

The Brain Project Checklist

Research

- Reminded myself of the key criteria for note-taking:
 - System of organization
 - Written in my own words
 - Fewest words possible to capture essence of ideas
 - Digging deep (focusing on the processes of *how* things work the way they do)
 - Challenging myself to be thorough
 - Challenging myself to take steps to fully understand the material
- Created a place where I will take notes (could be comp book or a Word or Google doc; could be both; needs to be purposeful; hand-written notes are encouraged)
- Created a place to record my sources
- If working with a partner, decide who will be responsible for which parts of the research
- Decided on a note-taking system that would help me record notes using my own words and the fewest words possible to capture the essential information
- Found a site/resource with good diagrams of the brain to base my diagram on
- Made notes from **at least six** different resources, including at least one source with age-appropriate content (you can use Wikipedia as a starting point, but it does not count as one of your sources)
- Challenged myself to dig beneath surface answers
- Identified unanswered questions
- Attempted to discover answers to those questions
- Dug deep into how and why my brain part does the things that it does
- I understand where in the brain my part exists
- I understand the function of my part of the brain, *in detail*
- Discovered which parts of the brain my brain part functions most closely with
- Visited with **at least five** people in class to discover how my brain part is connected to their brain part (*how* does information or action get passed from one part to another?)
- Optional:* Explored what is happening in my part of the brain while I meditate or express gratitude; and/or what is happening in my part of the brain for a neurodiverse person
- Careful rereading of rubric

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Design

- If working with a partner, we decided how is responsible for each interactive/aspect
- Explored the interactive templates made available by the Great and Mighty Prof. Wu Wei
- Visited the interactive template website and explored the options
- Explored the other interactive links on the class blog
- Decided which six templates I am going to use (or more if adding extras)
- Printed out all my templates
- Explored how to make full use of all aspects of each template
- Decided which template I am going to use for each aspect
- Sketched out how I am going to place my interactives within the lapbook – I can justify my choices: I know why I placed each interactive in each place, in relation to the other interactives and in relation to the lap book as a whole
- Created a rough draft of my web of research notes
- Sketched out my comic strip and did rough copy of dialogue
- Sketched out my design for the cover of the lapbook
- Experimented with other ideas for my cover
- Finalized my idea for my cover
- Sketched out how I will print my brain part name on the back of my lapbook
- Explored possibilities for my memory aid
- Finalized how I will approach the memory aid
- Decided whether or not I will add extra interactives and made rough drafts of that work
- Identified aspects that I less than confident in creating/drawing
- Practiced creating/drawing those aspects until I felt my confidence increase
- Careful rereading of rubric

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Making

- Consider: what design elements might run through all aspects of my lap book?

Then, these can be done in any order:

1.

- Reread rubric – written description
- Draft of written description of brain part
- Proofread written description of brain part
- Asked a peer to proofread my written description
- Final copy of written description

2.

- Reread rubric ~ diagram
- Created diagram
- Proofread diagram

3.

- Reread rubric – comic strip
- Made any adjustments necessary to my draft
- Created comic strip
- Proofread comic strip
- Final copy of comic strip

4.

- Reread rubric ~ connections
- Created connections to other brain parts
- Proofread my text

5.

- Reread rubric – web of research
- Created web of research
- Proofread web
- Made connections across the web

6.

- Reread rubric – memory aid
- Created my memory aid

- Proofread any text in the memory aid

7.

- Reread rubric – front cover
- Created front cover

8.

- Do I have time for extra interactives and content?

Do these after all of the above is complete:

- Proofread all written content
- Compared each aspect of the lapbook against the rubric
- Glued in interactives
- Considered what common design elements can help my lap book look like a purposeful whole?
- Added common design elements
- Final Artist Moment for each interactive
- Final Artist Moment for project as a whole
- Self-assessed on rubric**
- Completed reflection**
- Handed in the lap book, the self-assessed rubric, and my reflection
- Did something nice for myself
- Slept for 5000 years

Due Date _____