

## Introduction to Research

Using the BIG6 model for research

Step 1: Define task -What am I supposed to do for this assignment? -What question do I need to answer?

Step 2: Information seeking strategies -Brainstorm all possible sources of information -Select the best sources

Step 3: Location and Access -Locate sources -Find the information within the source

Step 4: Use of Information -Study the source -Take out relevant information

Step 5: Synthesis -Organize information from sources -Present the information

Step 6: Evaluation -Evaluate the process -Judge the product

**Locate and Access Electronic Data \* You can access Destiny the library catalog from home, school or the library by going to:**

You can access SIRS from the library or school computers through: <http://sks.sirs.com/cgi-bin/hst-portal-res?id=S200006905-0-4854> From home you will need a username: 200006905h and password: 47567 for SIRS use <http://sks.sirs.com>

**Locate and Access Information:** Start with general encyclopedias such as World Book for background reading - use Destiny to find books that we have for your subject - use INSPIRE [http://wfxsearch.webfeat.org/clients/wfxisl/isl\\_qs.asp?cid=12240](http://wfxsearch.webfeat.org/clients/wfxisl/isl_qs.asp?cid=12240) or The Readers Guide to Periodical Literature to search for magazine articles. - browse the shelf - You can always ask the librarian!

**Additional Reference Resources:** specialized Encyclopedias, dictionaries and almanacs organized by Dewey Decimal System