

MME - Student Sentence Starters

Project Timeline and Logistics:

- My project will span _____ weeks. Within that time, I have deadlines on the following dates: _____.
- Throughout this project, I need to turn in drafts on these dates: _____.
- At the end of my project, my final product will be a _____ (*research paper / presentation / survey / prototype*).
- I plan to post to MME on a _____ basis (*weekly / biweekly*) on _____ (*day of the week*). Will you be able to check MME following that schedule?
- **I plan to use _____ as a resource to share documents. Does that work for you?** (*Google docs / pdfs / microsoft Word / etc. Please be mindful not all mentors can use google docs. Make sure to find a compatible method of communication.*)

Finding a topic:

- My research question is _____. I plan to answer this question by _____.
- I was drawn to this area of research because _____.
- Something that I understand well about this topic is _____. Something I want to learn more about within this topic is _____.
- I know that I want to research _____ but I'm not sure how to go about it. Could you help me narrow down our research topic?
- So far, I have completed _____. My next steps are to _____.
- I think I will need the most help on _____.

Beginning research:

- My first steps in this project will be to _____.
- I am a little unsure how to get started with _____. Could you talk me through this process?
- I plan on using these resources: _____. Are there other resources or articles that I should reference while researching?
- I plan to do _____ over the next week. In order to do this, I need _____.
- What platform is the most effective for _____?

Scheduling posts:

- My school is going on break until _____. I will check back in when class is back in session on _____.



- For the next few weeks, I will be working on _____ and won't need as much direct support. I will check back in on _____ when I am beginning the next phase of the project and need more help.
- I've been struggling with _____. Could we schedule a video conference to talk through the process?

Sharing findings:

- I have completed _____ and would appreciate your feedback. Specifically, could you help me with _____?
- A challenge I had was _____. It was challenging because _____.
- Things that went well in my project were _____. I will build on these things by _____.
- Thank you for your help with my project. I've attached a final version of _____ for you to look through.

Networking & Getting to know your Mentor:

- I noticed in your expertise description that you have experience in _____. Would you be willing to share a little more about what that experience was like?
- I am interested in pursuing _____, and I am always looking for opportunities to grow my skills in this area. Do you know of any internship opportunities available in this field?
- Would you be open to starting each post with a fun question? (*Before each update, you can include an icebreaker question—for example, “what’s your favorite candy?” or “what is your favorite video game?”*)

After the Project:

- Thank you again for all of your help with this project. Your insight took my project to the next level. I'm applying to _____. Would you consider writing a letter of recommendation for me?
- I appreciated learning more about you and your personal/professional journey. I would be interested to stay in touch so that I can update you on what I do next! If that is okay with you, I'd like to request you on linkedin.