

## **Suggestions for implementing an Independent Project**

1-Have students propose a topic for which they really care about as opposed to assigning one to them.

2-Be sure students read extensively before they start planning their project. This ensures they generally understand what they'll be studying if they proceed with the project.

3-Help students use a variety of resources, including people and documents.

4-Have students determine the problems or issues like professionals in the field would be considering.

5-Help students develop a timeline for completing the whole task as well as its different parts. Keeping a simple calendar of the times worked and tasks completed may be helpful to ensure progress.

6- Knowing the level of readiness of your students is essential for the success of the project. Students who are less prepared to work independently may benefit more from project that is highly structured that can be completed in class over a short period of time. On the other hand, self-guided learners will thrive on a more open-ended project on which they are allowed to work on outside of school, over a longer period of time.

7-Students should participate in identifying and securing the audience to which they want to share their project.

8-Encourage students to explore different ways of expressing their final product. These may include the use of computers, various art forms, oral presentations and ways real professional in the field would consider.

