THE BIG SIX
STEPS TO RESEARCH
GRADE 4

The Big Six (by Bob Berkowitz & Mark Eisenberg)

➢ TASK DEFINITION

What is your assignment?
What information do you need in order to do it?

➢ PLANNING YOUR RESEARCH

Brainstorm all of the possible places you could find your information
Which of these are best for you to use?

➢ LOCATE YOUR INFORMATION

Find the place in a book, on the web, or in the world where the
information you need is located.

➢ USE THE INFORMATION

Read the information.
Record the information.
   --Take notes
   --Sketch
Remember to write down the sources that you used.

➢ SYNTHESIZE

Take the information you have gathered and complete your
assignment.

➢ EVALUATION

Look at your project. Did you follow all the directions? Could you
have done a better job?
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