

Independent Learning Newsletter Tips

5 Reasons Not To Put Off Starting Assignments

Here are 5 reasons why you should start working on your assignment immediately.

1 Get Your Brain Thinking About The Topic:

Even if your assignment isn't due for weeks, start thinking about it immediately. At the very least, ensure you go through and understand the requirements on the day you get your assignment. Even if you are not thinking about it directly, your subconscious will be hard at work.

2 Find Library Resources:

Although the school or local library will probably not be your main source of reference, you should drop in soon after receiving the assignment. Your teacher will probably have alerted the school librarian to the assignment and reference books, magazines etc may well be displayed. These will disappear quickly if the whole class has the same assignment. Books, periodicals, magazines can sometimes be a useful general overview for an assignment and they help to clarify a direction as you begin to immerse yourself into the assignment topic. It is not a good idea to only use Google!

3 Discover Other Resources:

You could also ask your local librarian for any additional direction on where to look for resource material for your assignment. Librarians are often your best source of information. They know how to help people access relevant and appropriate information, in books, the Internet or computer based references. One of the challenging aspects of Internet based searches for school students is the complexity, language and purpose of websites, not to mention bias and reliability.

4 Starting Early Means More Time To Explore & Ask For Help If Needed:

If you do some initial research on the assignment points you've identified through the library, references your teacher may have given you, school textbooks, and general internet search engines, you could find yourself having more direction in your research. For example: Perhaps there isn't enough information, or perhaps you find you don't understand important concepts, or perhaps you need to speak to your teacher to get further clarity. If you find this out early, you will still have plenty of time to plan, research, write and present your assignment. Imagine if you didn't start your assignment for a week or so, and then discovered you needed more guidance. You could easily run out of time.

5 Create A Safety Net:

Starting your assignment immediately will give you a safety net in case you get sick, or something unexpected happens. Assignments are usually given over a period of time because they require more time; students must plan a strategy or schedule to ensure they are completed. You should always have a schedule that allows for the unexpected.

So get started today

