**AP Research--Hawkins**

Methods Analysis Report

Due 8/22/2017 (in class)

Using chapters 6, 8-10 in *Practical Research*, your PREP entries and class activities, write a 5-paragraph report on research methods in which you discuss the following:

1st paragraph (Intro): Why methods are important/critical to good research; how and why the research question should align with the appropriate method (often starts with the purpose—explain, explore or create); a brief description/definition of qualitative, quantitative, and mixed methods research.

2nd paragraph: What are the strengths of each method?

3rd paragraph: What are the limits of each method?

4th paragraph: Why a researcher might employ each method (give at least one example of a specific type of quantitative, qualitative, and mixed method that he or she would or could use to support their findings/hypothesis)

5th paragraph (Conclusion): Which method do you plan to employ (this of course can and may change) for your research question and why. How does it currently align with your research question? If you are unsure, what do you need to know/do to confirm your method?

*Note: this is an independent activity. Students are expected to follow the honor code and to properly cite materials when appropriate in-text (APA or MLA style) or through footnotes (Chicago Style). No other sources than those listed above should be used in the completion of this report.*