# Writing the evaluation of your EPQ

This is a reflective document and needs to be as insightful as possible if you wish to maximise your marks.

The following are to help you with writing your evaluation.

(Please note that you do not have to stick rigidly to this order and you may wish to combine parts so it makes more sense as a whole).

* **Did you achieve what you originally set out to achieve?**

*Go back to your objectives and assess whether you met each of them and how well, preferably backing up what you say with evidence from your project. Ensure you cover both the EPQ content and personal objectives you set.*

* **What were the strengths/weaknesses in the way you approached the project (your methodology)? Be specific.**

*What were the strengths of the way(s) you chose to carry out your research – explain and justify.*

*What were the weaknesses of the way(s) you chose to carry out your research – explain and justify.*

*What were the limitations of the way you carried out your research and the conclusion you reached?*

*In what way was your conclusion limited?*

*What further work could possibly be done for this project?*

* **What were your personal strengths/weaknesses in the way you carried out the project?**

*What were your personal strengths? Give evidence, perhaps refer to your log and try to justify what you are saying.*

*What were your personal weaknesses? Give evidence, perhaps refer to your log and try to justify what you are saying.*

*What would you do differently if you had your time over again and why? Justify what you say.*

**How well did you do on each of the components of the project e.g. collecting research, analysing and evaluating sources, keeping on top of your project log?**

*Explain what you think you did well/did not do well and think about why. Back up your statements with evidence from your log. Ideally, you should show insight and self-awareness.*

* **What have you learned about conducting an independent research project e.g. writing a dissertation, creating an artefact to a brief?**

*What has it taught you about yourself and your way of working?*

*In what way(s) have you found it useful?*

*How will it be useful to you in the future if you were to do a project similar to this again?*

*What would you do differently if you had your time over again and why? Justify what you say.*

* **What have you learned about your own strengths and weaknesses? How can you make use of this in the future to help you when carrying out other independent work?**

*Try to be reflective and show insight as to why certain types of activity/methods of working suited/did not suit you. For example, did the way you felt about each of the components influence how well you did them?*

*How will you use this knowledge when doing independent work in the future?*