

Assessing Projects: Monitoring Progress Learning Logs

Recording Progress

Learning logs are for students to document specific accomplishments during classroom activity. Entries in consist of short, objective entries; they are brief, factual, concise, and impersonal. They might contain an explanation of a math problem-solving strategy, observations of science experiments, data collection, questions about readings, lists of outside readings, homework assignments, reminders, or anything else that lends itself to keeping records.

Learning logs are used by students for:

- Recording key ideas and questions for follow up
- Keeping track of daily accomplishments
- Making predictions about what will happen next
- Monitoring change in an experiment or event over time
- Recording steps taken throughout the project to refer back to in later projects
- Recording problem-solving techniques
- Keeping track of problems solved, books read, or homework assignments completed

Learning logs are used by teachers for:

- Monitoring progress throughout the project
- Checking for understanding and providing feedback as necessary
- Helping students redirect efforts