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## The Big 6: a Research Tool

### # 1: Define the task: What do I need to do? What information do I need?

- a. Select a topic – narrow it down or broaden it (if necessary)
- b. List things you want to learn or questions to ask

### # 2: Information Seeking What resources can I use?

- a. Make a list of possible sources

### # 3: Location and Access Where can I find these resources? How can I find information within each source?

- a. Make a list of keywords
- b. Where will you locate sources? (web addresses, Dewey Decimal #'s)
- c. How will you use each resource? (contents, index, etc.)

### # 4: Use of Information: What information can I use? Read, listen or view each source to find what I need

- a. Look for the specific information you need – determine what is important
- b. Take notes
- c. Write down all the information you will need for your bibliography

### # 5: Synthesis: Organize your information Create a Presentation!

- a. Organize the information – put your facts into categories
- b. Design your presentation – which technology tool would be best?
- c. Create a rough draft
- d. Edit/revise
- e. Include a bibliography listing your sources

### # 6: Evaluation Judge your own project!

- a. Did you do and include everything that was required?
- b. What would you do differently the next time you do research?