

Decision-Making Guide

Name: _____ Date: _____ Class: AP Capstone: Seminar Topic: Introduction Work

1. <u>Decide the issue</u> Teacher mandated groups				
3. <u>Create important Information</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group work is an important part of the AP Seminar exam, 35%. A good group environment and makeup is important for the groups success on the AP exam. Similar topics of interest matter when a group decision is required for a research project. 	2. <u>Enter Option A</u> The Teacher should make our groups		2. <u>Enter Option B</u> Students should create their own groups	
	4. <u>Identify reasons for option A</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> By having a teacher make the groups it ensures no cliques form in the groups. Having the teacher make the groups based on similar interests will lead to a stronger research project Having the teacher create the groups will allow for a more diverse classroom. 	5. <u>Set Rank</u> 2 1 3	4. <u>Identify reasons for option B</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> By having students create the groups it will naturally result in friends being in the same groups lessening the time it takes to get familiar. Friends already have similar interests and so there would be less discussion over possible research topics. By allowing the students to create the groups it creates less conflict in the classroom because the students chose their individual groups. 	5. <u>Set Rank</u> 2 3 1
6. <u>Identify compromises/alternatives</u> A possible compromise is to allow teachers to make the groups but allow for students to swap groups with a good reason.				
7. <u>Offer a decision</u> The teacher should make the decision as to student groups, however students who feel they have been placed in a group not in their best interest can make an appeal to the teacher to swap groups.				
8. <u>Name reasons for the decision</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The teacher will group students based on their individual research interests so to ensure students are all working on similar interested topics. When the teacher creates the groups this leads to a more diverse classroom and works to prevent the creation of cliques. 				