

Daily Launch Day 23



Do Now: Thinking about Independent Projects

Look at the Independent Project description sheet you received at the last class meeting. (It should be in your folder.)

Think about the different choices you have for your project:

1. A classroom “museum” exhibit or poster about a big cat species
2. A newsletter on a big cat-related theme
3. A digital (slide) presentation on your favorite big cat
4. A model habitat for a big cat
5. A board game OR a quiz game using facts about big cats

Do you have ideas about what kind of project you would like to do?

- Yes No

If yes, write your idea here: _____

Do you want to work alone or with a partner from your team?

- Alone With a partner Not sure

If you would like to work with a partner, have you and the other person agreed to work together? Yes Not yet

Why are you interested in this project?

What challenges will you face working on this project?

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Do Now: Planning for Your Independent Project

Take your Independent Project description sheet out of your folder. Turn to the side of the sheet titled "My Long-Term Plan." Review the items on the checklist. Then respond to the questions below.

Which cat (or topic) have you chosen to focus on?

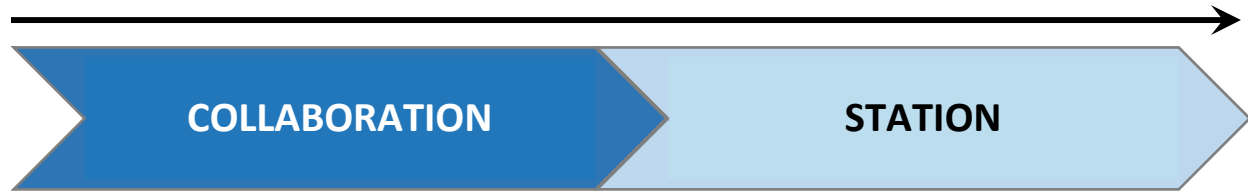
Which step on the checklist do you think will be the easiest or the most fun?

Which step do you think will be the most challenging?

Read: What books or other sources do you plan to use to learn about your topic?

Research: For your internet research, what search term(s) will help you find the information you need?

Plan: What steps can you already guess you will need to do to complete the project?



"Focus on: The Jaguar" Geographic Map

With your team, read together the **second page** of "Focus on: The Jaguar."
Discuss the following questions with your team.

1. In what countries do jaguars live? (See Central and South America map, below.)
2. What are different countries doing to try to protect jaguars?

After your discussion, color in on the map the countries that have created parks or set aside land where jaguars can live.

Also, be sure to add any new information from the article to your "Jaguar Card."

When you finish the assignment, work on your independent project.





Media Madness

Instructions: You should use the Media Madness station for the next few days to work on your independent project. This is your opportunity to use print and online resources to learn more about your chosen cat or topic.

- Use your “Feisty Felines Independent Project” description sheet to get started. Fill in the blanks where you already know the answers. If you don’t know some of the answers yet, that’s okay. You can fill those in later.
- The Guide Sheet for your particular type of project will also help. Make sure you have a Guide Sheet in your folder for the kind of project you are doing.
- Begin researching your cat or topic using print resources (such as Seymour Simon’s *Big Cats*) and your search engine.
 - Don’t forget to take notes.
 - Don’t forget to make a list of your sources.
- If you need extra materials (for a habitat, museum display, or game), start to think about what materials you will need. Where can you get them? Can your teacher help?