



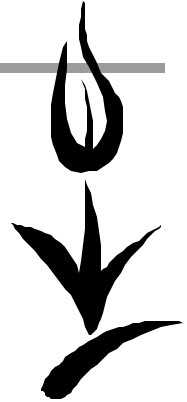
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Science Fair Tips

1. Read the Student Handbook carefully.

- There are many good hints about how to do research in it.
- You may also ask a librarian for a good book on how to do science fair projects, or you might consult this one on the general topic of research:

The New York Public Library Kid's Guide to Research (Scholastic, 1998) by Deborah Heligman.



2. Follow the steps in the Student Handbook

Step one is to pick a topic

Step two is to research your topic.

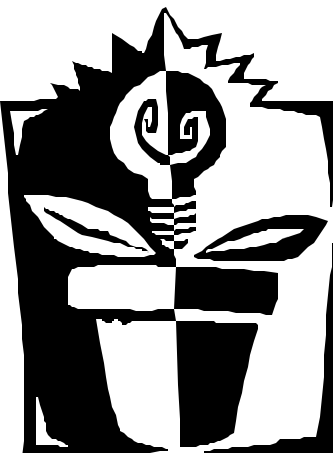
Step three is to organize.

Step four is to plan your experiments and so on . . .

In other words, **research** comes *before* **experimentation**.

3. Start early, start early, start early!

- It's more fun to choose a topic that captures your imagination.
- Allow plenty of time to gather information.
- Begin at the closest library.



4. Ask for help

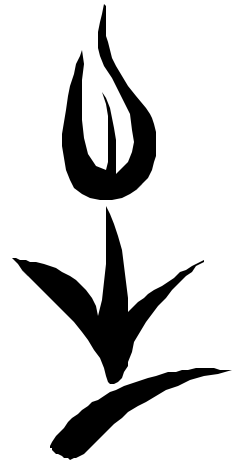
- Librarians expect that you'll ask for help if you need it.
- Not everyone who works in a library is a librarian. If you don't get the help you need, for whatever reason, ask someone else, or ask for a reference librarian.





4. There ARE good resources on the Web

- The Internet Public Library Science Fair Project Resource Guide
<http://www.ipl.org/div/kidspace/projectguide/>
- Science Fair Projects: A Resource for Students and Teachers
<http://www4.umdj.edu/camlbweb/scifair.html>
- Neitz Color Vision Lab (Medical College of Wisconsin) provides information about color blindness; see especially the article on color vision in the dog
<http://www.mcw.edu/cellbio/colorvision/introduction.html>



5. On the other hand, not everything is available on the World Wide Web.

- Quality control does not exist on the Web.
- Learn to evaluate the information you find on the web.
- Website Evaluation Criteria from the University of Idaho.
<http://www.lib.uidaho.edu/reference/webcriteria.html>
- "10 Reasons Why the Internet is No Substitute for a Library"
<http://www.ala.org/alaonline/news/10reasons.html>

6. Find out when the library is open.

University of Tennessee Libraries hours

Hodges (Main Library) (865) 974-4351

Pendergrass Agriculture & Veterinary Medicine (865) 974-7338

<http://www.lib.utk.edu/hours/>

Knox County Public Library Hours

Lawson McGhee (Main Library)

(865) 215-8750

Lawson McGhee & branches contact #s

<http://www.knoxlib.org>

All the best on your science fair projects!

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