

AP SEMINAR SUMMER ASSIGNMENT (2016-17)

Welcome to the inaugural class of AP Seminar — and thank you for joining us! To get a sense of the spirit of our course, we ask that each student evaluates the following four texts:

1. [Harper's Index](#)
2. ["The Really Big One" by Kathryn Schultz](#)
3. ["Doppelgangers" This American Life](#)
4. ["The Surprising Habits of Original Thinkers" by Adam Grant](#)

First, think of these four texts as a *collection*. That said, what *makes* them a collection? What binds them together? Go beyond the obvious. Try to see the texts—and their possible meanings—from multiple viewpoints. What central idea, issue, tension, or conflict do these four texts have in common? Note that there is no single correct answer; the possibilities are, perhaps, limitless. Use whatever notetaking strategy works for you to document your thinking. Please be ready to share your thoughts with your fellow students.

Second, once you have identified what unites these texts as a collection, propose one additional text—written, audio, visual, and otherwise—to add to this collection. You may select your text from any source you deem appropriate. Bring this text to class and be prepared to share your rationale for adding it—how does your choice extend or deepen the existing collection of texts?

We look forward to our conversations in September! Until then, enjoy your summer.