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How project-based learning has differed from projects in my other courses

Project-based learning was significantly different from my other courses. This course had the latitude for each project to be shaped differently through discussion. There were no boundaries based on the curriculum of a course of what *must* be done. It was set up by the students and teacher as a team instead of being told what to do.

How project-based learning has challenged me as a student

I've always been a student who strives for excellence. I wouldn't say that the course content challenged me specifically, but it has made my time in the afternoons an enjoyable experience because I have a course that has a very abstract course line. Unlike regular courses, this class was limitless and went in more directions than any other course that I've participated in.

How project-based learning has benefited me as a student

In this course, I learned more than I have in any other course. When you look at History, it's a textbook. You often never truly connect to the experiences or the people themselves. There is a statistic that takes the place of the people. This course has opened my eyes to how tragic the war truly was. I've always known that war was gruesome, but I never knew how deeply it truly affected people until this course. The course has also boosted my motivation and leadership skills.

Overall statement about my learning experience

When courses are created in project-based learning students can have more control of their learning and it is easier to gain access information that wouldn't be obtained from a textbook. When a class similar to this begins, it's intimidating, and it's hard to get in the rhythm of it, but after a while you will get into the groove of it all. Students get a firmer concept of what is necessary to succeed in the course and their knowledge base expands.