








The Research Process - Middle School

	<h2 data-bbox="451 218 1383 310">Inquire</h2> <p data-bbox="451 310 1383 472">Introduce research topic and brainstorm prior knowledge, issues of interest, questions to be answered on a broad topic. Ex: Civil War, Mammals</p> <p data-bbox="451 472 1383 604">Formulating and Refining Inquiry Questions</p>
	<h2 data-bbox="451 638 1383 730">Select a Topic</h2> <p data-bbox="451 730 1383 892">Students narrow down the broader topic to a level that can be researched effectively and create a thesis question. Ex: Technological Advancements of the Civil War, Koalas</p> <p data-bbox="451 892 1383 1024">Writing Research Questions Writing a Good Research Question Develop Research Question - video</p>
	<h2 data-bbox="451 1058 1383 1150">Locate Resources</h2> <p data-bbox="451 1150 1383 1270">Students search for materials that will enable them to address their thesis.</p> <p data-bbox="451 1270 1383 1402">Primary / Secondary Resources: Locate Boolean Search Tips Types of Information</p>
	<h2 data-bbox="451 1436 1383 1528">Evaluate Selected Resources</h2> <p data-bbox="451 1528 1383 1690">Students need to be able to defend which of the online resources are most valid and should be used in the research project.</p> <p data-bbox="451 1690 1383 1822">Evaluating Sources CRAAP method Purdue On-line Writing Lab</p>

	<h2 style="text-align: center; background-color: #92d050; padding: 5px;">Gather Information</h2> <p>Students will use their evaluated resources to make notes that support their thesis.</p> <p>Writing Advice Take Notes Types of Note Taking</p>
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	<h2 style="text-align: center; background-color: #6495ed; padding: 5px;">Organize Materials</h2> <p>Students take all the information they have found and put into their notes and organize it into a meaningful form. They should organize their material <i>before</i> they begin to create their final project.</p> <p>Graphic Organizers for Writing 5 Paragraph Essay Organizer</p>
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	<h2 style="text-align: center; background-color: #d9534f; padding: 5px;">Cite Sources</h2> <p>Students need to develop the academic habit of citing sources. As they move through school this aspect of the research process becomes increasingly important.</p> <p>NoodleTools - available on media homepages, students have accounts already set-up, results are more likely to be accurate than other citation sources available.</p>
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