

RESEARCH FOR MY SCIENCE PROJECT

STEP #1

Now that you have selected a topic you'll need to find out what's already known about the subject. Not only will you want to know information regarding the specifics of your topic, you will want to know about different things that are related to you project.

For example, let's say that you are interested in how oil spills affect sea creatures such as sea anemones. Not only will you want to research the properties of oil and the lifecycles of sea anemones but you may also need to understand a little more about wave patterns and ocean currents. In addition you may also want to research other substances that could affect sea anemone growth or what can be done to prevent or clean up oil spills.

List five or more research topics related to your question.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

STEP #2 Head for the library!

You should look up and consult at least 10 references regarding your project. However, remember that more is better! Be sure to list these references on a bibliography page.

STEP #3

Talk to your teacher and to experts on your subject. Write letters, make phone calls, do whatever it takes to find out more information regarding your project before you begin experimentation.

THE EXPERTS I WILL CONSULT ABOUT MY PROJECT ARE:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

STEP #4

Before you consult an expert think about the questions you would like to ask them. Be sure your questions are good ones. Don't say, "I'd like to do a project on holograms. Where should I start?" Instead, ask specific questions that show you have already taken the trouble to learn something about your topic.

FIVE QUESTIONS ABOUT MY PROJECT THAT I WOULD LIKE TO ASK AN EXPERT ARE:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

*Be sure to keep track of all of your research and answers you may receive from experts and from your teachers.

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