Information Literacy Award

Guide for submitting your entry to TeenTech

The writing in green on the slides shows the topics or questions you need to answer and include

The writing in black provides an example of what you could write
What you need to add for an awesome IL award project submission

1. Project planning evidence
2. Brainstorming the idea evidence
3. Researching information evidence
4. Bibliography evidence
5. Evaluating information evidence

Read through these slides to see how you can do this!
Use this checklist to make sure that you have got everything covered in your report for this award.

You need to have used the ILG Research Sheets to make sure that you have included all the evidence you need for your project submission.

You can find the sheets and full checklist here: https://www.teentech.com/teentech-awards/supporting-materials/
1. Show how you planned your project

Include how you managed your time and explain your plan.

You can use any format you like.

It could be a list, calendar or graph.

Used your plan to show how you used your time and if you had to change any of your goals.

Add in details of what you did and why.

Our time plan

Week 1 – We brainstormed as planned
Week 2 – We researched as planned
Week 3 – We started our prototype as planned
Week 4 – We had to do more research. This took longer than we thought. We had to replan.
Week 5 – We researched. We had to move our questionnaires to Week 6

You can also add in planned dates and actual dates for each task.
2. Show how you explored your idea

You could include a brainstorming diagram or mind map to show how you developed your ideas and thinking around your topic.

Idea

Topic 1

New Topic

Topic 2

Choose how you want to show how your research helped you to develop your project

Add in when you had to do more research or discovered new information.

Tip: Add in details about keywords and information sources that you used (books/websites/articles).

Add in where you did research (database/website)
3. Add in an explanation of how you searched for your information.

1. What search engines did you use?
Why did you use them?

We used 2 other search engines along with Google.
https://scholar.google.com/
https://www.wolframalpha.com/

Using these search engines we found up-to-date articles on our project that were written by scientists. Including ...(you would add in your articles here).

2. What keywords worked when you searched?

We used these keywords:
Teenagers – 20 relevant results
Young people – 5 relevant results
Young adult – 8 relevant results

The best keyword was teenagers.

We found 20 relevant sources and a key article on why teenagers prefer pastel colours (Davis, 2016).

3. What databases did you use? JCS Online Resources gives you free access to some databases for this competition. What keywords did you use?

We used the same keywords when searching:
Jstor
Science online
Source Reference

In Jstor we found an article from a scientific journal on colour preference and teenagers. This helped us figure out how to design our app.
3. Add in where you got your information from

- Every time you mention that you have looked something up add in a reference (link to where you found it).
- Use a referencing scheme to help you e.g Harvard.
- Include the author’s name & date next to the facts you have used.
- You should add a separate page just for your bibliography (you total list of information sources) at the end of your project.

For example:
Our innovation - The Busy Chicken Feeder

Our Idea: We are going to base our design on a white chicken (see picture) as research on a Welsh farm says they have excellent beaks for pecking small bits of feed (Smith, 2019).

The name of the author links to your bibliography (see next slide) where you have listed details, so anyone can find the information that you have used.

White chicken (Trapani, 2020)
4. Bibliography (You must add this as the last page of your project)


Put all of the sources you used in your research in alphabetical order by author/organisation. Include any pictures that are not your own as well.

Tip – use citethisforme.com, for example, to help you with the formatting – it’s really easy to use!
5. Evaluate your information sources by using the Craap test

Explain how you judged your information source by applying the Craap test.

We found this article and evaluated it using the CRAAP test.

The GM chickens that lay eggs with anti-cancer drugs

Currency → 28 January 2019

Relevancy → Gives information to show that genetic modifications can provide health benefits through egg production. This is vital for our chicken feeder innovation.

Authority → Written by a BBC journalist, who is a science correspondent.

Accuracy → The same information provided in The Independent.

Purpose → The BBC writes information to inform the public.

You should explain why this information source is relevant to your project, and not just the first you saw!

Tip: It’s always worth checking another source to make sure that your information is correct.
Good Luck with your TeenTech project!

We are looking forward to reading about your ideas and your research!

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