

THE SCHOLAR'S ASCENT

Legacy Project Planning Guide

Leave Your Mark. Change Your World.

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1. What Is a Legacy Project?

A Legacy Project is a meaningful, self-directed initiative that creates lasting positive impact in your community, school, or field of interest. It is the culmination of everything you have learned on The Scholar's Ascent -- combining your knowledge, skills, creativity, and leadership into a project that outlives the moment.

Your Legacy Project answers the question: **"What will you leave behind that matters?"**

Legacy Project Categories

Category	Examples	Impact Area
Community Service	Tutoring program, food drive, mentorship initiative	People helped, hours served
Creative Arts	Art installation, film, music album, poetry collection	Audience reached, exhibitions
Entrepreneurship	Small business, app, product, social enterprise	Revenue, users, problems solved
Research	Scientific study, survey, data analysis, white paper	Findings published, cited
Advocacy	Awareness campaign, policy proposal, educational workshop	People educated, policy changed
Education	Curriculum guide, workshop series, online course, book	Students taught, materials created

2. Project Ideation Framework

Step 1: Self-Inventory

My top 3 skills:

My top 3 passions:

Issues I care deeply about:

Communities I belong to:

Resources I have access to:

People who inspire me and why:

Step 2: Problem Identification

A problem I see in my school:

A problem I see in my community:

A problem I see in my field of interest:

Which of these problems am I best equipped to address?

Who else is affected by this problem?

Step 3: Solution Brainstorm

Idea 1:

Idea 2:

Idea 3:

Which idea excites me most?

Which idea is most feasible in 16 weeks?

My Legacy Project:

3. 16-Week Execution Timeline

From Vision to Reality -- Week by Week

Phase	Wk	Focus & Milestones	Done
PLAN	1	Define your project. Write a 1-paragraph summary. Identify your target audience.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	2	Research similar projects. Identify what makes yours unique. Set 3 measurable goals.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	3	Create a detailed action plan with tasks and deadlines. Identify resources needed.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	4	MILESTONE: Present project plan to mentor/advisor for feedback. Revise as needed.	<input type="checkbox"/>
BUILD	5	Begin creating deliverables. Establish partnerships or recruit team members if needed.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	6	Continue building. Document your process with photos, notes, and reflections.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	7	Get early feedback from your target audience. Test, iterate, and improve.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	8	MILESTONE: Midpoint check-in. 50% of deliverables complete. Adjust timeline if needed.	<input type="checkbox"/>
REFINE	9	Complete core deliverables. Begin refining and polishing your work.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	10	Collect data and evidence of impact. Begin measuring outcomes.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	11	Incorporate final feedback. Make last revisions. Finalize all materials.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	12	MILESTONE: Project deliverables complete. Begin presentation preparation.	<input type="checkbox"/>
LAUNCH	13	Create presentation materials. Design slides, visuals, and talking points.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	14	Practice presentation. Get feedback from peers and mentors. Refine delivery.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	15	LAUNCH: Present your Legacy Project to your audience. Deliver your impact.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	16	REFLECT: Write your final reflection. Document lessons learned. Plan for sustainability.	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. Progress Tracking & Reflection

Weekly Progress Tracker

Week: ____ of 16 Date: _____

What I accomplished:

Challenges faced:

How I overcame them:

Next week's priorities:

On track? 1 2 3 4 5

Impact Measurement Tools

Metric Type	Examples
Quantitative	Number of people served, hours contributed, items collected, dollars raised
Qualitative	Testimonials, feedback surveys, personal stories, before/after observations
Reach	Social media impressions, event attendance, website visits, media coverage
Sustainability	Will it continue after you're done? Handoff plan, documentation, trained successors

5. Presentation Template & Tips

Suggested Presentation Structure (10-15 minutes)

Slide	Section	Content	Time
1	Title & Hook	Project name, your name, a compelling opening question or statistic	1 min
2-3	The Problem	Why this matters. Who is affected. Why you care.	2 min
4-5	My Solution	What you built/created/organized. How it works.	3 min
6-7	The Journey	Process photos, challenges, pivots, growth moments	3 min
8-9	Impact & Results	Data, testimonials, before/after, measurable outcomes	2 min
10	Reflections	What you learned about yourself. How you've grown.	2 min
11	What's Next	Sustainability plan. Call to action for the audience.	1 min
12	Q&A	Open the floor for questions. Be prepared for tough ones.	3 min

Presentation Tips: Know your material, don't read from slides. Use visuals -- photos and data are more powerful than paragraphs. Tell a story -- people remember narratives, not bullet points. Practice at least 3 times in front of someone before the real presentation.

6. Reflection & Documentation Guide

Final Reflection Questions

1. What was the most challenging moment of this project, and how did I handle it?
2. What surprised me about myself during this process?
3. If I could start over, what would I do differently?
4. What skills did I develop that I didn't have 16 weeks ago?
5. How did this project change my understanding of leadership and impact?
6. What does "legacy" mean to me now, compared to when I started?
7. Who helped me along the way, and how did they make a difference?
8. What is the lasting impact of this project, and how will it continue?

Documentation Checklist

- Process photos (at least 10 throughout the project)
- Written journal entries or blog posts (at least bi-weekly)
- Feedback surveys or testimonials from beneficiaries
- Data and metrics tracking spreadsheet
- Final presentation slides
- Written final reflection (500-1,000 words)
- Video documentation (optional but powerful)
- Portfolio entry describing the project

8. Sustainability & Handoff Plan

A truly great Legacy Project does not end when you do. Plan for how your project will live on.

Sustainability Questions

Can this project continue without me? How?

Who will take over leadership of this project?

What documentation or training will my successor need?

Are there recurring costs? How will they be funded?

What partnerships need to be maintained?

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