Personal project assessment criteria: Year 5

Criterion A: Investigating

Maximum: 8

In the personal project, students should be able to:

- i. define a clear goal and global context for the project, based on personal interests
- ii. identify prior learning and subject-specific knowledge relevant to the project
- iii. demonstrate research skills.

Achievement level	The student does not achieve a standard described by any of the descriptors below. The student: i. states a goal and context for the project, based on personal interests, but this may be limited in depth or accessibility ii. identifies prior learning and subject-specific knowledge, but this may be limited in occurrence or relevance iii. demonstrates limited research skills. The student: i. outlines a basic and appropriate goal and context for the project, based on personal interests ii. identifies basic prior learning and subject-specific knowledge relevant to some areas of the project iii. demonstrates adequate research skills. The student: i. defines a clear and challenging goal and context for the project, based on personal interests ii. identifies prior learning and subject-specific knowledge generally relevant to the project iii. demonstrates substantial research skills. The student: i. defines a clear and highly challenging goal and context for the project, based on personal interests ii. identifies prior learning and subject-specific knowledge that is consistently highly relevant to the project iii. demonstrates excellent research skills.		
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Criterion B: Planning

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In the personal project, students should be able to:

- i. develop criteria for the product/outcome
- ii. plan and record the development process of the project
- demonstrate self-management skills.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
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The student does not achieve a standard described by any of the descriptors 0 below.

The student:

- develops limited criteria for the product/outcome
- 1-2 ii. presents a limited or partial plan and record of the development process of the project
 - iii. demonstrates limited self-management skills.

The student:

- develops adequate criteria for the product/outcome
- 3-4 presents an adequate plan and record of the development process of the ij. project
 - demonstrates adequate self-management skills. iii.

- develops substantial and appropriate criteria for the product/outcome
- 5-6 presents a substantial plan and record of the development process of the
 - iii. demonstrates substantial self-management skills.

The student:

- develops rigorous criteria for the product/outcome
- 7-8 presents a detailed and accurate plan and record of the development process of the project
 - iii. demonstrates excellent self-management skills.

Criterion C: Taking action

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In the personal project, students should be able to:

- i. create a product/outcome in response to the goal, global context and criteria
- ii. demonstrate thinking skills
- iii. demonstrate communication and social skills.

Achievement level	Level descriptor		
0	The student does not achieve a standard described by any of the descriptors below.		
1-2	The student:		
	i.	creates a limited product/outcome in response to the goal, global context and criteria	
	ii.	demonstrates limited thinking skills	
	iii.	demonstrates limited communication and social skills.	
3-4	The student:		
	i.	creates a basic product/outcome in response to the goal, global context and criteria	
	ii.	demonstrates adequate thinking skills	
	iii.	demonstrates adequate communication and social skills.	
5-6	The student:		
	i.	creates a substantial product/outcome in response to the goal, global context and criteria	
	ií.	demonstrates substantial thinking skills	
	iii.	demonstrates substantial communication and social skills.	
7-8	The student:		
	i.	creates an excellent product/outcome in response to the goal, global context and criteria	
	ii.	demonstrates excellent thinking skills	
	iii.	demonstrates excellent communication and social skills.	



Criterion D: Reflecting

Maximum: 8

In the personal project, students should be able to:

- i. evaluate the quality of the product/outcome against their criteria
- ii. reflect on how completing the project has extended their knowledge and understanding of the topic and the global context
- iii. reflect on their development as IB learners through the project.

Achievement level Level descriptor

The student **does not** achieve a standard described by any of the descriptors below.

The student:

- i. presents a limited evaluation of the quality of the product/outcome against his or her criteria
- 1-2 ii. presents **limited** reflection on how completing the project has extended his or her knowledge and understanding of the topic and the global context
 - iii. presents **limited** reflection on his or her development as an IB learner through the project.

The student:

- i. presents a basic evaluation of the quality of the product/outcome against his or her criteria
- 3-4

 ii. presents **adequate** reflection on how completing the project has extended his or her knowledge and understanding of the topic and the global context
 - presents adequate reflection on his or her development as an IB learner through the project.

The student

- i. presents a substantial evaluation of the quality of the product/outcome against his or her criteria
- 5-6

 ii. presents substantial reflection on how completing the project has extended his or her knowledge and understanding of the topic and the global context
 - iii. presents **substantial** reflection on his or her development as an IB learner through the project.

The student:

- i. presents an **excellent** evaluation of the quality of the product/outcome against his or her criteria
- 7–8

 ii. presents **excellent** reflection on how completing the project has extended his or her knowledge and understanding of the topic and the global context
 - presents excellent reflection on his or her development as an IB learner through the project.