MATES Junior Activity
Resource Guide

Goal: Academic skills

Activity Name:
"Research Project"

Objective:
For the mentee to explore a research topic of their choice and present their learning in a variety of ways

Preparation Time:
None initially – may require prep time in later stages, depending on topic and outputs

Activity Duration:
Varies - this is a large project that can be broken into pieces and spread across sessions

Required Material:
Will vary according to topic and presentation, but will likely require:
• Paper and pens/markers/pencils
• Books
• Internet access

Instructions:
• Brainstorm possible topics with your mentee. The topic should be something they are interested in and motivated to think and read about. Anything is possible!
  • A favourite animal
  • Musician/band or instrument
  • Sport or sportsperson
  • Place (city or country)
  • Historical time or person
  • Book or character
• Brainstorm and choose 3 or 4 research outputs with your mentee. These can include any way for the mentee to present what they have learned about their chosen subject, e.g.:
  • Drawing or painting
  • Poem or short story
  • Collection of news articles with captions and key points
  • “Pros and Cons” list about an important question to do with the topic
  • Fact sheet
  • Powerpoint presentation with facts and photos
  • Movie or tv review (if there is one on the topic)
• Dedicate some session time to doing research – looking for websites and reading books. In the following weeks, do one or two research outputs per session.