

Project Rationale Guide

A rationale tells anyone who reads it what your plans are for your project. Put all your project ideas and plans in this document. Every rationale is different, so try to make it your own. Remember that a thorough, detailed, narrative rationale of at least 100 words will lead not only to approval by the advisors but to a successful project!

Title

(Ex: Outer Space Rationale)

Interest (books you read, conversations with friends and family, local/national/global news stories, driving interests, personal challenges you or your family experience.....)

- Introduce the topic (interesting facts from preliminary research)
- Why do you want to do the project?
- How did you become interested in your topic?

Intentions (goals, subtopics, driving (essential) questions)

- Open ended research questions:
 - 1)
 - 2)
 - 3)
- Potential sources (live and print)?
- Potential project activities?
- Potential Products: What ideas or plans do you have for your written and non-written products? If you have no ideas, state that.
- What do you want your project end result to look like?

Skills and Requirements (something you need to improve, demonstration of acquired knowledge)

- What is your Focus Skill?
- What is your Communication Arts Skill?
- Standards (located in third section of VNS binder)?
- How the standards pertain to the project?
- Proposed length of project (number of hours and possible assessment date)?
- Proposed amount of credit?