

2008 Littleton Middle School Science Fair:

Time Line and Due Dates

Please see Ms. Finnerty or Ms. Stephenson with any questions or concerns! Don't leave questions until the last minute! Feel free to finish any parts ahead of time and plan to allow for vacations, especially if you are traveling.

Seek help immediately if you are having difficulty! DO NOT FALL BEHIND!!!!

Task	Due Date	Grade
Begin keeping a dated logbook with your ideas, questions, and research. See handout for guidelines.	Beginning week of November 13 through April 2, 2007	25 HW at end of project
Submit three ideas for your project in the form of testable questions (as defined in class)	11/28/07	5 HW
Given feedback from teacher, choose 1 of your testable questions & begin research	11/30/07	5HW
Science Fair Contract due for partners	12/5/07	
Check in with teacher regarding Review of Literature research—bring notes and logbook	12/5/07	5 HW
Conduct research and write Review of Literature—first draft** <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use at least: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1 book ○ 3 other sources (books or reliable websites) • Use reliable sources as discussed in class • Take notes on readings in your logbook. • Include a complete bibliography with references listed using MLA format • Use third person and formal writing style (not chatty—no I, you, we) Double-spaced and 12-point font!	12/12/07*	10 HW
2nd draft of Review of Literature with logbook	12/19/07	1 Quiz Grade
1 st draft of Project Proposal *** <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title • Revised (if needed) research question • Hypothesis • Variables • Materials • Procedure 	1/4/08*	10 HW

*First drafts will be peer edited in class

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***The project proposal, results, data analysis, and conclusion are done with partners. They should be identical, but EACH student should have a copy of the draft to bring to class.

2 nd draft of Project Proposal (Hypothesis, Variables, Materials, and Procedure sections, and blank "dummy" table for data)	1/9/08	1 Quiz Grade
MA State Research Plans due (done in class) Need parent signature	1/17/08	5 HW
For students conducting projects with human subjects : 1 st draft of test/survey and of informed consent form due	1/17/08	
Start data collection by this date Note that some projects will need to start earlier. For example, projects involving plant growth and human subjects may require extra time.	1/23/08	
Note: If you are leaving early for vacation, be sure to meet with your teacher during Skills or after school <u>before</u> you leave—assignments are still due.		
Finish data collection this weekend • Begin organizing and describing data for Results	Weekend of 2/26	
1 st draft of Results***	2/27/08*	5 HW
2 nd draft of Results and 1 st draft of Data Analysis***	3/5/08	20 HW
2 nd draft of Data Analysis and 1 st draft of Conclusion***	3/12/08	20 HW 5 HW (conclusion)
Draft of display board design in your logbook	3/19/08	5 HW
(Regional Fair Registration forms due for participating students)	TBD	optional
Science Fair projects due! • 1 copy of your final lab report, including the final draft of your conclusion • Log book with completed Table of Contents • Completed display board • Presentation index cards	4/2/08	2 Test Grades (Conclusion 50 Display 50 Presentation 50 Logbook 25 Complete Lab report 25)
Class presentations begin	4/3/08	
Evening LMS Science Fair Bring Lab Report	4/10/08	XCredit
8 th Graders: Abstract	TBD	15 HW

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