



PROJECT/RESEARCH IDEAS

BROAD TOPICS

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| Aeronautics | Economics | History | Personal Services |
| Agriculture | Education | Industrial Arts | Photography |
| Animal Sciences | Electronics | Insurance | Physics |
| Anthropology | Energy | Journalism | Psychology |
| Archaeology | Engineering | Languages | Radio |
| Architecture | Entertainment | Law | Recreation |
| Arts/Crafts | Environment | Manufacturing | Religion |
| Astronomy | English | Marketing | Social Services |
| Biology | Fashion | Mathematics | Sociology |
| Botany | Film | Mechanical | Sports |
| Business | Finance | Medicine | Technology |
| Climatology | Genetics | Military | Television |
| Communication | Geography | Music | Tourism |
| Drama | Geology | Natural Resources | Transportation |
| Controversial | Government | Nutrition | Visual Arts |
| Issues | Graphic Arts | Oceanography | |
| Culinary Arts | Health | Performing Arts | |

TYPICAL PRODUCT TYPES AND EXAMPLES

1. **PHYSICAL PRODUCTS** – create stained glass window, create a computer program, rebuild an engine, build a cabinet, create an efficient and economic recycling plan
2. **WRITTEN PRODUCTS** – short story, book of poetry, novelette, newspaper, children’s book, journal of reflective essays
3. **PERFORMANCE PRODUCTS** – dance, instrumental or singing recital, drama show, musical video, magic show, slide show, fashion show, formal speech/debate
4. **TEACHING OR LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE PRODUCTS** – teach middle school health classes about teen alcoholism, teach about knights and armor to a 5th grade class, coach a little league team, set up a neighborhood action team, start and facilitate a new club at school
5. **CAREER RELATED PRODUCTS** – “shadow” a professional and write or speak about an experience to a specific audience, view and document specific procedures, volunteer time at a local animal shelter
6. **SERVICE PRODUCTS** – organize a food drive, develop and implement an exercise program at the Boys & Girls Club or a senior center, volunteer at a food shelter



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EXAMPLES OF PAPERS AND CORRELATING PRODUCTS

| PAPER | PRODUCTS |
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| Body Conditioning or Childhood Obesity | Created a fitness program for obese children |
| Car care | Established a car detailing business |
| Car maintenance | Established a car maintenance service for low income elderly people |
| Physical therapy | Developed portfolio of patient's progress |
| Modern Fashion | Organized a fashion show with original designs |
| Computer art | Created an animated CD |
| Auction business | Organized and conducted charity auction |
| Domestic violence | Wrote and published children's book for guidance office |
| Coaching | Organized and coached girls' softball team |
| Country music | Created original CD |
| Christian music | Created music video/organized charity concert |
| Rhythm and blues music | Wrote and produced script dramatizing featured artists |
| Interior design | Completed interior design projects/demonstrated techniques |
| Effects of smoking | Spoke to middle school students/organized a fund raiser for the American Cancer Society |
| Sailing | Demonstrated proper sailing techniques to middle school class |
| Children's literature | Wrote and presented Children's book to daycare class |
| Television advertising | Produced television commercial |
| Study of magic | Designed and implemented a magic show to an audience |
| Study of homeless and transient population | Produced local version of Live Aid Concert |
| Fly fishing | Produced demonstration video/taught lessons |
| Vietnam Veterans | Worked with Post-Traumatic Stress Syndrome Veterans/Taught high school history class |
| Aluminum welding | Constructed a river boat |
| Archeology | Participated in an archeological dig |
| Egyptian, Renaissance, Impressionistic art | Created and displayed three self-portraits in each style |
| Furniture design | Created a Shaker piece of furniture |
| Musical arranging | Wrote orchestration for a 26-piece orchestra and conducted performance |
| World War II | Interviewed/videotaped/wrote booklet |
| How religion affects history | Interviewed/videotaped Buddhist, Jewish Rabi, and Baptist Minister and presented to World History class |
| Geriatrics | Organized a Program at a nursing home |