**The Big6™ Skills**

 The Big6 is a process model of how people of all ages

solve an information problem.

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|  | **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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**The Super3™ Skills**

**Basic big6 elements but for younger students to understand**

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| **1. Plan - (Beginning)**When students get an assignment or a task, BEFORE they startdoing anything, they should think:What am I supposed to do?What will it look like if I do a really good job?What do I need to find out to do the job?Big6 Steps:Task DefinitionInformation Seeking Strategies |  |
| **2. Do - (Middle)**In the Middle the students DO the activity. This is where theyread, view, tell, make a picture, etc.Big6 Steps:Location and AccessUse of InformationSynthesis |  |
| **3. Review - (End)**Before finishing the product and turning it in, students shouldstop and think— Is this done?Did I do what I was supposed to do?Do I feel ok about this?Should I do something else before I turn it in? |  |

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