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## Project-Based Learning: a Primer (cont'd)

### Steps to Creating a PBL Project

Michael Simkins, director of the Challenge 2000 Multimedia Project, a Challenge grant to encourage project-based learning, offers six basic steps to conducting your own project from scratch.

- Identify a project idea. Define specific project tasks, the parameters for student decision making, and the outcomes that will provide adequate ways for students to demonstrate learning.
- Determine the time frame.
- Plan activities by reviewing other projects. For example, take a look at WebQuests or TrackStar projects for insights, guidelines, and templates. Identify specific goals, tasks, and outcomes so that students will understand what they are going to learn, what the parameters are, and what the results will be. Check that your goals meet standards and other requirements. If you are working with one or more other teachers, make sure that everyone agrees on all aspects of the project.
- Plan for assessment.
- Start off the project with the students, making sure that deadlines and schedules are clear, and provide guidance, assistance, and encouragement when students need it.
- At the project's end, have students share results and reflect on outcomes.

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