

## The BIG 6 Research Steps

### **1. Define your task - Ask questions!**

- What do you already know about this topic?
- What information are you hoping to find?
- How will you share what you learn?

### **2. Make a plan**

- Start a list of *keywords* that describe your topic
- Formulate an essential question(s)
- Create a strategy for finding appropriate sources

### **3. Search for information**

- Search the library catalog and the bookshelves
- Use search engines and databases
- Evaluate your sources carefully
- Borrow, download or save what you find
- Keep track of each source you use

### **4. Use the information**

- Read, view or listen to your information
- Take notes on the most important information

### **5. Create**

- Organize your notes
- Create a presentation of your new knowledge.

### **6. Evaluate your work**

- Are you happy with your presentation?
- Was your research process successful?