibilities |
| ▶ Democracy      | ▶ Language     | ▶ Social media                |
| ▶ Discovery      | ▶ Leisure      | ▶ Space                       |
| ▶ Discrimination | ▶ Liberty      | ▶ Sustainability              |
| ▶ Diversity      | ▶ Media        | ▶ Technology                  |
| ▶ Education      | ▶ Modeling     | ▶ Theory                      |
| ▶ Environment    | ▶ Myth         | ▶ Traditions                  |
| ▶ Evolution      | ▶ Networks     | ▶ Transformation              |
| ▶ Food           | ▶ Opportunity  | ▶ Utopia                      |
| ▶ Freedom        | ▶ Patterns     | ▶ War                         |
| ▶ Government     | ▶ Peace        | ▶ Wealth and poverty          |
| ▶ Health         | ▶ Perception   | ▶ Work                        |
| ▶ Home           | ▶ Place        |                               |

So, like the Lens Example above, choose a theme, then come up with possible questions for each lens. Then, find an article which supports the question you want to explore. Use the table below.

#### Example

Theme: Home		
Lens	Issue / Question	Article
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Environmental</li> </ul>	What is the carbon footprint of a suburban home vs. an urban one?	Suburban sprawl cancels carbon-footprint savings of dense urban cores <a href="https://news.berkeley.edu/2014/01/06/suburban-sprawl-cancels-carbon-footprint-savings-of-dense-urban-cores/">https://news.berkeley.edu/2014/01/06/suburban-sprawl-cancels-carbon-footprint-savings-of-dense-urban-cores/</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scientific</li> </ul>	Should everyone use 'the internet of things'?	The Internet of Things Connectivity Binge: What Are

		the Implications? <a href="https://www.pewresearch.org/internet/2017/06/06/the-internet-of-things-connectivity-binge-what-are-the-implications/">https://www.pewresearch.org/internet/2017/06/06/the-internet-of-things-connectivity-binge-what-are-the-implications/</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Economic</li> </ul>	Should banks hold this much power over interest rates?	How Central Banks Affect Interest Rates <a href="https://www.investopedia.com/ask/answers/031115/how-do-central-banks-impact-interest-rates-economy.asp">https://www.investopedia.com/ask/answers/031115/how-do-central-banks-impact-interest-rates-economy.asp</a>

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Copy from here down into another Google Doc and complete the assignments.

1.) Your turn:

You can expand these to include more than one if you really get into it.

Theme:		
Lens	Issue / Question	Article (title and URL)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Environmental</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scientific</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Economic</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Political and Historical</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Artistic and Philosophical</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cultural and Social</li> </ul>		

• Futuristic		
• Ethical		

2.) Choose one of the lenses with the best question which you have created. Read a few articles on the topic (typically around 4). Be sure to read the entire articles, not just the excerpts. For two articles, complete the following:

- a. Give a brief (200 word) summary of the article.
- b. In one sentence, write the author's thesis.
- c. To what extent are the author's claims valid? Explain.
- d. What is one weakness with the author's claim?
- e. Copy and paste 2 direct quotes that best represent this article.
- f. Evaluate the article's effectiveness. Is it convincing? Why or why not?
- g. Do you agree with the author? Why or why not?
- h. Create an MLA works cited entry for each article (see the Purdue OWL for tips)

Remember to do this for TWO articles.

You will be asked to use these articles in the first week of class. So have them ready!

See you soon,

Gary Flanagan