**The Big6™ Skills**

We all suffer from information overload. There’s just too much “stuff” out there, and it’s not easy to keep up. At the same time, there’s an irony—yes, we are surrounded by information, but we can never seem to find what we want, when we want it, and in a form we want it so that we can use it effectively.

The Big6 is a process model of how people of all ages solve an information problem. From practice and study, we found that successful information problem solving encompasses six stages with two sub-stages under each:

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| **1. Task Definition**    1.1 Define the information problem    1.2 Identify information needed | **2. Information Seeking Strategies**    2.1 Determine all possible sources    2.2 Select the best sources |
| **3. Location and Access**    3.1 Locate sources (intellectually and physically)    3.2 Find information within sources | **4. Use of Information**    4.1 Engage (e.g., read, hear, view, touch)    4.2 Extract relevant information |
| **5. Synthesis**    5.1 Organize from multiple sources    5.2 Present the information | **6. Evaluation**    6.1 Judge the product (effectiveness)    6.2 Judge the process (efficiency) |

1. **Task Definition**
   1. Define the information problem

* What is our topic? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* What question(s) are we attempting to address?

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* Based on the above, what, specifically, is our argument?

  1.2 Identify information needed

* What information will we need to collect to answer these questions/support our argument?
* What argument will our opposition be promoting?
* What information will we need to collect to counter the opposition’s argument?

Attendance

Match groups and identify topics (10 mins)

Introduce the big 6 (5 mins)