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Proposal: [title of project]

[subtitle that helps describe the project]

Needs and Opportunities

Explain the problem you have noticed that needs to be solved with a project like yours. This is also your hook, so make sure you grab our attention.

Audience / Clients / Users

Explain who will benefit from your project.

Mentor

You must have a mentor for this project. You are looking for someone who has a high understanding of your subject matter. You should approach this person and formally ask him/her to coach you. Do you know someone you may ask? If so, why do you think this person is fit to be your mentor? If not, what kind of qualities are you looking for in a mentor in connection to your project?

Timeline

What is your monthly timeline for this project. I want to see a list of deliverables with deadlines. You may find that the timeline needs adjustment during the course of the year, which may be fine. Check in with me if that's the case.

January 1 Deliverables	
February 1 Deliverables	
March 1 Deliverables	
April 1 Deliverables	
May 1 Deliverables	

Product

What is the actual product you will show this spring. This project may be made of atoms or bits, but you must have something to show. I'm not interested seeing a bunch of great ideas at the end of the year. I want to see things.

Reality Check

What are the needs of your project? What barriers do you anticipate facing? How do you plan to overcome those barriers?

Needs	Barriers	Plan to Overcome Barriers

Conclusion

Wrap it up. Why are you fired up about this project? What is the inspiration for this project? Why did you choose this project? Why is it important to you? Inspire us to support you, and give us a great reason to approve your project.

Proposal: Thinking Like a Teacher

A research based project on different teaching philosophies.

Needs and Opportunities

From personal experience there have been classes where I felt unsuccessful and didn't understand how to make the most out of my learning. I believe that this was because I wasn't sure what I was supposed to be getting out of the class. If I would've had the opportunity to understand my teachers philosophy to teaching I would've had a much better understanding. Since I want to be a teacher in the future I feel that it's important for me to understand the pros and cons of all teaching philosophies so I can be better prepared.

Audience / Clients / Users

This project is directed more towards students in order to help them understand how to be successful in every class no matter the teaching style. This will make students more comfortable with their teachers and in that specific environment. I also think that this will help teachers better understand what philosophies help certain students better.

Mentor

For this project there are several mentors I could use. I would like a former or future teacher who feels very strongly about their personal teaching philosophy. I would also prefer them to be well educated in the different teaching styles and the pros and cons of each. Mrs.Bonner said I could use her as my mentor as well as suggesting Mrs.Bruegger due to their knowledge of both.

Timeline

January 1 Deliverables	● Blogs 1 and 2 posted ● Find a mentor/sign agreement ● Design pitch presentation ● Begin research on teaching philosophies
February 1 Deliverables	● Blogs 3 and 4 posted ● Deliver pitch presentation/gain feedback/make adjustments ● Interview mentor to learn personal teaching philosophy ● Finish any additional research and organize all information
March 1 Deliverables	● Blogs 5 and 6 posted ● Begin survey prototypes ● Request all freshman teachers to complete surveys ● Organize data into teacher profiles ● What makes a good infographic research
April 1 Deliverables	● Blogs 7, 8, and 9 posted ● Create and finish teacher profile infographics ● Draft how students can use this information ● Receive feedback from mentor ● Post infographics (print and online) and complete tri-fold with all information
May 1 Deliverables	● Present project ● Complete reflection on project and if it achieved the set goals

Product

I will create a series of teacher profiles after collecting data from individual surveys. These profiles will be displayed on infographics posted in print as well as online (Mrs. Bonner's website with permission) for student access. I will also explain how students can benefit from this information prior to going into high school.

Reality Check

Needs	Barriers	Plan to Overcome Barriers
1. Time management/ Organization 2. Mentor 3. Feedback throughout 4. Permission for link on Mrs. Bonner's website 5. Research notes 6. Infographic website	1. Not completing all tasks within the time frame 2. Not being able to survey freshman teachers 3. Not creating attractive infographics	1. To complete all elements of my project I must follow my timeline. This may include working outside of class to finish my project. I will use good time management and stay focused. 2. I will overcome this by finding teachers that are willing to take the survey. I may have to shift my focus to another grade level such as 7th grade for students going into jr. high. 3. I will do research on what makes a good visual prior to creating the infographics, as well as receiving feedback to make them better and better.

Conclusion

I've known for quite some time that I want to be a teacher when I'm older, however I've never done such extensive research on the career itself. This will give me an opportunity to explore something I'm passionate about, as well as provide helpful information to fellow students. This information will make them better prepared for the transition out of junior high, and into high school.