**Year 11 Research Processes Mini Research Project**

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**Task:** *in about 10 weeks we need to move through the whole research project process from beginning to end.*

**Step 1:** *Choose a topic*.

Use a lotus diagram and some initial research to decide on a subject that interests and motivates you

**Step 2:** *Refine a question*

Use your initial research and ideas from the lotus diagram and sheet to write a first draft question and refine it down.

**Step 3:** *Planning with a Gantt chart and mind map/table*

Use the information provided to plan the timing of each task you need to perform for the project in a Gantt chart. Make sure you plan the “research processes” mindmap/table with specific research processes used for particular purposes. i.e.:

* Initial research to determine suitability of question and information for interview questions
* Interviews done early so you can follow up leads learned about

**Step 4:** *Research your heart out*

You only have about 3 weeks for this, which is pitifully short, so make the most of it!!! Focus on the Folio as the end result as you go, preparing what you can.

**Step 5:** *Finalise your Folio*

This should be 6 pages: about 2 pages for question refinement and planning; ½ for bibliography; the rest for development and analysis.

**Step 6:** *Write your outcome*

The outcome is the results of your research. Include:

* Findings: things that lead to or contribute to answering your question
* Synthesis of findings into a conclusion that answers the question
* Use of evidence from your research to back up your statements

**Step 7:** *Write your evaluation*

Include evaluation of:

* Your research processes and methods
* Your decisions about any challenges or opportunities that presented themselves
* To what extent your research findings answer your question, and the value of these findings for yourself and/or others.

**Step 8:** *Present your research materials (all of them)*

**Notes:**

* Bibliography required for research materials – this means all sources looked at need to be listed in full in your bibliography at the end.
* Reference list needed for both outcome and evaluation – only those sources mentioned in the work are listed in full at the end.

**Performance Standards at A Level**

**Knowledge and Understanding**

* KU2 **Thorough** knowledge and understanding of relevant research approaches for a variety of purposes.

**Development**

* D1 **Thorough** development of, experimentation with, and application of specific research skills

