

S3 Modern Studies

Human Rights Project



Name: _____

Class: _____

Teacher: _____

What is this project about?

This project is an essential part of the S3 course and a chance for you to investigate, in greater depth, a topic that you have found particularly interesting. It also gives you a chance to practice skills that you will need if you decide to study Modern Studies in S4. Your booklet will help you to keep all your research together and then it can be used to help you complete your final project piece.

What does a good human rights investigation look like?

A good investigation will have:

- A Front Cover stating your name and chosen topic.
- An Introduction that explains your hypothesis & aims.
- Research Findings for each of your aims using two different sources of information.
- A Conclusion that summarises your main points and comes to a decision regarding your hypothesis.
- An Evaluation of Research Methods explaining the strengths of weaknesses of your research methods.
- A Bibliography listing the textbooks/websites/YouTube clips etc. that you used to research your topic.

My Hypothesis & Aims

Any investigation should start with the creation of a HYPOTHESIS and AIMS.

A Hypothesis

A Hypothesis is a prediction, what you expect to find out at the end of an investigation.

For example, an investigation into children and sweets could have the following hypothesis:-

"Children eat too many sweets and this is bad for their health"

As you can see a hypothesis should be in the form of a statement!

Aims

Aims are what you have to find out to either prove your hypothesis correct or incorrect.

For example, once again using the investigation into children and sweets you may want...

- To find out if children eat too many sweets.
- To find out if sweets are bad for children's health

As you can see aims should always start with 'to find out.....'

Topic - Migrant Crisis

Hypothesis - "Migrants have travelled to Western Europe to get better jobs and increase their standard of living. Their human rights have not been violated."

Aims -

- To find out why migrants have moved to Western Europe.
- To find out if migrants human rights have been violated.

Topic - Modern Slavery

Hypothesis - "Modern day slavery has been eradicated in most parts of the world and progress has been made by international groups to combat it in the places that it still exists."

Aims -

- To find out where modern slavery still exists.
- To find out what international groups are doing to try and stop modern slavery.

Topic - LGBT Rights

Hypothesis - "Discrimination against LGBT individuals is decreasing throughout the world. Campaign groups are making good progress in combatting discrimination against LGBT individuals "

Aims:

- To find out whether discrimination against LGBT individuals is decreasing throughout the world.
- To find out what campaign groups are doing to combat discrimination of LGBT individuals.

My Investigation

My Name is _____

My topic is _____

My hypothesis is _____

My Aims are:

- Aim 1 _____

- Aim 2 _____

The Introduction

Now that you have chosen your topic and have your hypothesis and aims it is time to write your introduction.

In your introduction you must:

- Introduce your topic, hypothesis and aims
- Explain why you feel that your topic is an important area of study.

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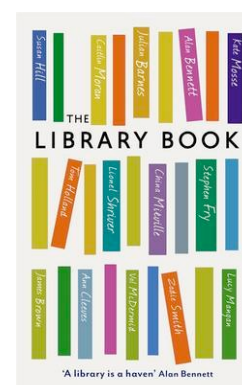
How Do I find Out Information for my Investigation?

- You will have access to an information booklet designed to help you with research. This booklet will help you organise your information and then you will have time to create your finished piece of work.
- You will also be given dedicated research periods in the library or time with laptops in order to gather as much information as possible.

For this investigation you must use at least 2 sources. These can include:

1. Library books
2. YouTube clips
3. Newspapers (online or paper form)
4. Articles online
5. Radio segment or even an interview

YOU MUST MAKE SURE TO KEEP A NOTE OF WHAT SOURCES YOU HAVE USED THROUGHOUT YOUR INVESTIGATION.



I found the following information that will help me with Aim 1:

(Make sure you write down the name of book/link to website)

I found the following information that will help me with Aim 2:

(Make sure you write down the name of book/link to website)

Research Findings

Now it is time to put all of the information that you have gathered together.

My two PEE paragraphs for Aim 1 are:

Point_____

Explain_____

Example_____

Point_____

Explain_____

Example_____

If you want to challenge yourself, do 3 of these paragraphs!

My two PEE paragraphs for Aim 2 are:

Point_____

Explain_____

Example_____

Point_____

Explain_____

Example_____

If you want to challenge yourself, do 3 of these paragraphs!

Conclusions

Now it is time to write your conclusions for each of your aims and your overall conclusion!

-Your aim conclusions should just be a summary of what you found out.

-Your overall conclusion should state whether your hypothesis has been proven or not and include reasons to justify your decision!

Aim 1 Conclusion: _____

Aim 2 Conclusion: _____

Overall Conclusion: _____

Evaluation of Research Methods

Now that you have completed your research it is time to assess the strengths and weaknesses of the methods that you used to gain information.

Here is some general information to help you:-

The Internet (Secondary Source)

Advantages Of Using The Internet

- There is a wide range of up to date information. You are more likely to find current information that will help make your investigation accurate.
- You can access the internet 24/7. It is therefore easier to collect relevant information.
- You can access TV Programmes & News Shows through Iplayers or You Tube. This means that you can watch related to your investigate that you may have missed. You can also watch the shows repeatedly, this helps with note taking.

Disadvantages Of Using The Internet

- Network/server connections can fail. If you can't get on-line you will not be able to get the information that you need.
- Anybody can put information on the internet. There is no guarantee that the information that you are using is accurate. Much of the information on the internet is bias and contains exaggeration.

E-Mail (Primary Source)

Advantages Of Using E-Mail

- E-mail is quick. Quick responses containing up-to-date information will make your investigation more accurate.
- E-mailing someone can be cheaper than talking to them or meeting them, especially if they are in another country!

Disadvantages Of Using E-Mail

- The whole point of e-mail is that it is quick. However, some people do not access their e-mail regularly and therefore do not respond regularly.
- As with surveys people may choose not to answer. A high % of no responses = lack of accurate information.

Books/Library (Secondary Source)

Advantages Of Using Books/Library

- Relevant books can provide in-depth information. The more detailed the information the more accurate it will be.
- Using books is a cheap way of getting information.
- Checking books out of the library costs nothing!

Disadvantages Of Using The Library/Books

- The information in books can be out of date. Out-of-date information lacks accuracy.
- It can take time finding relevant books and then finding the information you want from the relevant books.

- Interview (Primary Source)

Advantages Of Using An Interview

- Interviews allow detailed answers. The more detailed the answers the more accurate the information.
- You will usually interview an expert on the subject you are investigating. The information should therefore be accurate.

Disadvantages Of Using An Interview

- It can be difficult to get an appointment to interview the person you want at times. If you can't interview the right person you won't get the information you need.
- You are only asking one person's opinion. Their opinion could be extreme. The information you get from them will therefore not be accurate.

Choose TWO of your research methods and:

- EXPLAIN how they helped you in your investigation
- EXPLAIN any problems you had using these methods
- BE SPECIFIC!!!! Don't refer to the internet in general. State the Website you are evaluating. Don't just talk about books in general. State the books that you are evaluating!
- EXPLAIN at least one way in which you would improve your research methods in the future.

Example of Evaluating Research Method

During my research I emailed Cadburys Chocolate to find out how many children buy their sweets.

One advantage of emailing was that I got a quick response from their sales manager who was able to tell me exactly how many sweets were sold.

One disadvantage was that they could not tell me about how healthy their sweets are and when I questioned them further about this no one replied to my email.

I recognise that a face-to-face interview would have led to me gaining more information that would have helped my project. If I were to do a task like this again I would organise an interview with someone from the company so that I could follow up on any unanswered questions quickly.

Evaluating Research Methods-do this twice!

During my research I used _____

One advantage of this was _____

One disadvantage of using this was _____

If I were to do this project again I would _____

During my research I used _____

One advantage of this was _____

One disadvantage of using this was _____

If I were to do this project again I would _____

Bibliography

Your bibliography is your list of sources that you used: websites, books, email interviews etc. These should be in alphabetical order and organised under headings.

Now all you have to do is put the following worksheet together in order:

- Front Cover
- Introduction
- Research Findings
- Conclusions
- Evaluation of Research Methods
- Bibliography.

Give these to your teacher to be stapled!

Well Done!



My Bibliography

Source 1 _____

Source 2 _____

Source 3 _____

Source 4 _____

Source 5 _____

Source 6 _____
