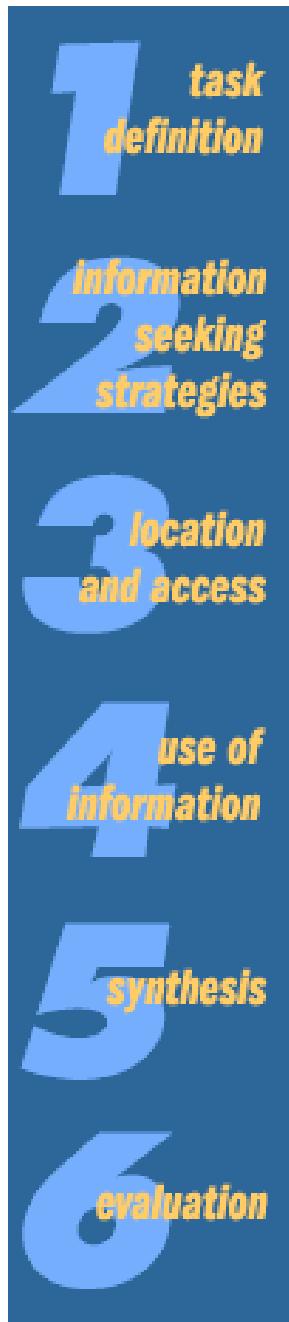


The Big6™ Skills

The Big6 is a process model of how people of all ages solve an information problem.



1. Task Definition

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

2. Information Seeking Strategies

- 2.1 Determine all possible sources (brainstorm)
- 2.2 Select the best sources
 - o What are all the possible sources to check?
 - o 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
 - o Where can I find these sources?
 - o 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
 - o What information do I expect to find in this source?
 - o What information from the source is useful?

5. Synthesis

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

6. Evaluation

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