Independent Research Project (IRP) Plan – Draft

Name: Class:

Teacher: Due date:

1. **What is the IRP? What needs to be done?**
2. In your words briefly explain what you understand the requirements of the IRP to be.

1. Date commenced: Date to be completed:
2. How much time do you have to complete the IRP?
3. List three possible research questions and provide a hypothesis for each.

i) Question:

Hypothesis:

ii) Question:

Hypothesis:

iii) Question:

Hypothesis:

1. Give a brief description of how you intend to research your hypothesis.

1. How are you going to record or document your progress?

1. **Where can I find the information I need?**
2. Complete the table by make a list of resources that may be useful to you during your research. For example: libraries (school, public, uni), organisations (specific needs, info centres, charities) or people (teachers, family, librarians, friends, experts). State the methods of research you would use to access these resources and for what purpose you could use them.

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| Resource | Research Methods | Purpose |
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1. Categorise the above resources as either primary sources or secondary sources.

**Primary sources**



**Secondary sources**



1. **How do I locate the information I need?**

a) How do you find out:

i) where the library is?

ii) what’s in the library?

iii) how to use the library?

b) Do you have the necessary skills to search in the library? YES NO

c) Who could you ask for help with research skills?

d)How could you use a photocopier in the library to speed up your research?

e) How could you organise contact with organisations, professionals, experts in the field, etc in order to survey/interview them for your project?

f) List 5 survey or interview questions you could ask to get primary data.

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g) Why is it important to put your primary data into tables and graphs?

**4. How do I select relevant and appropriate information?**

a) How do you know if the sources are reliable?

b) How do I know if a magazine, book, article or journal is up to date?

c) How do you know if the resources you plan on using are too simple or too complex?

d) Do you think you’ll be able to find enough resources to complete this project?

If not, should you change your IRP topic?

**5. Self reflection**

a) Are you capable of completing this project successfully?

b) Write yourself a motivational speech or ‘pep talk’ to read over when you may be feeling overwhelmed with this IRP.

**6. Your IRP timeline**

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