

Independent Study

Congratulations! You are taking on the task of researching a topic/question of interest to you and teaching it to your classmates.

Directions:

1. Answer the questions from the interest survey. You do not need to answer every single question. Just answer the ones that you can.
2. From the responses of the interest survey, try to think of a topic that you would be interested in researching. Once you have narrowed down a topic of interest, then looking at the key words, develop a question that you would like answered.
3. Write your question on the Independent Study sheet. Before you go any further, have your teacher approve your question.
4. Fill out the rest of the sheet having your teacher initial each question along the way.
5. Tell your teacher your project due date.
6. Research your question.
7. Do your project, while keeping on top of your time frame.
8. Present our question and finished project to your class.



Interest Survey

1. What kinds of books do you like to read?
2. What parts of the newspaper do you look at regularly? How do you get the news?
3. What are your favorite magazines?
4. What types of TV programs do you prefer? Why?
5. What is your most favorite activity or subject at school? Your least favorite? Why?
6. What is your first choice about what to do when you have free time at home?
7. What kinds of things have you collected? What do you do with the things you collect?
8. If you could talk to any person currently living, who would it be? Why? Think of 3 questions you would ask the person.
9. If you could talk to any person from history, whom would you choose? Why? Think of 3 questions you would ask the person.
10. What hobbies do you have? How much time do you spend on your hobbies?
11. If you could have anything you want regardless of money or natural ability, what would you choose? Why?
12. What career(s) do you think might be suitable for you when you are an adult?
13. Tell about your favorite vacation.
14. Tell about your favorite games.
15. What kinds of movies do you prefer to see? Why?
16. Imagine that someday you will write a book. What do you think it will be about?
17. Imagine that you could invent something to make the world a better place. Describe your invention.
18. What places would you most like to visit in your own area and in other locations?
19. Imagine that you are going to take a trip to another planet or solar system. You will be gone for 15 years. List 10 things you will take with you for your *spare time*.
20. What question do you think should be on this survey that isn't already on it?

Name _____ Date _____

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1. Form a question. (What would you like to know about your topic?) Use a key word from the box on the bottom of the next page.

_____ Remember, get teacher approval before going on to each question)

Teacher initials _____

2. What are you going to use for collecting research? (Resources? Ex. Encyclopedia, Internet, etc.)

- List at least 3 different sources of information.

Teacher initials _____

3. What information did you find?

Teacher initials _____

4. What project will you do to present the research? Choose from the project list on the last page.

Teacher initials _____

5. How long will your independent study take you? Give a start date and a finish date.



Start date _____

Finish by _____

Teacher initials _____

6. Now that you have answered the idea or a new question you could ask?



question, what is a new

Key Words:

Kinds Purpose Influence Perception

Types Ethics Value Patterns Function

Conditions Significance Characteristics

Ideas for Independent Study Projects

- cartoon or comic strip
- diorama
- picture book without words
- poster
- news broadcast
- play or skit
- timeline
- interview
- worksheet for another student
- business or friendly letter
- newspaper
- newspaper article
- museum display
- bulletin board
- diary entry
- special award
- billboard
- brochure
- editorial
- postcard
- puppet show
- mobile
- model
- board game
- debate
- web
- brochure
- photographic display
- song or rap
- crossword puzzle
- map with a legend
- video or film strip
- poem
- graph
- chart
- labeled diagram
- collage
- learning center
- mural
- quilt