



# Ideas for the independent research project

## French A level

### Speaking

#### Requirements

The DfE MFL A level subject content states that A level specifications in a modern language must require students to:

- develop research skills in the language of study, demonstrating the ability to initiate and conduct individual research on a subject of personal interest, relating to the country or countries where the language is spoken
- identify a key question or subject of interest and select relevant information in the language of study from a range of authentic sources, including the internet
- use information to illustrate knowledge and understanding of the research subject
- analyse and summarise research findings, elaborating on key points of interest, as appropriate, through oral presentation and discussion

#### Ideas

Here are some ideas, some of which have been provided by the ALCAB (A Level Content Advisory Board) panel for the independent research project:

- A historical event or building such as: L'Arc de Triomphe, le Centre Pompidou, le Mémorial de la Déportation, le massacre du 17 octobre 1961, la prise de la Bastille (14 juillet 1789), mai 68.
- A person such as François Mitterrand, José Bové, Léopold Sédar Senghor, Marie Curie, Toussaint Louverture, Jeanne d'Arc, Louis Pasteur
- Performers such as MC Solaar, or Amadou & Mariam
- An issue such as 'Les langues minoritaires en France'
- A phenomenon such as 'La Sape'
- A topic related to a personal interest such as 'La France (/l'Algérie/La Côte d'Ivoire/La Belgique etc.) et la Coupe du Monde de football', 'Les sentiers de grande randonnée', 'la mode en France'
- Les Grands Projets (Monumental building projects)
- A cinematic movement such as La Nouvelle Vague
- A literary movement such as existentialism
- A successful Francophone business
- Algerian war- Looking at the role of women

Further ideas will be provided in due course.