

Independent Group Project

1. Planning Stage

Topic: Fill in the general topic of your group project. Then write down at least five **questions** that you are going to answer in your project. Who is going to work on which sub-topics?

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

Product: How are you going to present your project results?
(project folder, poster presentation, scetch, song, game, audio or videotape,)

Audience: Who is going to be your audience? What message do you want to leave with your audience? Do you want them to learn something new? Do you want them to have fun and enjoy your presentation?

Materials/ Information needed:

List all the materials you will need during your project. Where and how are you going to find the necessary information?

Project-Timetable and Contract

These are the tasks I agree to do in the following two weeks. I will stick to this timetable and complete all my tasks on time.

Date	Tasks (in class)	Homework

2. Collecting information

For most projects you will now have to collect information from books, magazines or the internet. Read your sources slowly and carefully. If possible use a pencil or marker to highlight the most important information in your texts. If the book is not your own use a note-pad or sticky labels (about 10 by 10 cm) to note the most important and relevant information of each page. Just write a few keywords or short sentences.

3. Organizing your materials

Plan your text or presentation well. What are you going to start with? What is the most important fact or idea you want your audience to remember? What is your aim? Whatever you write should support this goal.

Try one of the following brainstorming techniques before you actually sit down to write your first draft.

Treeing	Clustering
Mapping	Listing

Now write your first draft.

4. Peer Conferencing

Meet with your project partners and share your first drafts. Read them very carefully and use one of the peer-conference forms that is relevant for your type of text. Write in lots of comments, questions and suggestions. How could the piece be improved?

If possible meet with an assistant teacher or your teacher to get further feedback.

5. Editing and Revising

Revise your piece carefully and correct the language errors you have found.

Proofread your final copy and make sure the layout is suitable for your purpose.

6. Publishing

Meet with your group to assemble the final project paper or to practice your oral presentation. Prepare all the materials you need for your presentation (papers, posters, tapes, stage-props, game-boards, dice, cards....) Make sure your projects are presented well and capture your audience.

The **deadline** for our project presentations will be