



Middle Years
Programme

Beginning the IB MYP Personal Project Process

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“If you don’t know what your passion is, realize that one reason for your existence on earth is to find it.”

Oprah Winfrey

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about
anything
in which you are
PASSIONATE

What is Required?

- Report
 - Due December 4
- Process Journal
 - Maximum of 10 excerpts (portions) included in the Appendices of your Report
- Product
 - Due November 30
 - Personal Project Exhibition date January 9



IB learner profile

The aim of all IB programmes is to develop internationally minded people who, recognizing their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet, help to create a better and more peaceful world.

I see my path, but I don't know where
it leads. Not knowing where I'm going is
what inspires me to travel it.

~ ROSALIA DE CASTRO

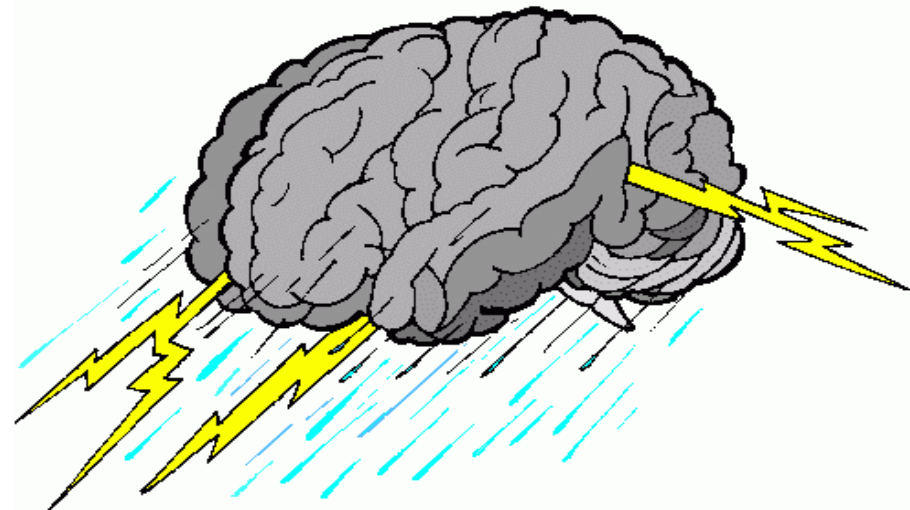
What's *Your* Calling?

Challenge
Creativity
Empathy
Excelling
Excitement
Family
Friendship
Fun
Impact
Learning
Prestige
Problem-solving
Purpose
Recognition
Service
Social Responsibility

How do I get started?

Investigate (objective A)

1. define a clear goal and global context for the project, based on personal interests
2. identify prior learning and subject-specific knowledge relevant to the project
3. demonstrate research skills



How do I identify and define a goal?

Begin with your topic(s) of interest:

- What do you really care about?
- What are you interested in that you haven't had a chance to learn about in your classes?
- What is something you've learned about in class that you wish you knew more about?
- Are there any problems in this world you would like to solve

You should be answering these questions over the summer.

Topic:

Goal:

Work with a partner at your table and interview one another to gain a better understanding of what other people would want to know about your project topic.

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Difference Between a Topic and a Goal

Topics of Research

- Dance
- Solar Power
- Family history
- Homelessness

Goals

- Choreographing an original performance for wider audience
- Cost benefit analysis of putting in a solar driveway/parking lots
- Tracing the impact of a historical event on a family
- Creating a PSA for a local transitional shelter

Topic: Dance

Goal: Choreography

I am going to investigate dance because I really love to dance. For my project goal, I will choreograph a dance and videotape it.

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I know how to tap dance	Why do people dance?	
I know ballet	What careers require dance knowledge?	
I know hip hop		

IB Global Contexts Help Narrow Focus



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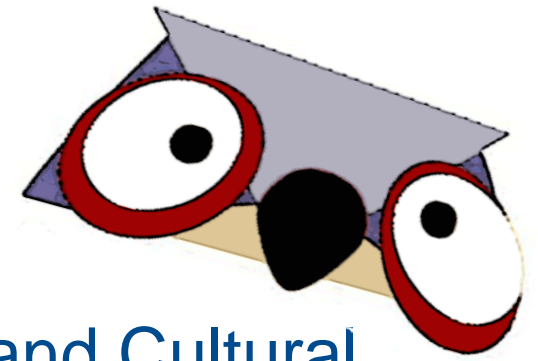
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Use the Global Contexts



Investigating the global context of Personal and Cultural Expression to explore one of the following areas:

- The ways in which we discover and express ideas, feelings, nature, culture, beliefs and values
- The ways in which we reflect on, extend and enjoy our creativity
- Our appreciation of the aesthetic (beauty)

For example:

- Choreographing an original dance performance that draws on elements of hip hop and tap styles

What do I do again?

- Brainstorm topics for project goal
- Keep ideas in a process journal
- Research the topic I think I want to focus on
 - ✓ Read a book about topic
 - ✓ Find articles from reputable sources about topic
 - ✓ Develop questions and interview an expert on the topic
 - ✓ Visit places having to do with my topic (e.g., you may be interested in art, so visit a museum; you may be interested in writing a play, so attend a performance)

You may need to investigate several topics before deciding

Next Steps

- Complete the Personal Project Topic Brainstorm
 - In the MYP Seminar Google Classroom
 - Code: bs1814
- Begin your research, maintaining a process journal with all your notes, citations, and source evaluations
 - ❖ This aligns with your English 10 Summer Reading Assignment

**I will see you again in the
Fall where we will finalize
Personal Project
Supervisors**