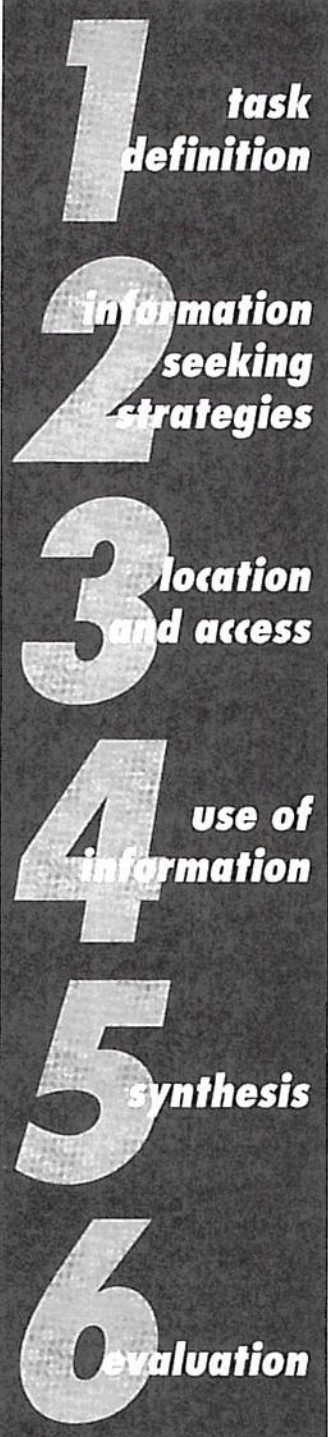


The Big6™ Skills Approach to Information Problem-Solving



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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 complete the task (to solve the information problem)
 - What's the task?
 - What types of information do I need?
- 2. Information Seeking Strategies**
 - 2.1 Determine the range of possible sources (brainstorm)
 - 2.2 Evaluate the different possible sources to determine priorities (select the best sources)
 - What are possible sources?
 - Which are the best?
- 3. Location and Access**
 - 3.1 Locate sources (intellectually and physically)
 - 3.2 Find information within sources
 - Where is each source?
 - Where is the information in each source?
- 4. Use of Information**
 - 4.1 Engage (e.g., read, hear, view, touch) the information in a source
 - 4.2 Extract relevant information from a source
 - How can I best use each source?
 - What information in each source is useful?
- 5. Synthesis**
 - 5.1 Organize information from multiple sources
 - 5.2 Present the information
 - How can I organize all the information?
 - How can I present the result?
- 6. Evaluation**
 - 6.1 Judge the product (effectiveness)
 - 6.2 Judge the information problem-solving program (efficiency)
 - Is the task completed?
 - How can I do things better?

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