



The Awesome Project

Self Advocacy + Building Portfolio

Every student is unique, with talents, strengths, and a personal story that sets them apart. The Indigo Report provides an insightful roadmap to help students recognize and articulate their strengths, communication styles, and value to a team.



This activity empowers students to turn self-awareness into a tangible project—something they can proudly present to colleges, employers, or future mentors. Whether through a portfolio, a personal website, or a compelling essay, this exercise reinforces the message

You are awesome, no questions asked.

The Goal: Students leave with a completed creative project they can showcase to employers and include in post-secondary applications.

Materials:

- Indigo Report
- Access to computers or materials for a creative project

Step 1: Give students one class period to look through the Strengths, Style, Skills, and Value to a Team sections of their Indigo Report and explore the following set of questions:

- *What makes you awesome?*
- *What are you interested in?*
- *When have you excelled in school or life?*
- *When have you overcome challenges in school or life?*
- *When have you used your skills and strengths in school or life?*




Step 2:

Ask students to create something that explains why they are awesome. It could be a portfolio, blog, YouTube video, presentation, essay, personal website ([Wix.com](https://www.wix.com), [Weebly.com](https://www.weebly.com), [Squarespace.com](https://www.squarespace.com)), collage or any other creative form they want to explore. This can be done in class over the span of a few periods or even assigned for homework over a few weeks.

Step 3:

Have students present their project. Alternatively, you can have students write a 3-5 paragraph essay showcasing their project that answers the following questions:

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- *What did you do?*
 - *What did you learn?*
 - *How did you apply the skills/strengths from your Indigo Report to the project?*
 - *What makes you awesome?*

Note: To guide the conversation around this exercise, pitch it in a way that communicates, *“If you can understand what makes you awesome and what makes you come alive, then you can look for colleges and careers that support those characteristics.”* If students are struggling with viewing themselves in a positive light, their Indigo Report can help reinforce their inherent strengths.