Introducing Technology With Writing & Research

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Purpose Statement

To help the students be succeed in their academics and careers, while meeting the request of local business and the Information Technology advisory board for more critical thinking, writing, team work, research, and presentation skills.

Goal and Objective

- Improve writing skills
- Teach research skills
- Improve presentation skills
- Develop team work skills
- Think critically about technology
- Relate technology to daily life
- Make technology fun
- Provide something for portfolio

Tools & Applications Used

- Turnitin.com
- Peer-reviews
- Microsoft PowerPoint
- Microsoft Word
- Internet/World Wide Web
- College Library
- Small Teams
- Writing Styles

Project Details

- 5 Parts
 - Primary & Secondary Sources
 - APA
 - Research Sentence
 - Topic Essay
 - Class Presentation
- Submitted Electronically & Hard Copy
- College printed & bounded all Essays

Student Outcomes

- Learned more about plagiarism
- Learned how to accept feedback
- Research & library skills improved
- Learned differences between APA & MLA
- Relationship between life & class material
- Presentation fears overcome
- Became more interested in technology
- Applied class materials to entire project

Recommendations

- Spot checks on status during semester
- Homework assignment relationships
- Make production time period shorter
- Get a list of topics from local business
- Have business partners present for presentations

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