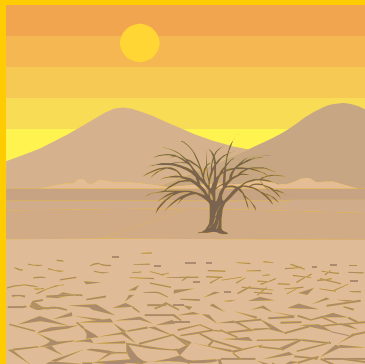


Benefits of Project Work

Working on classroom projects can be a very engaging experience. Some benefits include:

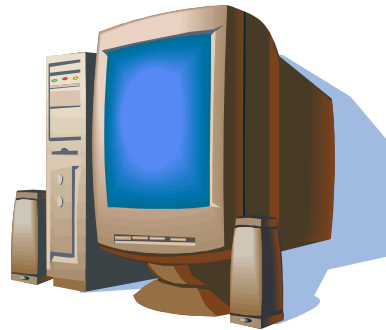
- *Student led decision-making
- *Problem solving with various solutions
- *Student responsibility and organization challenged
- *Continuous student and teacher evaluation
- *Regular student reflection on the process
- *Final product produced and evaluated
- *Comfortable environment where trial and error is encouraged



Informative Resources

[*http://www.gsn.org/web/pbl/whatis.html](http://www.gsn.org/web/pbl/whatis.html)

[*http://www.gsn.org/web/pbl/pedagog.htm#Changing%20Roles%20and%20Increasing%20Participation](http://www.gsn.org/web/pbl/pedagog.htm#Changing%20Roles%20and%20Increasing%20Participation)



It will be a great adventure!

Enjoy the ride!



Positive Projects in Ms. Smith's Social Studies Class!

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► The Role of the Teacher...



is the coach of the class! They will guide the students and teach them how to question, hypothesize, and locate information through various resources. As the facilitator of the process, the teacher can learn from the discoveries made by their students. It can be exciting to take a back seat and watch what happens!

The Role of the Student...

is an investigator! This involves the innovative world of technology. In many cases, using the "side-by-side learning", the students become the teachers not only to their peers, but also to the classroom teacher. The students have a personal connection to the project because they helped design the plan, implement the steps, and produce their own idea of a finished project that completes the requirements, allowing creativity.



The Role of the Parents...

is an encourager! Your student is embarking on a journey that requires creativity and imagination. You will need to help them along the way. This may be a simple comment about how they are doing, redirecting them to complete homework tasks when they are distracted, or proofing their work to offer helpful suggestions. Computer access at home would be greatly appreciated. Providing this to your student, could peak their interest to take their learning even further on their own.



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