# Big 6 Research

Your Guide to Successful Research in the Library

## STEP 1: TASK DEFINITION

- [ ] 1. Define your research problem. Write it out!
- [ ] 2. Determine what information you need to research about your problem.

## STEP 2: INFORMATION SEEKING STRATEGIES

- [ ] 1. Decide what kinds of sources you will use.
- [ ] 2. Decide which are the best sources for your project.

## STEP 3: LOCATION AND ACCESS

- [ ] 1. Find the sources you have decided are best for your project. (HINT: Your librarian is happy to help if needed!)
- [ ] 2. Look inside those sources. Find the information you would like to use.

## STEP 4: USE OF INFORMATION

- [ ] 1. Work with the information you have found. Does it make sense? Is it what you are looking for?
- [ ] 2. Pull out all of the information you can use. Relevant information helps you answer your research question!
- [ ] 3. Take lots of notes!

## STEP 5: SYNTHESIS

- [ ] 1. Organize all of the information you have found. Use charts, graphs, blank paper - whatever works best for you!
- [ ] 2. Present the information to your teacher or class.

## STEP 6: EVALUATION

- [ ] 1. Look back at your research process. Did you use your time well?
- [ ] 2. Look back at your research question. Did you answer the question with the new information that you found?

## NEED MORE HELP? LOOK HERE FOR TIPS AND INFO

- [ ] The Big 6: A Good Place to Get Started. http://big6.com/pages/kids/grades-k-6/articles-k-6/big6-a-good-way-to-get-started.php
- [ ] Research Like a Librarian: Using "Big6 Skills" for Better Grades! https://www.nypl.org/blog/2013/11/18/research-using-

big6-skills-better-grades

- [ ] Big6 Research Skills https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Q8-_Hj8PkM
- [ ] Big6 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qEmCfinUQAg
- [ ] The Big Six Research Tutorial https://www.sps186.org/downloads/basic/675024/The%20Big%20Six%20Research%20Tutorial.pdf

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