

General Paper Summer Assignment

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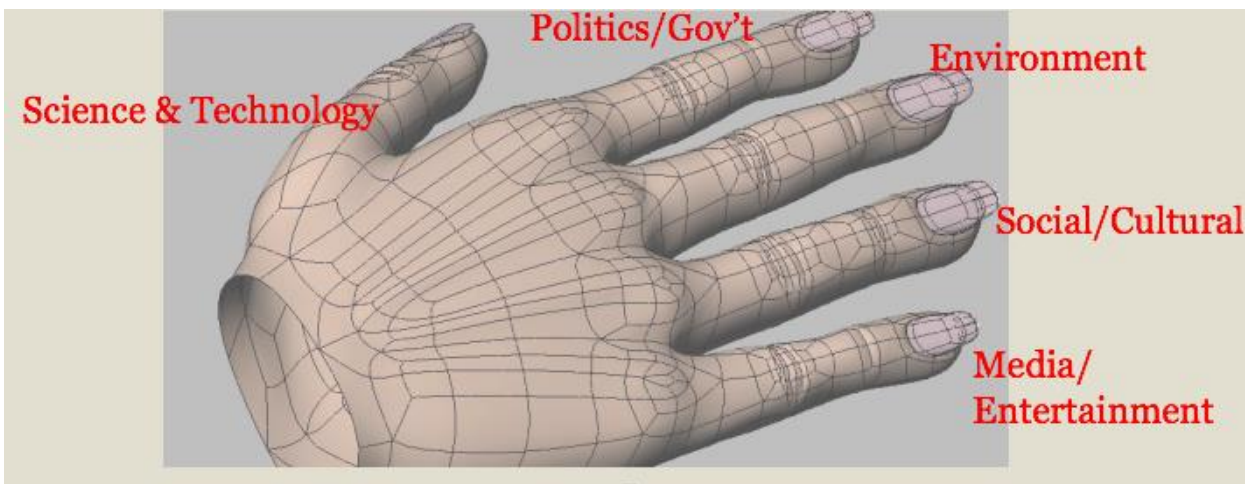
In General Paper, you will learn to look at issues through multiple lenses in order to generate ideas about particular issues and understand an array of topics from different vantage points. For the summer, I would like for you to listen to five different podcasts that fit under each lens demonstrated below on the hand. Here is a list of podcasts that would fall under these lenses for you to choose from:

- Hidden Brain
- Invisibilia
- Radio Lab
- Serial
- Lore
- Stuff You Should Know
- Pop Culture Happy Hour
- Ted Radio Hour

Here is a more exhaustive list:

<https://www.teachthought.com/education/50-of-the-best-podcasts-for-high-school-students/>

You will keep a Podcast log where you will write the name and episode of the podcast you listened to, a couple sentence summary of the podcast, how and why that podcast fits the lens you're placing it under, and then something you learned from it. Some podcasts may fall under multiple categories and that's okay. For example, the one in the sample entry attached could be scientific since it references specific research and interviews researchers but also social and cultural for the reasons journaled. Just select **one** category to journal it under. You have to listen to at least **five** podcasts, **one** from each category even if there is overlap, resulting in a total of **five** podcasts and five entries, just like your **five** digits on your hand!



Sample Entry

1. Science and Technology:

2. Politics/Government:

3. Environment:

4. **Social/Cultural:** Hidden Brain “Baby Talk” May 14th. This episode explores how babies communicate with babbles and noises before they have a command of spoken language. This podcast would fall under the lens of social and cultural since how babies are socialized and responded to varies by culture and is by definition social. I learned that even when babies seem as though they are babbling they are actually communicating and what they’re trying to say is knowable according to researchers. I thought it was really cool that baby babble is an area of research.

5. Media/Entertainment: