

Independent Study Requirements

Independent Study is **not** Pass/Fail! Your final grade will be based on the following:

- 1. The initial Independent Study Proposal (20)**
- 2. Meetings (10)** --attending meetings with me in April and during your Independent Study
- 3. Daily Log (45)** --PLEASE TYPE and share in a Google doc

Each day, write a paragraph (50-100 words) describing your activities. These should mirror the goals from your proposal. You may wish to include what you accomplished, what you learned, how you felt about it, etc. Be sure to date each entry. You must have at least one entry for each school day. If you work on weekends and want to include those as well, that is fine.

- 4. Reflective Final Essay (45)** --PLEASE TYPE and share in a Google doc

At the end of your Independent Study, write an essay of at least 500 words reflecting upon what you learned. This is not merely to be a summary of what you did (that is what the Daily Logs are for), but rather a self-evaluation/analysis. Some possible reflection questions are:

- Did you reach your goals? Was there something you wish you had done differently?
- Were there any unanticipated obstacles? If so, how did you overcome them?
- What impact has what you learned had on your life? Has it deepened a previous interest? Inspired you to pursue a certain career or field of study? Broadened your perspective on the topic?

- 5. Signed Time Sheet (15)**

Fill in with the actual days and times that you worked and have your supervisor sign it. Your grade for this also includes communication (responding to my emails within 24 hours) and being available to meet me when I do your site visit (5 pts). Please note: if it's a school day, you must be working on your project, even if you already have more hours than required.

- 6. Open House Exhibit (65)**

Think carefully about the quality and quantity of materials that you are going to exhibit. How can you most effectively convey to others what you learned? What visual aids, brochures, graphs, samples, photos, artwork, objects, handouts, etc. would enhance your exhibit?

The earlier you turn everything in, the better, however here are the deadlines:

Requirements #3 and 4 must be turned in on or before Wednesday, June 6th at 3:00, the day before the Open House. You may give me a hard copy, but I'd prefer an email or shared doc.

Requirements #5 and 6 are due at the Open House (Thursday 6:30-8).

Late or missing requirements will put you in danger of failing or, at most, receiving half credit.

******Please check your email daily once Project Term starts. Poor communication will impact your grade!******