Learn "The Big Six" The Big 6 is a Simple Guide to Helping you complete any Research Project

It helps you organize your steps so you can create and turn in a successful project

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STEP 1

Task Definition

What do I need to do and what information do I need to do it?

- ? What is my question or focus
- ? What is the expectation
- ? What is my timeline

STEP 2

Information Seeking Strategies

What resources can I use?

- ✓ Reference Sources
- ✓ Books
- ✓ Websites (On our Ike Library Page)
- \checkmark Databases (Online Catalog and Destiny Quest)
- ✓ Videos/DVD/Audio



Where can I find the resources?

- \checkmark At Home
- ✓ Classroom
- ✓ School Library
- ✓ Public Library

How do I search for the resources?

- ✓ Online Card Catalog
- ✓ Online Search Tools
- ✓ Research Experts, teachers, librarians



EVALUATING RESOURCES

- ✓ Use teacher recommended sites
- \checkmark Be careful and critical
- \checkmark Look at URL ending



Government/Military sites end in .gov or .mil Educational sites end in .edu or .k12 Non Profit groups end in .org Business sites end in .com Personal sites often have a ~ or the word "users" in it



ON A GOOD WEB SITE YOU CAN TELL...

- > Who wrote it.
- > What the Web site is all about
- > When the Web site was created
- > Where the information came from.



Why you should use the information in the Web site.

EVALUATE THE RESOURCES YOU ARE USING! Especially important when you are getting information

from the Internet.

STEP 4 Use of Information

- ✓ Take Notes
- ✓ Avoid Plagiarism
- Citation Information Needed



✓ Remember to use Bibliography or Works Cited page



Avoid Plagiarism

Plagiarism is using someone else's work without giving them credit. It is stealing, lying and cheating all rolled into one.



You need to AVOID doing this!

STEP 5 Synthesis

- \checkmark Gather supplies
- Create your project from your research notes
- ✓ Edit/Revise Project
- \checkmark Use Rubric or Criteria provided from teacher
- \checkmark Turn Project in on time



STEP 6 Evaluation



- \checkmark Think about how and what you did
- \checkmark Ask questions
- ✓ Did I follow directions
- \checkmark Did I turn it in on time
- \checkmark What can I do better next time

THE END

Mrs. Papenhausen thanks you for listening.

Have fun doing research and learning!

