The engagement project

IB DP Global Politics internal assessment: the engagement project

Who sets the rules?

> A local scene connected to a global debate: that is an engagement project.

- Is a rider an employee with rights, or an independent worker?
- The same question is argued from London to California.

The format

A report of up to 2,000 words: 30% at SL, 20% at HL.

- Engage outside the classroom: interview, volunteer, observe.
- Research the issue, then write it up.

A topic, or a political issue?

A topic

"Plastic in the ocean."

A political issue

"Who should pay to clean plastic from our coast: the city, the makers, or the buyers?"

Three tests for an issue

> **Debatable**, **globally connected**, **engageable**.

- A local example of a global debate works well.
- You must be able to meet people or join activities.

Sharpen the question

Weak	Strong
Are delivery apps good?	How do platforms use power over riders here; how far do new rules protect them?
Is pollution bad?	How far has our river clean-up gained legitimacy with residents?

Engagement done right

> Purposeful, recorded and ethical.

- Engagement: first-hand experience of the issue.
- Notes, transcripts, a diary, photographs where allowed.

Weigh the perspectives

> Whose view has evidence, whose serves its own interests?

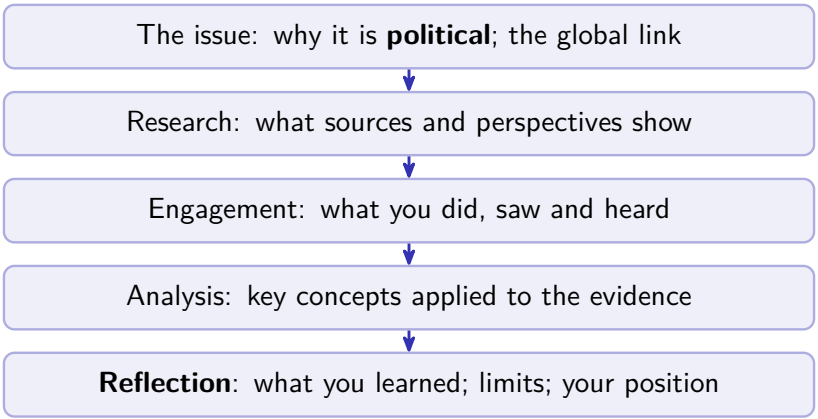
- Research adds documents, statistics, news and studies.
- Ask whose voice is missing.

Two streams

> What people told you, against what the documents say.

- Engagement and research are weighed against each other.
- **Reflection** names what was learned and its limits.

Five parts of the report



The rider project: evidence

Engagement

Six riders interviewed, with consent.

A rider service centre.

Two hours watching pick-ups.

Research

The 2021 national guidelines.

Platform statements; news.

A study from another country.

The rider project: analysis

> The algorithm sets the agenda; dependence is asymmetric.

- Apply the core concepts to what you found.
- Compare what riders said with what the documents say.

The rider project: reflection

> Six riders at one station are not all riders.

- Honest limits strengthen a report.
- HL: recommend publishing how delivery times are set, with likely objections.

Check yourself

