

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Independent Study Proposal

What question do you want to answer?

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What is one book you will use to help answer your question?

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By what date do you expect to present your project?

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What kind of presentation do you plan to create?

- Poster
- Picture Book
- Diorama with note cards (for presentation notes)
- PowerPoint/Keynote Presentation
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Signature of Approval: \_\_\_\_\_

# Homework Option: Independent Study

Do you have a question that intrigues and excites you? Or a topic that you really want to explore? If so, consider doing an independent study for homework.

## What questions could I ask?

- Why do magnets attract?
- What is it like on Mars?
- How does a compass work?
- What causes hurricanes?
- How do ants behave?
- What causes the seasons?
- What do frogs do to survive the winter?
- What might it be like to be a kid in India?
- What would I see if I traveled to Moscow (in Russia)?
- What do people do to celebrate \_\_\_\_\_ [name a holiday]?
- And many, many more!!

## Is an independent study “effective effort” for me?

Maybe. Putting effective effort into your work means setting priorities for yourself as a learner. If you have other subjects you really need to work on, an independent study might not be the right choice for now. On the other hand, if don't have other priorities and you are a very curious person who loves to learn, an independent study might be just perfect!

## What do I have to do?

An independent study is all about doing your own research to answer a question. Instead of doing other homework, you read books about your topic, take notes, and organize your information. Then, you create a presentation so you can share what you learned with your class.

## Here are the steps:

- Submit a proposal to your teacher.
- Read at least two books that help you answer your question.
- Optional:** Conduct an experiment or a survey.
- Take notes.
- Write a bibliography.
- Create a presentation (a poster, picture book, diorama with note cards, PowerPoint/Keynote presentation, or another kind of presentation that includes writing and visuals).
- Present your project to the class.