

Trying Something New (In-Class Challenge)

Being open to new ideas and new perspectives is a key component of the English First Peoples curriculum. Being responsible for your own learning is also a key element of your education. This is a 2 day in-class mini-project. Day one (today) you will research and plan what new thing you want to learn. Day 2 is tomorrow when you will have the opportunity to actually work on the activity.

Key goals: 1) Independent motivation 2) Independent organization and time management 3) Continued development of self-awareness (what are your interests, strengths and weaknesses)

Overall expectations for the assignment:

1. You write a short paragraph about why you want to try this new thing (why it interests you.)
2. You research what you will need to learn this new concept, skill, etc.
3. You work on the skill, try the idea etc. tomorrow.
4. You document the process (take photos or video)
5. You write up your experiences (successes and frustrations)
6. You share your experience with the rest of the class in a format you are comfortable with. (Video or live presentation or...).

Potential Ideas:

- Learn a new skill (language, dance move, sports skill, food to cook, song to play, tech skill etc.)
- Experience something different: a new genre of music, a new movie genre
- Create something: A video game, an original song, a story, a video
- Start building something: A go-cart, a...
- Organize something: A rally, a bulletin to share information
- Start something: Begin a larger challenge that will take longer than just one class to complete (The first step is often the hardest)

You may work with a partner. **Both partners are responsible for writing up the experience and documenting it individually.** (You may present together).