

The Big6 Information Problem-Solving Process

Below are the six steps involved in the Big6 Information Problem-Solving Process, along with some questions to ask yourself as you are working on your research project. Following this model will help you organize your work logically and completely. Remember, if you have any questions about the process, please ask the school librarian.

1. Task Definition

- What's the task?
- What types of information do I need?

2. Information Seeking Strategies

- What are possible sources?
- Which are the best?

3. Location and Access

- Where is each source?
- Where is the information in each source?

4. Use of information

- How can I best use each source?
- What information in each source is useful?

5. Synthesis

- How can I organize all the information?
- How can I present the result?

6. Evaluation

- Is the task completed?
- How can I do things better?