Independent Learning Project

Department:	Citizenship	Start Date:	WB: Monday 23rd February 2015	Due Date:	WB: Monday 23rd March 2015

Title of Task: Environmental Issues	How should I submit my work?	
Aims/Learning Outcomes: To research an environmental issue that is important to you. Your findings will be presented in a newspaper article.	**Success Criteria:** **Level 4** - You can describe and begin to explain the causes of an environmental issue. - You understand some ways in which human actions can cause environments to change. - You recognise that people have different views about environmental issues. **Level 5** - You can describe and explain how human actions can cause environmental change - You can explain why there are conflicting demands on the environment and suggest different ways of managing the issue. - Present information in a clear way, using suitable vocabulary and a range of sources of information **Level 6** - You can explain in detail the interactions between people and the environment that can lead to environmental change - Show that you understand the many different factors that influence the decisions made about managing the environment - You can produce well argued findings with detailed conclusions, using a range of specialist vocabulary.	**My Target Level:**

What you need to do		Useful Topic Related Words

Guidelines: To write and present a newspaper article on an environmental issue that is important to you.
 	
You Must: Task 1: Research environmental issues
  1. Create a mind map/write a list of all the environmental issues you come across whilst researching
  2. Narrow your list down to the top 3 you care about and explain why
 	
You Should: Task 3: Present your findings as a news report article
  1. You must ensure you have an eye catching heading for e.g. 'Breaking News!'
  2. You must include all the information from task 2 Q2.
  3. You must have a visual image that represents your environmental issue
	You Could: Task 2: Select your environmental issue
	  1. Select an environmental issue that matters to you. This may be a global issue (e.g. global warming) or something more localised (impact of sewage in a local area). You need to use a range of sources of information to research the issue.
	
	  2. Answer the following questions about your chosen environmental issue:
	    • What are the causes of the issue?
	    • What problems might the issue cause?
	    • What do people think about the issue?
	    • What could be done to manage the issue?
	    • A conclusion: How important is the issue? Why?
		'Pollution'
		
		 'Global Warming'
		
		 'Sustainable development'

What steps can I use to help along the way? These steps will be helpful when completing the project.	Are there any supporting documents – PowerPoint's, images, pictures, website links, etc?	Equipment that I may need

Checkpoint 1 (due in 2 weeks)
 	
• You must have created a mind map or written a list of all the environmental issues you come across whilst researching
• Narrowed your list down to the top 3 you care about and explained why
 	
Checkpoint 2 (due in 4 weeks)
 	
• You must have selected your environmental issue
 	
• You must have answered the following questions about your chosen environmental issue:
   • What are the causes of the issue?
   • What problems might the issue cause?
   • What do people think about the issue?
   • What could be done to manage the issue?
   • A conclusion: How important is the issue? Why?
 	
Checkpoint 3 (due in 6 weeks)
 	
1. You must ensure you have an eye catching heading for e.g. 'Breaking News: Global warming is upon us!'
2. You must include all the information from task 2 Q2.
3. You must have a visual image that represents your environmental issue
4. You must ensure you use an appropriate news paper article template to present all your information
	http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/newsroundfind/?q=environment
	
	http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/z6tp34j
	
	http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zphnb9q/resources/2
	
	Power point lessons on the Environment
		Newspaper article template (available on Citizenship department Frog Page)
		
		Computer with internet connection
		
		Images of chosen environmental issue for your news article

Please remember to plan out your time carefully and ask your Citizenship teacher if there is anything that you do not understand.