

# Got a big project? Don't forget the Big6 steps.



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## Need more information? Check these out.

The Big 6 Research 2016 by Heidi Neltner: <https://youtu.be/erOLfd7YDd0>

The Big 6: <https://thebig6.org/>

Big6 - Anna Register: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qEmCfinUQAg>

MrsL Big2: <https://edu.glogster.com/glog/mrsl-big6/irfs5jpvwv>

Big6 TeacherTube Tutorial: <https://www.teachertube.com/video/quotthe-big-6quot-137854>

# Step 1: Task Definition

**What subject are you investigating?**

**What are you going to do with your information?**

Make a project \_\_\_\_\_

Write a Paper \_\_\_\_\_

**What is your research question?**

Good questions start with What, Why or How, can't be answered in a quick Google search or in a few words and often include more than one part

**What do you know**

**What do you NEED to know?**

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## Step 2: Brainstorming Sources & Search Terms

**What sources will you use?**

**List Specific**

- Books
- Databases
- PBS Learning Media
- Epic
- Websites
- Magazines/News
- Expert Interviews
- Surveys

### **How will you search for your information?**

Make a list of the words you will use to search for the subject. Try to list three or more different combinations of words. Use synonyms, check your "need to know section" and use the word and to create phrases. Be sure to check your spelling!

## Step 3: Finding your information

**What search strategies do you need?**

- Use Table of Contents
- Use Index
- Use Guide Words
- Use search boxes
- Skim headings, subheadings, captions
- Look for bold or italic text

**How will I know my information is good quality?**

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## Step 4: Take Notes

**Use good note taking strategies to write down information that answers your research question.**

**Be sure to paraphrase or place quotations marks around work that you copy.**

**Record all source information.**

Duplicate and delete the notes pages as needed.

# Website

Author \_\_\_\_\_

Webpage Name \_\_\_\_\_

Website Name \_\_\_\_\_

Year                      Month                      Day  
\_\_\_\_\_

Year of Access                      Month of Access                      Day of Access

URL  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

# Notes

# Book

Author \_\_\_\_\_

Book Title \_\_\_\_\_

City of Publication \_\_\_\_\_

Publisher \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Publication \_\_\_\_\_

Medium (circle one) -

Print      or      Web

# Notes

# Periodical

Author \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Article \_\_\_\_\_

Periodical Title \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_

Pages \_\_\_\_\_

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## Notes

# Source Information Checklist

1. \_\_\_\_ Did you write down the source information - title, author, copyright date, URL etc
2. \_\_\_\_ Did you read, view or listen to your source with your need to know topics in mind
3. \_\_\_\_ Did you write down notes on your topic that you think would be important to share - use a graphic organizer
4. \_\_\_\_ Did you put notes in your own words or use quotation marks when you have to copy
5. \_\_\_\_ Now, think about what 2-3 subtopics you will share in your project

**Did you answer your research question?**

**Yes OR No**

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## Teacher Conferences Notes



## Step 5: Synthesizing Information

Write down 2-3 main points you will share about your information.

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## How will you share what you learned?

What kind of project will you be doing? Write down some notes and ideas.

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## Step 6: Evaluation

**What is the most important thing you learned?**

**What was hard and how did you overcome it?**

**What will you always remember from this research?**