

IB Digital Society Internal Assessment guide - Student planning sheets

Part 1: The Inquiry Focus (Criterion A)

1. Inquiry Question:

What is the main question your project seeks to investigate? It should be an open-ended question that invites analysis, not a simple yes/no answer.

2. Real-World Example Explained:

Briefly describe your specific real-world example. What is the digital system involved? Who are the key actors? What is the situation? (Remember to cite the source for this information in your IPD).

3. The 3Cs - Concepts, Content, and Contexts:

List the specific course elements you will use as a lens for your inquiry. Be precise (use the number and title from the guide).

- Concepts: _____
- Content: _____
- Contexts: _____

4. The Connection:

Explain why these 3Cs are the most appropriate for investigating your inquiry question. How do they connect to your real-world example? This is the most important part of the inquiry focus. It must be specific and explicitly explained in relation to the inquiry question and real-life example, and never generic.

Part 2: Research & Sources (Criterion B)

Source [source number]

Full Citation: (Use a consistent format)

Claims and Perspectives:

What are the main arguments or points made in this source? What perspective does it offer on your topic?

Credibility and Perspective:

Where does this source come from (origin)? Why was it created (purpose)? Is the author an expert, a journalist, a corporation, an activist? What potential biases might it have? Why is it credible to use it in your analysis?

Justification for Use in Your Inquiry:

How did this source help your investigation? What specific role did it play? Did it provide foundational knowledge, key data, a critical counter-argument, or an ethical framework?

Repeat this process for all 3 sources.

Part 3: Structuring Your Presentation (Criteria C, D & E)

1. Analysis & Evaluation (Criterion C): Outline the key arguments you will make in the main body of your presentation. For each argument, note the evidence you will use and the impacts/implications you will discuss.

- Argument 1:
 - Evidence:
 - Impacts/Implications on People/Communities:
- Argument 2:
 - Evidence:
 - Impacts/Implications on People/Communities:
- Argument 3 (usually a counter-argument or different perspective):
 - Evidence:
 - Impacts/Implications on People/Communities:

2. Conclusion & Future Developments (Criterion D): Your conclusion needs to do more than just summarize. Use these prompts to plan a powerful ending.

- Further Insight: After conducting your analysis, what is the "so what"? What new, "bigger picture" understanding can you offer about your topic's significance in digital society? Is there an answer to the inquiry question, and if so, what is it?

- Emerging Trends & Future Developments: What specific and plausible future developments are on the horizon for this digital system or issue? What evidence (from your research or logical reasoning) substantiates this trend? Spend around 2 minutes talking about these questions.

3. Communication & Media (Criterion E): Think about how you will present your findings effectively.

- Key Visuals: What are the most important images, short video clips, or data visualizations you will use to support your points?
- Pacing & Structure: How will you signpost the different sections of your presentation to make it easy for the examiner to follow?

- Audio: Is your plan for narration clear? Will you use any other audio? How will you ensure high-quality sound?