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4th Resource page for the sixth grade students in the special class

Today we will focus on step number 5 of THE BIG SIX™. As you recall from the previous weeks, the “Big Six” is a way to solve problems, figure out where to find information, and find what you need.

THE BIG SIX™

1. Task definition
2. Information seeking strategies
3. Location and access
4. Use of information

5. SYNTHESIS:

This means putting it all together.

This is the step when you organize what you have found out from all the places you have found it out.

This is the step when you create something new from what you have found out. It could be a report, a story, a drawing, or any sort of presentation.

6. Evaluation
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TODAY WE ARE GOING TO:

1. Look at what you made with the clay;
2. Think and talk about how you identify an artifact (such as a coin or statue) in a museum exhibit;
3. Prepare for your take-home assignment: creating a story and label for your artifact;
4. Photograph what you made.

TAKE HOME ASSIGNMENT on separate sheet

Create a story and label for your coin or statue.

Bring your coin or statue and story/label to class next Tuesday (December 12th).

WEBSITE ADDRESSES

Websites about information problem solving skills and information resources:

<http://www.big6.com/>

The Big Six site authored by Michael Eisenberg and Bob Berkowitz.
This website has more information about the “Big Six” information problem solving process.

<http://www.ipl.org/>

The Internet Public Library (an educational initiative of the University of Michigan School of Information)

<http://mydl.eecs.umich.edu/>

The University of Michigan's Digital Library Teaching and Learning Project

<http://mydl.eecs.umich.edu/myscavenger/do.htm>

The University of Michigan's Middle Years Digital Library

Websites about the exhibit “A Taste of the Ancient World,” Karanis, and the Kelsey Museum:

CAN YOU FIND THE WAYS DIFFERENT OBJECTS ON THE WEBSITE ARE DESCRIBED?

<http://www.si.umich.edu/CHICO/AncientFood/>

This is the *new* website, as of December 2000, for the digital exhibit “A Taste of the Ancient World.”

<http://www.umich.edu/~kelseydb/Exhibits/Karanis83/KaranisExcavation/KaranisExcavation.html>

Karanis: An Egyptian town in Roman times

<http://www.umich.edu/~kelseydb/KelseyConst.html>

The Kelsey Museum site