Big6 #1 Task Definition
What are the goals for this assignment? Ask yourself: What am I supposed to do?

What information do I need in order to complete this assignment? (Statistics, Primary Sources, Peer Reviewed-Scholarly Articles, Literary Criticisms, Newspaper Articles) List all that apply below.

Big6 #2 Information Seeking Strategies
List the best sources of information that will support your research assignment. (Scholarly Journals, Newspapers, Reference Books, Websites, Subject Experts) Ask yourself: Which information sources are best?

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If using Web sites, be sure an instructor or librarian approves the sources for relevancy, accuracy and appropriateness.

☐ I will use only those evaluated by and provided by my teachers or librarian, including the databases to which the school subscribes.

☐ I will use a Web site evaluation guide before taking information off of the Internet.

Guiding questions to ask and answer before using a website for your research.

- Who is the author or producer of this web site?
- What is the purpose of this site?
- Is this a trusted and credible web site? (Can you cross reference the name of the author in another source?)
- Is the information appropriate for me? Do I need a dictionary to read it? (If so, then it’s not appropriate.)
- How current is the information in this web site?
- Who is the target audience?

Links to Web site evaluation guides:

Cornell University Libraries – Five criteria for evaluating Web pages:
http://olinuris.library.cornell.edu/ref/research/webcrit.html

Evaluating Print vs. Internet Sources - Purdue Online Writing Lab
https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/553/04/

University of Maryland - Evaluating Web Sites
http://www.lib.umd.edu/tl/guides/evaluating-web

Big6 #3: Location & Access
Where in the library will I find the resources for my project?

☐ Databases (scholarly and peer reviewed journal articles)
☐ The Reference area (encyclopedias, almanacs, atlases)
☐ Books
☐ Reserves
☐ Ask one of the librarians at the reference desk
☐ All of the above
KEYWORDS TO USE FOR MY RESEARCH TOPIC (LIST IN BOXES BELOW)
*Think of words or phrases relevant to your topic.

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Big6 #4 Use of Information
Read
View – digital tutorials, documentaries
Listen
Take notes
Record with tape recorder
Mind-mapping
Concept mapping – Venn Diagrams
Charts and graphs
*Do I have enough information to write a rough draft for a paper?

Which citation format do I have to use for my project? These links will take you to appropriate tutorials.

Purdue OWL APA Citation Guide: [https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/](https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/)
Purdue OWL MLA Citation Guide: [https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/](https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/)
Purdue OWL Chicago Citation Guide: [https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/717/01/](https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/717/01/)

How will I give credit to my sources?

The Purdue OWL: Research and Citation: [https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/section/2/](https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/section/2/)
WriteCite: Citation Machine & Bibliography Maker: [http://www.writelincite.com/](http://www.writelincite.com/)

Locate the citation feature if using databases like CQ Researcher, EBSCO, or Gale Virtual Reference Library

Big6 #5 Synthesis
Integrate information from a variety of sources—How will I show my results?

- Research paper
- Speech
- Multi-media presentation

Sample research papers:


How much time do I estimate it will take to find the information and create the product?

**Big6 #6 Evaluation**
*Assignment check list.*

- [ ] My assignment is complete.
- [ ] I used the best resources available.
- [ ] I cited my sources correctly.
- [ ] I am confident that I have written a good paper.
- [ ] I will have a professional proof read my paper before I submit the final draft.
- [ ] My paper is more than just a summary of other people’s ideas.
- [ ] I am proud of my work.