

Spring 2017 IRP Steps and Dates

Step 1: Decide on a topic. Please make sure there are plenty of background information and sources to support your work. Topic has to be approved by teacher

a. **Due Friday, February 17th**

Step 2: Generate questions. Just like our informational writing, it is easiest to begin research by asking a question that you want to answer. Think of 3 questions that you would potentially like to answer in your project.

b. **Due Wednesday, February 22nd**

Step 3: Brainstorm! Create a Mind Map to organize the information you already know about your topic and what you would like to learn.

c. **Due Wednesday, February 22nd**

Step 4: Gather resources and background information that will support your work.

d. You need at least three different types of resources

e. Minimum of 5 sources

f. **Due Wednesday, March 1st**

Step 4 1/2: Prepare 60 note cards, minimum, or type note cards in a Word document, from your sources.

g. **Due Friday, March 31st**

Step 5: Compile an outline with a thesis statement.

h. **Due Wednesday, April 5th**

Step 6: Write a rough draft.

i. **Due Thursday, April 13th**

Step 7: Self and peer edit.

j. **Due Wednesday, April 19th**

Step 8: Finalize.

k. Final draft **due Friday, April 21st**

Step 8 1/3 Prepare presentation on Power Point or Prezi.

l. **Due Wednesday, April 26th**

Step 8 2/3 Run through with peers and guest audience

m. **Week of May 1-5**

Step 8 3/3 Present IRP to parents.

n. **Thursday, May 11**