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Research: Using The BIG 6

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

<p>My topic:</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

Sometimes you may need to:

a. narrow your topic (make it smaller) _____

OR

b. broaden your topic (make it bigger) _____

Break it down!! List 5 things you will look for to explore this topic -- or questions to ask:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

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2: Information Seeking

What resources can I use?

Make a list of all the possible sources you can use to get information:

Print:

(You must use two.)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Databases:

(You must use two.)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Websites:

(You must use two.)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Once you list them, number your resources in the order you are going to use them.

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

Make a list of **keywords** that will help you find information

- important words related to your topic
- maybe even names of important people related to your topic
- keep adding keywords to this list as you do your research

TOPIC: _____

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

Look for the specific information you need. Determine what is important.

- You may not need to read ALL the information in each book, article or website.
- Read the first sentence in each paragraph to see if it has answers to your questions.
- Some sources may not have any information you need. Cross them off your list.
- Ask for help when you need it & brainstorm with other students & teachers

Stop and reflect:

- Are you finding too much information? You may need to narrow down your topic.
- Not enough information? Consider making your topic broader.
- Continue adding keywords to your list & asking more questions

Take notes.

- Write down any important information you will need
- Use words and phrases, not sentences
- Use your own words (do not copy --or copy & paste)

Write down all the information you will need for your bibliography.

- Write the title, author, web address, etc. for each source as you use it

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Where will you locate each source? --Dewey Decimal numbers, web addresses, etc.
How will you use each of these sources to find your information? –index, contents, etc.

Nonfiction books	1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____
Print encyclopedias	1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____
Online databases	1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____
Websites	1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____

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4: Use of Information: What information can I use?

Book:

Author (Last name, First Name). Title.

City of publication: Publisher, Date of publication.

Page Number	Notes (You should use words and phrases here, not sentences. Remember to use your own words. You may or may not fill in all the boxes.)

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4: Use of Information: What information can I use?

Encyclopedia:

_____. " _____ ."
Author of article (Last name, First Name) "Title of article"

Encyclopedia title..

Date of edition

Volume and Page Number	Notes (You should use words and phrases here, not sentences. Remember to use your own words. You may or may not fill in all the boxes.)

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4: Use of Information

Online Database Encyclopedia Article:

_____. "_____"
Author of article (Last name, First Name). "Title of article."

_____. _____
Encyclopedia Title. Date of edition. Database Title.

_____. <_____.>
Date you used database <Database URL>

Notes (You should use words and phrases here, not sentences. Remember to use your own words. You may or may not fill in all the boxes.)

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4: Use of Information:

General Website:

_____. " _____ ."
Author of article (Last name, First Name). "Title of article"

_____. < _____ >.
Date you used website <Web address or URL>

Notes (You should use words and phrases here, not sentences. Remember to use your own words. You may or may not fill in all the boxes.)

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4: Use of Information

Images & Graphics from the Internet:

1. _____ . “ _____ .”
Artist (Last name, First Name) Description or Title of image
_____. Online image. _____
Date of image Name of the Website
_____. < _____ >
Date of download Web address (URL)

2. _____ . “ _____ .”
Artist (Last name, First Name) Description or Title of image
_____. Online image. _____
Date of image Name of the Website
_____. < _____ >
Date of download Web address (URL)

3. _____ . “ _____ .”
Artist (Last name, First Name) Description or Title of image
_____. Online image. _____
Date of image Name of the Website
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Date of download Web address (URL)

4. _____ . “ _____ .”
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5: Synthesis: Organize your information Create a Presentation!

- Organize the information from all the sources you used. Put your facts into categories (groups by subject). You may:**
 - Use a graphic organizer – web, chart, etc.
 - Create a storyboard or draw a sketch

- Present the information:**
 - Follow the rubric or guidelines given by your teacher
 - Put your notes together in a form that resembles the final project (use your storyboard)
 - Create a rough draft
 - Include your own ideas along with the facts you found
 - Edit your work – revise as needed
 - Include a bibliography in MLA format to give credit to all your sources of information
 - Use Citation Builder from *World Book Advanced (World Book Online)*

6: Evaluation Judge your own project!

- Before turning in your project, compare it to the rubric or teacher's guidelines**
 - Did you do and include everything that was required?
 - Did you give credit to all of your sources?
 - Is your work neat?
 - Would you be proud for anyone to view this work?

What would you do differently the next time you need to do research?