

EPQ Overview

Major piece of individual project work. Graded on an A*-E scale, equivalent to ½ an A-Level. **Either:**

A dissertation (a theoretical written project on any topic presenting an argument) **or**

An artefact (making a portfolio, a 3-D art piece, designing a website, completing a graphic design project,...)

EPQ Summer Assignment:

Below is a series of questions that will get you thinking about your project and start you on the road to EPQ success. I want you to think about the questions and write your answers down in a word document.

Eventually you will be pasting your word document into a google form and sending it to me, after its finished.

The word count is a minimum, the more you put into this summer assignment, the more you will get out of EPQ!

Questions (similar questions if you choose artefact)

1 [200 words minimum] What are your project objectives? (e.g., what is the question you want to answer? What do you want to learn how to do skills wise? What do you want find out? How far could you take this project?) What is the title or working title of your project? (in the form of a question):

2 [300 words minimum] What are your reasons for choosing this project? (e.g. does it link to other subjects you are studying/have studied? Why is it of personal interest? Does it tie into future plans? What knowledge/skills do you want to improve? What are the reasons you think the topic is important?)

3 [300 words minimum] What activities are to be carried out during the project? (e.g. what type of research do you need to carry out? What do you need to do to be able to access this information? How are you going to carry out successful analysis of sources and other interpretations? How are you going to approach the process of writing a dissertation? You must give timescales for each major activity, even if they are estimates.

4 [300 words minimum] What resources will you need for your research, write up and presentation? (e.g, access to libraries, museums, cultural centres, physical resources, collecting primary data, arranging interviews, accessing industry journals, technical specifications, etc.) Be as specific as possible so we can help you realise your dissertation!

Here is the google form where you can paste your answers in once you have written them elsewhere:

<https://forms.gle/aGHFeeri2tzPVG8N6>

I asked previous EPQ students what advice they had for you, here is a good example: *"Make sure you chose a topic you're interested in, if not you'll find it really difficult to do the work. Also that it's okay not to have a title straight away, just do lots of research and you'll think of one eventually. Start in the summer if you can!"*

Good luck and I look forward to reading the outcome of your summer assignments!

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Get in touch if there are any issues, or if you want to make a head start and want guidance documents:

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