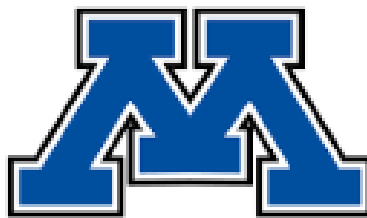




Minnetonka High School
International Baccalaureate
Extended Essay Research Questions
and
CAS Project Titles

Class of 2026



Aghamirzai, Zoya

EE Question: How do “After Dark” and “The Road” differ in the impact of their usage of an omniscient narrator in regards to connection to characters, the role of a narrator, and the development of familial relationships?

CAS Project: Photography Project-Rooms

Anlauf, Kaitlyn

EE Question: In what ways do the Manifestations of Obsessive Compulsive Disorder Present Differences Between Age Groups?

CAS Project: Photography Portfolio

Baveja, Diya

EE Question: How does Tyler, The Creator communicate his feelings about fame through his lyrics in his first concept album, *Wolf*, in 2013, then refine and deepen them in his most recent concept album, *CHROMAKOPIA*, in 2024?

CAS Project: Learn How to Play Bass

Beck, David

EE Question: To what extent did Denmark’s policy of cooperation shape the political, social and economic dynamics of the German occupation between 1940 and 1943?

CAS Project: Breaking 90 in Golf

Benson, Brooke

EE Question: How does Margaret Atwood’s *The Handmaid’s Tale* examine the role of motherhood in exerting control over women?

CAS Project: Musical Improvement

Curry, Clara

EE Question: What changes did traditional art undergo due to the opening of the ports in Japan during the Edo period (1600-1800)?

Daumalle, Emie

EE Question: What is the most significant cause of eating disorders in female athletes?

CAS Project: Making Cards for Minnesota Children’s Hospital

Dietzler, Natalie

EE Question: In what ways and with what results is equine based Animal-Assisted Therapy used in treatments of mental health conditions?

CAS Project: Decorating Cards, and Donating Envelopes and Stamps to a Children’s Hospital

Dodge, Tyler

EE Question: How do the metafictional elements present in Mark Z. Danielewski’s *House of Leaves* affect the relationship between the reader and story?

CAS Project: Writing a 160-Thousand Word Novel

Eldahshoury, Farida

EE Question: How does Joni Mitchell’s lyrical storytelling reflect and readjust the understandings of femininity and identity in the late 20th century?

Fauske, Caitlin

EE Question: What are the most significant ways in which Canadian identity and views of independence were shaped by war and rebellion in the century before 1867?

CAS Project: Building Garden Beds for Preschool

Finucane-Tuccio, William

EE Question: To what extent did World War II accelerate advancements in transportation logistics and infrastructure, and how did these changes shape mobility after the war?

CAS Project: Breaking 90 in Golf

Foerster, Isabel

EE Question: While Portuguese women were granted the right to vote in 1931, why wasn't universal suffrage granted until 1976?

CAS Project: Singing at Retirement Homes

Gilbert, Anastasia

EE Question: To what extent does business air travel in the Zürich area contribute to carbon dioxide emissions in the atmosphere of Kloten, and how is local air quality affected?

CAS Project: College Cookbook Making with Family

Heck, Michelle

EE Question: To what extent did internal factors cause the fall of the communist government in Poland?

CAS Project: Video Series on Environmental Issues

Hefferon, Delaney

EE Question: How does Damien Chazelle convey themes of artistic fulfillment and sacrifice in his films Whiplash (2014) and La La Land (2016) through key film techniques?

CAS Project: Montages of Important Senior Memories

Herwig, Macy

EE Question: How does the El Mozote massacre of December 11, 1981, represent the involvement and influence of the United States in El Salvador's Civil War from 1972 to 1992?

CAS Project: Eagle Project: PROP (People Reaching out to People) Fence Reconstruction

Howard, Miatta

EE Question: How do filmmakers effectively use a variety of techniques to blend dramatic fantasy with lighthearted, satirical comedy in the films "Monty Python and the Holy Grail" (1975) and "The Princess Bride" (1987)?

CAS Project: Short Film

Ingham, Ellen

EE Question: How are female vampires portrayed in Dracula and Carmilla?

CAS Project: Creating Personalized Handmade Gifts for my Friends

Kaur, Simran

EE Question: What are the strengths and limitations of certain approaches to assistive technology for those with Autism Spectrum Disorder in the context of facial expression recognition?

CAS Project: Tutor Two Kids to Have all the Math Knowledge Necessary for AP Physics

Kim, Joseph

EE Question: How do filmmaking decisions in SLC Punk! and Suburbia help communicate the message of a disconnect between punk ideology and the reality of existing in a capitalist society?

CAS Project: Album/EP

Kogan, Amelia

EE Question: What do Eugene Onegin's and his relationship with other characters in Pushkin's novel and Tchaikovsky's opera reveal about their concerns towards upper class members' lifestyles of 19th century Russia?

CAS Project: Learning Paper Mache and Creating 10 Pieces of Art to Decorate a Wall

Kolecek, Helena

EE Question: To what extent have social policies contributed to food insecurity and shaped political responses in Egypt and Syria between 2000 and 2015, with particular attention to the impact of conflict in Syria?

CAS Project: Writing a Family Recipe Collection

Kottke, Reese

EE Question: To what extent were the ideologies of Getúlio Vargas and the Brazilian Catholic Church the primary causes of Brazil's restrictive immigration policies towards Jewish refugees between 1930 and 1945?

CAS Project: Helping the Lake Minnetonka Sailing School with Dinghy Inlands

Krebs, Carter

EE Question: To what extent have the socioeconomic and ecological landscapes of Uruguay been changed by the widespread proliferation of eucalyptus plantations and the associated wood pulp industry in the country since the 1990s?

CAS Project: Book Binding a Photo Book Documenting Senior Year

Lewandowski, Juliana

EE Question: What factors best explain the end of the British policy of appeasement in 1938-1939?

CAS Project: Volunteering with J&J Lovelace Alliance

Luthra, Isabel

EE Question: How did Soviet policies from 1922 to 1991 contribute to the development of Ukrainian national identity and later tensions with Russia?

CAS Project: Mixed Cultures Recipe Book (Indian and Ukrainian)

Maxwell, Darrya

EE Question: To what extent did the Gilded Age's cultural and social norms in New York and California impact women and immigrants during the 1870s and the 1880s?

CAS Project: Learning how to Snowboard

Moser, Emelia

EE Question: What does V.E. Schwab communicate about the value of human connection through a storyline that spans three centuries in *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue*? The value of human connection in *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue*

CAS Project: Painted Beeswax Candles for Climate Advocacy

Nelson, Alexandra

EE Question: How does Oscar Wilde explore the way one's physical appearance reflects their morality in his novel *The Picture of Dorian Gray*?

CAS Project: Creating an Album T-Shirt

Percy, Skylar

EE Question: To what extent were females successful in infiltrating wartime opponents from 1941 to the present due to gender stereotypes and expectations?

CAS Project: Haute Route Blog

Pillai, Sahana

EE Question: Why did China, from the 1950s to 2000s, have a higher prevalence of Cleft Lip and Palate deformities, and what factors played the largest role in improved treatment?

CAS Project: Cozy Crumb TikTok Page

Rohl, Lola

EE Question: In what ways does creator and director, Jim Henson use groundbreaking puppeteering and film techniques through his films The Muppet Movie and Labyrinth to blur lines between fantasy and reality?

CAS Project: Independent Journalism Instagram Account

Soo, Alex

EE Question: To what extent does Russian folk music influence the style of Rachmaninoff's symphony No. 2?

CAS Project: Summer Chinese Tutoring Services

Thibodeau, Adeline

EE Question: In what way and to what extent did the US media influence American public opinion against the Vietnam War between 1961-1971?

CAS Project: Creating an Annual Report for Bridge to Basics

Vencl, Abigail

EE Question: What was the most significant factor in the preservation of pre-colonial religion and culture in Peru?

CAS Project: Handmade Beeswax Candles for Climate Advocacy

Wentzien, Lauren

EE Question: How does Anthony Doerr emphasize sound's role in survival throughout his novel All the Light We Cannot See?

CAS Project: Trailer Mural

White, Michael

EE Question: To what extent were the responses to the Great Depression effective in the contrasting political systems of Germany and the United States?

CAS Project: Kilby Girl Cover

Wieder, Joshua

EE Question: How does J.D. Salinger use the juxtaposition of childlike innocence and corrupted adulthood to reveal the tension between idealism and reality in Nine Stories?

CAS Project: Food Blog on Foreign Cuisines

Zoss, Marley

EE Question: To What Extent Were The Impacts of The Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act More Positive Than Negative For School Aged American Children Between 2010 to 2015?

CAS Project: Creating and Starting a Pilates Chug (Camp Rotation)

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