**Project Purpose**

Learning Process

*Goal: Learn how to effectively educate yourself.*

**Step One: Think/Wonder and Explore**

Curious people are constantly wondering about new topics. Explore your community, the internet, your mind. Read, view, and listen for information about subjects you want to learn more about. Use the resources that surround you and decide which topic you want to take on.

*Writing Purposes Project:*

* Brainstorm
* Idea chart

**Step Two: Plan**

Take some time to plan your next steps.

What are your **goals** for learning?

Where and how are you going to find **information**?

What are you going to **create**?

*Writing Purposes Project:*

* Become familiar with writing purposes
* Entry on top of wiki labeled: *Plan*

**Step Three: Find reliable sources of information**

In this age of information, it is essential to evaluate the source of information. You must ask yourself if the source is credible. Remember that information is distributed for many purposes (persuade, argue, inform, express, evaluate, etc.) and biased or inaccurate information is not always easy to identify.

*Writing Purposes Project:*

* Learning Folder (see attached)
  + Not all sources require proper MLA citations; however, when you find a *great* source and are ready to document it, create a research note sheet and MLA citation. Go onto NOODLE TOOLS on the library homepage or easybib.com. Follow the directions and you will do fine.You must have three *great* sources and citations for your project.

**Step Four: Connect**

How does the information you’ve found satisfy your curiosity and answer your question? Read, skim, watch, listen, talk, analyze, see patterns, compare record information **in your own words** and evaluate again. Take notes. Keep records! The records you keep will make up your learning folder (see attached description).

*Writing Purposes Project:*

* Learning Folder (see attached)
* Take focused notes that connect directly to your assignments. Extract notes necessary to accomplish your goal.

**Step Five: Create Product**   
 Use the information gathered to create something new.

*Writing Purposes Project:*

* Writing Purposes (see attached)
* Answer all aspects of the task.

**Step Six: Evaluate**

Judge your project. What went well and what needs further attention?

*Writing Purposes Project:*

* Consult the rubric