

Independent Learning Newsletter Tips

Starting Assignments Straight Away

Ever leave your assignments until the last minute? Well here are 5 reasons to start work on your assignments immediately:

- **Get Your Brain Thinking About The Topic:** At the very least, read through the requirements of the assignment on the day you get your assignment. Even if you are not thinking about it directly, your subconscious will be hard at work.
- **Find Library Resources:** Although the library may not be your main source of reference, you should drop in soon after receiving the assignment. Reference books, resources and magazines will disappear quickly. It is not a good idea to only use Google.
- **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 know how to help people access relevant information, in books, journals and in computer based references.
- **Starting Early Means More Time To Explore & Ask For Help:** Your initial research might be on assignment points you've identified through the library, references your teacher may have given you, school textbooks, and/or general internet search engines. If you start this early, you could discover that you don't actually understand important concepts and that perhaps you need to speak to your teacher to get further clarity.
- **Create A Safety Net:** Starting your assignment immediately will give you a safety net in case you get sick, or something unexpected happens. You should always have a schedule that allows for the unexpected.

So learn more this year about how to improve your results and be more efficient and effective with your schoolwork by going to the links section in your portal and opening the ELES handbook:

