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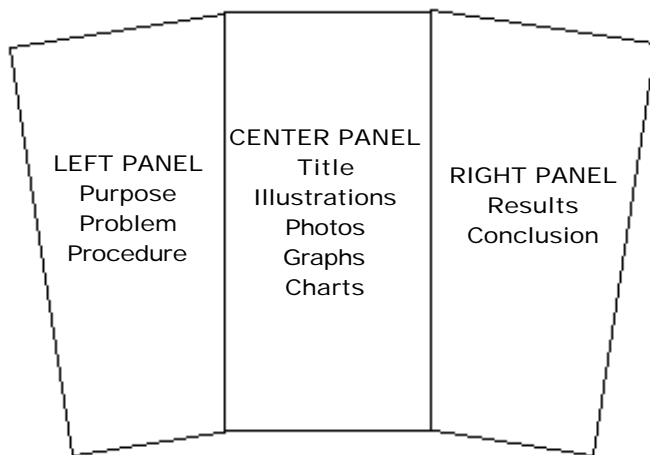
Display Boards

The purpose of your display is to display your project. Content, or the information on the board, is the most important thing. Many boards look good but don't have very much information. Your display board should look professional, something that a business person might use. It should attract the attention of a viewer and make them want to come over and read about your project.

It is good to use color in your display but you shouldn't make it too colorful because it will make your display lose its professionalism. Stick to one or two colors that contrast, such as black and white or red and green.

The title is very important in a display board. It should be eye-catching and easy to read. Be sure that the letters are large enough to read across a room. Use dark colors for the title.

Most display boards are of a 3 panel configuration and the traditional way to setup this type of board is:



A prototype or Model of your invention or a sample of your product are great additions to your display.

Before you begin, make sure you plan out your board including making sketches. This can save you money if you mess up a board.

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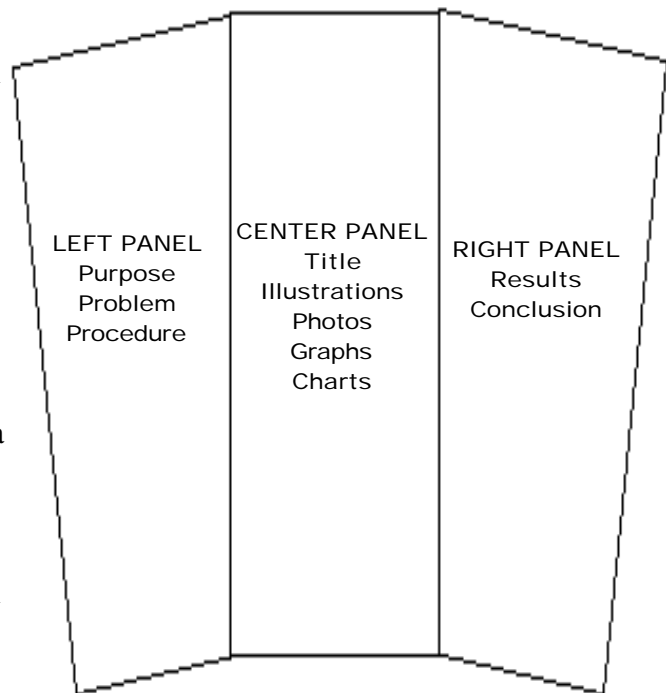
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Visual Display Ideas and Suggestions

Backboard Materials

A display board consisting of three panels is stable and can be folded up for transportation. Use a sturdy, light-weight material. You want the display to stand well on its own but it also needs to be light for carrying. White cardboard backboards work well and can be purchased at a local discount or office supply store or many schools may have boards that you could borrow or purchase.

Insulation panels can be purchased at local hardware stores. When covered, these panels can be joined to make a backboard. Foam core also works great and is available from local stores. Foam core is an all-white material that can be slit halfway through its thickness to form the side panels. This is a fast and easy method for getting an attractive backboard. Wood construction tends to be heavy and cumbersome to transport, but if wood lends itself to your project use it.



Covering a Backboard

If the display backboard needs covering, using poster paper will add color and interest to the display. Some students prefer to cover the board with some type of fabric. Check remnant tables in fabric stores; they often have just enough fabric to do the job at an inexpensive price.

Attaching Papers to the Backboard

Since many papers need to be attached to the board, it is a good idea to use an adhesive glue that works easily and holds well.

Title

Your project title should catch attention, create interest, and simply and accurately present the contents of your project. Titles usually look best done in clear bold type, large enough that the words can be read from a distance.

Procedure

A condensed version of the procedure used (Inventors Log, Volunteer Log) in the project should be displayed so that visitors can understand what was done.

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Results and Conclusions

Depending on the type of project that has been conducted, results may be displayed in the form of a graph, table, diagram or written statement. The conclusion should tell what has been learned in conducting the project.

Include Photographs

You may want to take photographs through the different phases of the project. Photographs not only enhance the look of the display but they help to communicate the important aspects of a project.

Be Organized

Make sure that the display is logically presented and easy to read. At a glance, anyone should be able to locate the title, procedure, results and conclusion.

Be Creative

Make your display stand out. Use appropriate colors and make sure that the display looks clean, clear and orderly. Your display often makes the first impression.

Other Items to Display

Use items (such as a prototype, plants, books, samples) that will help visitors better understand what your project is all about.

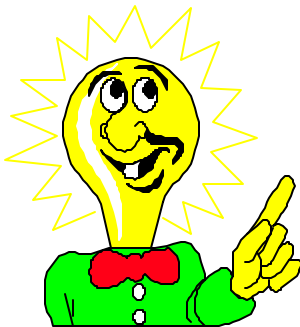
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Share Your Ideas and Experiences with Others!

1. Explain your project.
2. What steps did you go through to create or develop your project?
3. What problems have you had and how did you overcome those problems?
4. Where did you turn for help and who helped you?
5. What problems or hurdles do you see in the future?
6. Share with others what or who inspired you and/or your project.

Exhibit Tips

1. Colorful signs or posters.
2. Scrapbooks or photo albums of your project from start to finish.
3. Video presentations, slides and displays, if you have them.
4. Samples of your product(s).



Tell Your Story! Present Your Idea! Have Fun!!