**Big 6 Research Project Guide and Planner**

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**Websites that can help:**

<http://www.uen.org/k12educator/big6/>

<http://big6.com/>

**Step 1: Task Definition**

Determine a purpose and need for information—What am I supposed to do?

* What does this assignment require me to do?
* What will my final product/project look like if I do a really good job?

* What problem needs to be solved?
* What information do I need in order to do my task?
* How much information do I need?
* What type of information do I need? (e.g. facts, opinions, graphics, charts, maps)

**Help with coming up with topic ideas:**

Asking Good Questions:

* Defining Essential Questions:
  + often involves a moral or ethical dilemma and/or address issues of bias or perspective.
  + has no right or wrong answer
  + probes for deeper meaning and sets the stage for further questioning
  + centers around major issues, problems, concerns, interests, or themes that are relevant to your students' lives
  + can cover several disciplines
* Examples
  + What is the best strategy for reducing the impact of acid rain in the United States?
  + How does the use of voice enhance a story?