

Big6

1. Task Definition

1.1 Define the information **problem** (What am I supposed to do?)

1.2 **Identify information needed** in order to complete the task (to solve the information problem) [What information do I need in order to do this? (Put in question form.)]

2. Information Seeking Strategies

2.1 Determine the range of **possible sources** (brainstorm) [What sources could I possibly use?]

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2.2 **Evaluate** the different possible **sources** to determine priorities (select the best sources) [**Star** two or three that would be the best of those you listed above.]

3. Location and Access

3.1 **Locate sources** (intellectually and physically) [Where will I find these sources? Do I need help from my teacher, librarian or parent? Is my teacher or librarian giving me web sites to use or do I have to find a good site on my own?]

3.2 **Find information within sources** [Find what I want in each source. **Circle** the ones listed above under 2.1 where you found your topic.]

4. Use of Information

- 4.1 **Engage the information** in a source [Read from a book or on the internet, listen and watch a video, etc.]
- 4.2 **Extract relevant information** from a source [Take notes right from the source or copy, paste, and print the information I need and take notes from these.]

5. Synthesis

- 5.1 **Organize information** from multiple sources [Decide which information is first, second, third, etc. and what materials I will need.]
- 5.2 **Present the information** [Present as a written paper, oral report, slide show, etc. Include either a written Works Cited or announce my sources after my oral report, or use the last slide in my slide show.]

6. Evaluation

6.1 **Judge the product** (effectiveness) [Did I do my best? - Did my information found in Big6 #4 match up with Big6 #1? Did I give credit for all my sources? Was my work neat? Would I be proud for someone to view my work?]

6.2 **Judge the information** problem-solving **process** (efficiency) [Did I have any trouble finding information? If so, notify your teacher or librarian.]
