

# Science & Social Studies Fair

## Four-Week Project Schedule (Fair Date: Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012)

Taking on a Social Studies or Science Fair project might seem like a huge task, but it doesn't have to be an overwhelming experience. Use the timetable below to think through the steps in the process and follow a clear and organized schedule.

<b>Scheduled Weekly Events – Begin January 2<sup>nd</sup></b> <i>(or over the winter break if you can, especially if you have a more complicated experiment that requires more time)</i>	<b>Scheduled Completion Date</b>
<b>Week One (What Do I Wonder?)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Choose a topic, issue, or problem to investigate.</li> <li>• Form a Question.</li> <li>• Start a journal to keep all your notes and research.</li> <li>• Begin research using the library, internet, books, magazines, personal interviews with experts, teachers, etc.</li> </ul>	<b>Monday, January 9th</b>
<b>Week Two (What Do I Think? And What can I Do?)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From your research, decide how to set up an investigation or create an invention, including the procedure and necessary materials,</li> <li>• Complete any additional research and set up outline for report.</li> <li>• Start your experiment or create your invention. Record observations in your journal.</li> <li>• Begin collecting or buying materials for your display and start work on any models, props, or visual aids for your display.</li> </ul>	<b>Monday, January 16th</b>
<b>Week Three (What Did I Do and What Did I Find?)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to record observations from your experiment or invention in your journal. Work on first draft of report.</li> <li>• Write down or sketch preliminary designs for your display.</li> <li>• Write text for background of display.</li> <li>• Take any photos needed and have them printed.</li> <li>• Complete your experiment. Analyze observations and write up your results.</li> </ul>	<b>Monday, January 23rd</b>
<b>Week Four (What Did I Learn?)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Write and proofread final version of your project.</li> <li>• Finish constructing your display, including any graphs, charts, and visual aids.</li> <li>• Practice presenting to the judges.</li> <li>• <b>Prepare for project setup at 5:00 on Wednesday, February 1st</b></li> <li>• <b>Fair and project judging on February 1st</b></li> </ul>	<b>Monday, January 30th</b>