

Example of Project Plan, Thesis and Outline for Junior Project

History

Project Plan:

- Write a timeline of Alexander.
- Find maps of Alexander's military progress.
- Get ancient sources describing different battles.
- Compose an analysis of the effect of geography on Alexander's route through the Near and Middle Eastern world.

***Think of this as a "To Do" List in order or a step-by-step checklist.

Thesis: Geography, even more than politics, determined Alexander's route through the East.

****What are you proving? Then prove it using thorough research and evidences to bring it to the point of your thesis in the conclusion.

Paper Outline:

- I. Brief biography of Alexander
- II. Political forces in Alexander's time
 - A. Greeks
 - B. Macedonians
 - C. Persians
 - D. Egyptians
- III. Geography of the Mediterranean and East
 - A. Greece
 - B. Asia Minor
 - C. Palestine
 - D. Egypt
 - E. Persia
 - F. India
- IV. Alexander's route to conquer the world
 - A. Macedonia
 - B. Greece
 - C. Thrace, etc.
- V. Conclusion: Geography ruled the Great.

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Music

Project Plan:

- Listen to Renaissance music.
- Note some characteristics of Renaissance music.
- Read others writing on Renaissance music, making notes.
- Compose a Renaissance style piece.
- Write project description.

Thesis: Renaissance music is easy to compose once one recognizes its rules of harmonic progression, and its melodic independence.

Paper Outline:

- I. Renaissance music – background
- II. Value in writing a Renaissance piece
- III. Renaissance music characteristics
 - a. Harmony
 - b. Melody
 - c. Counterpoint
- IV. My composition including a description of the process and recording of the composition
- V. Conclusion: The simplicity of Renaissance music is a good place for beginner composers.