

**8th Grade Communication Arts Research Guide and Reflection Sheet**

**STEP 1: Task Definition: Understand what information you need to find.**

What is your topic? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your point of view? \_\_\_\_\_

List keywords related to your working thesis that you can use to search for information:

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**STEPS 2&3: Information Seeking Strategies/Locating and Accessing Information**

Which types of information sources will you search and how/where will you find them?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Online articles _____  | <input type="checkbox"/> E-books _____        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Web pages _____        | <input type="checkbox"/> Magazines _____      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nonfiction books _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> DVDs/Videos _____    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reference books _____  | <input type="checkbox"/> Vertical Files _____ |

**STEP 4: Using the Information (reading, thinking, note-taking, citations)**

Q1: What reading strategies did you use to help you organize and understand what you read?

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Q2: What note-taking strategies did you use to take good notes from your sources?

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**STEP 5: Synthesis: Putting all your information together to create your speech.**

Q3: Which source was most useful for you in this research project? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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Q4: How did you resolve any conflicting information that you read in different sources? \_\_\_\_\_

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**STEP 6: Evaluation: Looking back at your research process.**

**Research Skills**

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Database searching       | Choosing good articles    | Internet searching       |
| Web page evaluation      | Reading for understanding | Note-taking              |
| Locating print materials | Citations                 | Online catalog searching |

Q5: Which research skills do you think are your strongest? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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Q6: Which research skills do you think you could improve? *How* might you improve those skills during your next research project? \_\_\_\_\_

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# Using Destiny

You may search Destiny as a **guest** or login to your own account. If you don't log in, the list you create is a *temporary* list of your search results. To create saved lists, you **MUST** login to your personal Destiny account first.

## 1. To login to your Destiny account:

Click *magnifying glass icon* on desktop OR go to Media Center→Library Catalogs→Search Catalog→William Annin Middle School.

Click on **Login** at top right corner. Enter your *computer login username* (FirstnameLastname usually) and your *student ID number* (6 digits.) Click on green Login checkmark. You should now see your name in the top right hand corner of screen.

## 2. To create a list of print sources:

*Before doing any searches, you must have a Resource List where you will put any relevant materials that you find in your searches. If you are using Destiny as a **guest**, the default list is already created and is called **MyList**. If logged in, you have a default list called **Personal List**.*

(Optional)If logged on to Destiny and you want to create a Resource List specifically for this research, click on **Catalog Tab → Resource Lists** from left side menu. Click on **Add List** icon in top right of screen. Type in a name like “8<sup>th</sup> Comm Arts” or “School Uniforms” and click **Save**.

## 3. To search for your topic:

Click on the **Catalog** tab at top left of screen. This is the *Basic Search page*. To do a *Power Search*, click on **Power Search** tab just above the search box. This allows you to use Boolean operators (AND, OR, NOT) and multiple keywords or phrases to narrow your search if needed. *Refer to Destiny pathfinder for specific searching information. Perform your search(es) until you find relevant materials.*

## 4. To save materials to your Resource list:

Make sure that the default/created Resource list is the **Selected List** in the upper right side of search screen. If not, use the drop down menu to select the correct list.

Click on the **Add to this list** green checkmark to the right of any materials you wish to put in the list. You must select materials one at a time and wait for the screen to update. Be patient.

## 5. To print saved resource list:

Click on **Resource Lists** on the left. Click on **View** next to the name of your list. Click on the **Printable** button at the top right of your screen, then select Print from your browser menu and select the Cybrary printer (WA-CYB-HPLJ2055dn.)

## 6. To logout of Destiny (VERY IMPORTANT!):

If you logged into your Destiny account, you must log out of Destiny when you are done. Click on **Logout** in the top right of the screen. Make sure you are successfully logged out. (Your name is no longer on the top right of screen.)