UNIT OF STUDY

Title: Supporting What You Say

Subject/Course: English

Length: 4 weeks

Topic: Research Grade: 10 Designer: Megan Harness

UNIT GOALS AND EXPECTATIONS

IMPORTANT CONCEPTS/UNDERSTANDINGS:

Everybody needs to have appropriate knowledge of research skills; being able to find relevant information about a particular subject is an invaluable skill.

Not all information is credible, so it is important to be able to filter the information you find.

It is crucial to cite sources each time they are used; otherwise, it is plagiarism.

Research can be fun and interesting!

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS:

What is research?

How does one go about researching a topic? How do you choose a topic to research?

How do I make sure I am not plagiarizing in my paper?

What is the proper way to cite a source?

What is a "works cited?"

What are the steps to research?

How do I take my gathered information and turn it into a research paper?

STUDENT LEARNING EXPECTATIONS:

IR.12.10.4

Use key words to search a database to find specific information

IR.12.10.5

Determine the credibility and reliability of sources (e.g., author credentials, author biases, copyright dates, etc.)

IR.12.10.8

Apply research skills to collect a variety of primary and/or secondary sources IR.12.10.9

Paraphrase and/or summarize information to avoid plagiarism

IR.12.10.10

Organize information and use a style manual such as MLA or APA to create:

- Note cards
- Formal outline
- Works cited page or resource sheet
- Thesis statement
- Parenthetical citations within text

IR.12.10.11

Summarize, paraphrase, and/or quote relevant information

IR.12.10.12

Create research products such as:

- Oral presentations
- Reports
- Essays

that structure ideas in a sustained and logical fashion

SPECIFIC DECLARATIVE KNOWLEDGE - What I know

- -Understand that there are many routes to obtaining information on a particular subject.
- -Learn how to avoid plagiarism in a research paper.
- -Learn which sources are valid and reliable (.org, .gov, and .net are much more reliable than .com websites)

SPECIFIC PROCEDURAL KNOWLEDGE - What I need to do

Analyze multiple texts on the same topic and determine credibility, reliability of sources, and authors' various conclusions

Contrast primary and secondary sources

Identify and collect primary and secondary sources for research paper

-Understand that the research process is extensive, yet manageable

Develop an outline for the research paper.

Categorize information by aligning note cards to outline.

Reference handouts made from the *MLA Handbook* to establish correct format for works cited and parenthetical citation within text

Create summaries and paraphrases of selected information rather than quoting all information

UNIT ASSESSMENTS

(Include tasks related to Dimensions 3 and 4 and Bloom's Taxonomy)

Final Research Paper Presentation of research

Traditional Assessments:

Grades on portions of the research process:

Outlines

Note cards with sources

Introduction

Body paragraphs

Conclusions

quotations)

Other Evidence of Learning:

Spoken knowledge about topic

Quality of research

ACTIVITIES AND LEARNING EXPERIENCES	Resources
Step-by-Step process for each step of the research paper; we will do a different	Handouts obtained from
portion of the research paper each day.	student teaching
Step 1: Choose a topc	experience
Step 2: Using both the computer and books, research the topic; make notes on note	
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o "I agree. This confirms what I already know."	Reading and Writing by Mark A. Forget
o "I have a question about this."	Mark A. Forget
o "I don't understand."	
o "I disagree."	
o "This is new to me."	
o "Wow!! This is neat!"	
o "This is important."	
Step 3: Organize note cards based on the topic of each card	
Step 4: Create a thesis statement	
Step 6: Develop an outline	
Step 7: Prepare a list of works cited	
Step 8: Write the first draft	
Step 9: Document all materials	
Step 10: Insert parenthetical citations	

Step 11: Review paper for documentation of quotations (particularly extended

Step 12: Refine writing and publish final draft		
The Step up to Writing method will be used to ensure that each paragraph is well-developed.		
Career Connections		
Teacher, FBI agent, Paparazzi		