

PURPOSE

- * Why are you doing this project?
- * What did you observe in the world that made you ask your question?
- * What made you curious?

PROBLEM

- * What is the problem or need?
- * Who has the problem or need?
- * Why is it important to solve?

DESIGN REQUIREMENTS

- * State characteristics that your solution must meet to be successful.
- * List should provide a complete description of the key features that will make your design successful.
- * List should be feasible. Think of what you might need... time, materials, etc.

RESEARCH & BACKGROUND

Learn from the experiences of others — this can help you find out about existing solutions to similar problems, and avoid mistakes that were made in the past. Research two areas:

1. Users or customers
2. Existing solutions

- * How does this research influence how you will approach your project?
- * How will your project further the research and design that has already been done?

Engineering Project Title

A good title attracts attention, but also gives information about the project.

ABSTRACT

Provide a concise paragraph summary of your project including: purpose, hypothesis, procedures used, data summary or analysis, and conclusions.
250 words maximum

SOLUTIONS

- * Brainstorm possible solutions
- * Evaluate possible solutions
- * Show notes, pictures, etc.
- * What criteria did you use to find the best possible solution?

MATERIALS

- * Record everything you use for your building your prototype.
- * Do not include the materials for the board.

PROTOTYPE

- * What process did you use to create your prototype?
- * Did you encounter any challenges as you built?
- * Did you need to redesign it as you were building it?

TEST & REDESIGN

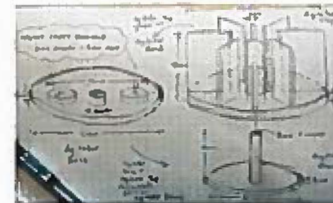
- * Go out and test your final design
- * How did feedback from others help you redesign?
- * What problems occurred and how did you fix them?
- * Which parts were successful and why?
- * Repeat process and retest multiple times until your solution is as successful as possible.

DISCUSSION

- * Restate your problem.
- * Summarize your research
- * Describe your process of designing, testing, redesigning, testing...
- * Describe your project
- * Explain and justify your conclusion with data and observations.

NEXT STEPS

- * What new questions do you have as a result of your Engineering Design?
- * What are some ideas for future research or improved designs?
- * What additional materials and resources would you need to make future designs successful?



Write down everything you do from start to finish for your project. Do not include preparing the board. Journal should be hand written and authentic. Be sure to have your journal on display with your board.

Include Pictures

- * Sketches
- * Labeled diagrams
- * Detailed drawings
- * Photos of your prototype