**Big 6 Research Project Guide and Planner**

Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Topic:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Websites that can help:**

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

<http://big6.com/>

**Step 5: Synthesis**

Integrate information from a variety of sources—How will I show my results?

Organize information from different sources

Decide how you will put together your notes and add your ideas and insights.

You may:

* Write a rough draft
* Build an outline
* Create a storyboard
* Draw a sketch
* Use a graphic organizer

If your teacher assigns the final product:

* Make sure that you follow your teacher's guidelines.
* Add value to the product by including your ideas along with the information you found in books, web sites, and other sources. Make sure that your final product or paper is more than just a summary of what you found in the other sources.
* Make a product or write a paper that you would be proud for anyone to read.
* Include a bibliography. This is an alphabetized list of your sources. See the citation page for help.

Consider using graphic organizers to help you organize your information.

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| **How will I show my results?** | | |
|  | written paper | |
|  | [oral presentation](http://library.sasaustin.org/presentationGuidelines.php) Click for Presentation Guidelines | |
|  | multimedia presentation |  |
|  | performance |  |
|  | other: |  |

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| How will I give credit to my sources in my final product or performance? | |
|  | include a written bibliography |
|  | after the performance or presentation, announce which sources I used |
|  | other: |

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| Materials I will need for my presentation or performance (list, separating by commas) |
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| How much time do I estimate it will take to find the information and create the product? |
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| **Timeline for assignment** | |
| Ideas for project (task definition) completed by: |  |
| Information searching (note taking) completed by: |  |
| First draft due: |  |
| Completed assignment due: |  |
| Include here any additional information needed to successfully complete the assignment: | |
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**Reviewing the Results**

Consider these questions as you look at all your notes, charts, and other information:

* Have the most important questions been addressed?
* Have any new questions arisen?
* Is there extra or repeated information that can be eliminated?
* Where are the "holes" in my understanding?
* Are there other ways to view the information or perspectives I should be considering?