

The Writing Process

Step 1: Getting started, pre-writing, discovering

- Look for a topic
- Brainstorm
- List your interests
- Check science project books, science fair websites, science magazines, etc.

Step 2: Writing it down, drafting and developing

- Choose one topic
- Draft your proposal answering questions such as:
 - What do you already know?
 - What do you want to find out?
 - What is your purpose? (See science text for lab 'purpose')
 - What materials and procedures will you use?
- Remember! This is a rough drafting of your proposed project

Step 3: Checking it over, revising.

- Narrow the topic
- Write a concise purpose statement
- Rework, revise, shape your work
- Consider the following questions:
 - Is my project experimental?
 - Is it 'doable' with resources available to me?
 - Are there other processes that need to be used?
 - Are all the variables that need to be controlled included?
- Complete a second rough draft

Step 4: Getting it right

- Edit, proof-read, recopy
- Refine your written portion of your project
- Hand-in this third draft to your teacher

Step 5: Polish and celebration

- Finishing touches
- Good copy
- Celebrate completion and a job well done!