Inquiry Planning Sheet

‘Big 6’ Stages of Inquiry

1. Task Definition
   1.1 Define the information problem
   1.2 Identify information needed (to solve the information problem)
      - What is my current task?
      - What are some topics or questions I need to answer?
      - What information will I need?

2. Information Seeking Strategies
   2.1 Determine all possible sources (brainstorm)
   2.2 Select the best sources
      - What are all the possible sources to check?
      - What are the best sources of information for this task?

3. Location and Access
   3.1 Locate sources (intellectually and physically)
   3.2 Find information within sources
      - Where can I find these sources?
      - Where can I find the information in the source?

4. Use of Information
   4.1 Engage (e.g., read, hear, view, touch)
   4.2 Extract relevant information
      - What information do I expect to find in this source?
      - What information from the source is useful?

5. Synthesis
   5.1 Organize from multiple sources
   5.2 Present the information
      - How will I organize my information?
      - How should I present my information?

6. Evaluation
   6.1 Judge the product (effectiveness)
   6.2 Judge the process (efficiency)
      - Did I do what was required?
      - Did I complete each of the Big6 Stages efficiently?

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| **Step Three: Location and Access** | Resources: Pathfinder  
www.library-pathfinders.wikispaces.com | |
| **Step Four: Use of Information** | 1. What information do I expect to find in this source? 2. What is the most useful information for my task? | |
| **Step Five: Synthesis** | Presentation:  
Information Booklet and Diorama | |
| **Step Six: Evaluation** | 1. Did I do what was required? 2. Did I complete each stage of the Big 6 Steps efficiently? | |