

# Dr. Kevin M. Hurley Middle School Library

## Big6 Research Organizer

### Big6 #1 Task Definition

What is my topic? (Is it teacher-assigned or can I choose my own topic?) Brainstorm specific questions that you will want to answer. What kinds of information do I need (maps, pictures, statistics, biographies, etc.)? What will my final product look like (written report, oral presentation, poster?) How long does it need to be? When is it due?

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*What keywords best describe this topic (you will use these for your searches:)*

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### Big6 #2 Information Seeking Strategies

What types of resources can I use to find information (check the assignment to see if there are any specific requirements.) Do I need a very current resource (internet, newspaper)? Brainstorm all resources: Books, web sites, magazines, newspapers, interviews, etc.? What are the **best** resources?

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### Big6 #3 Location and Access

For the resources I identified in Step 2, where are they located? Within my sources, how will I locate information?

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### **Big6 #4 Use of Information**

As you read your resources, ask....is the information relevant? Is it in-depth enough or too simple? Do I need to find additional resources to answer my questions? How will I record the information that I find (note cards, graphic organizers)? What is the most logical structure for organizing (compare/contrast, chronological, by subject)? How will I credit my sources?

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### **Big6 #5 Synthesis**

How will I organize information from multiple resources? Have I only included information that is pertinent to my topic? What conclusions have I made? How will I present the results of my research (report, electronic presentation, etc.)?

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### **Big6 #6 Evaluation**

Review your final product and reread your assignment. Have I completed all the requirements of this assignment? Does my product answer the question that was asked of me? Is it logically organized and carefully proofread? Is this my best work? How could I have improved the project? What will I do differently or the same next time? How efficient was my research?

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