

SCIENCE FAIR #1 – CHOOSING A TOPIC – _____ POINTS, Due _____

The one factor that is critical to the success of all science projects is the choice of the topic. Finding a subject can be the most difficult part of the experience! **KEEP IN MIND YOU MUST DO AN EXPERIMENT OR INVENT SOMETHING!**

When looking for an idea you must choose a topic that is related to SCIENCE. If you can find the subject in a science textbook, it will probably be approved. It should be a topic you find interesting and fun. Choose a project that is within your capabilities and means. A science project is different compared to other research papers that you have done, because it will take you approximately 5 months to complete.

Your project needs to have an original viewpoint to be a success. No two people within the same section will be allowed to do the exact same topic!

Once you find a topic, it's a good idea to analyze the feasibility of your plans. You must decide whether you can actually complete the project in the time available.

- Here's a checklist to help you decide:
- Is the **information** that I need **readily available to me**?
- Where can I **find the information**?
- If the information is not available locally, **where can I get it? How long will it take to get?**
- Will I need to **pay** for my information?
- If I need special books, can I check them out of the library or must I use them there?
- **Will I need professional advice?** Who do I ask? Are they willing to help?
- Will it cost anything? What supplies will I need? **What will it cost?**
- Can I build some of the things I need? **Do I need help to build it?**
- **Can I borrow** some of the supplies and equipment I need? Who do I ask?
- **Do I have the money** for my supplies and equipment?
- Will my parents give me their Platinum credit card?
- Is there anything about my project my **family might object to**?

Some ideas I will not approve of unless you meet with me.

- No plants
- No bacteria
- No sports

CHOOSING A TOPIC – 15 POINTS

List two (2) possible choices for your Science Fair project.

1. List 2 project choices
2. Give a brief description of what the project will be focused on. Will you be doing an EXPERIMENT? DESCRIBE IT!
3. Tell me where the idea originated. (Title of book, magazine, TV show, person's name, etc, but not just Google.)

CHOICE A:

CHOICE B: