

Advanced Projects for High Achievers in ASL

These project ideas are designed to challenge high-achieving ASL students and encourage deeper engagement with the language and Deaf culture.

Linguistic Mastery Projects

- Create a multi-part ASL story using complex classifiers and transitions.
- Translate a children's book or short story into ASL and present it.
- Develop and present an ASL mini-lesson on a specific grammar concept (e.g., rhetorical questions, conditionals).
- Analyze a Deaf signer's video and report on their use of facial grammar and structure.
- Create a personal ASL dictionary with gloss, definition, classifier use, and sample sentence for each term.

Deaf Culture & Community Projects

- Conduct an interview with a Deaf community member and present a signed summary.
- Research and present on a Deaf historical figure or civil rights event in ASL.
- Create a video advocating for Deaf rights or accessibility using persuasive ASL techniques.
- Volunteer at a Deaf event and create a reflection vlog in ASL.
- Design a Deaf Culture awareness campaign with signed PSAs, posters, and presentations.

Creative Expression Projects

- Sign and perform a poetry piece or original ASL poem.
- Write and sign an ASL play or skit, and record a group performance.
- Create a digital ASL art project (e.g., using green screen or visual effects to enhance signing).
- Film a silent movie that relies entirely on ASL and gestures.
- Sign a scene from a film and compare ASL storytelling with the original English version.

Instructional & Peer-Led Projects

- Mentor beginning ASL students and create a support guide.
- Host a student-led ASL review session using games or challenges.
- Create a tutorial video teaching a new vocabulary theme with examples.
- Design an ASL board game or card game with directions, vocabulary, and goals.
- Lead a cultural Q&A panel about Deaf identity and language.