



The PAL Process

1.) Choose a Topic:

The topic should be new to you. Remember - PAL is not an opportunity to exhibit what you already know; it's a chance to learn something new on your own!

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2.) Get an Overview of the Topic:

Get some background information and start to develop a list of keywords for further searching.

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3.) Develop a Driving Question:

This is the question that will take you beyond just gathering information. This question will help you build a new understanding of some aspect of your topic.

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4.) Create Questions to Guide Research:

These are the questions that you will use to gather information.

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5.) Start Collecting Information Sources:

You need a minimum of 3 sources.
You must have at least one book.

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6.) Take Notes and Create Your List of Sources

The best way to get your information into your own words is to take notes that focus on your keywords. Make bulleted lists or use the answer lines under your info gathering questions. Make your source list as you go, following the directions in your PAL folder.

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7.) Organize Information and Answer Your Driving Question.

How will you present your facts...a chart, a graph, captions? What will you DO with your facts?

Example:

You gathered information about dogs for the blind. Your driving question was "How are dogs chosen to work with blind people?"

You may choose to use the information you found to create a "test" for your own pet, to determine whether he or she would have been chosen!

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8.) Create and Present The Final Product:

Important - not every fact you collected needs to be on a presentation board. You might not even use a board. Your final product can take many different forms. Don't forget that **YOU** are the most important part of your presentation. You will be there to explain to your audience why you chose your topic, what you learned, and what you understand that you didn't understand before.

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HAVE FUN!!!!!!!!!!