

Name _____

Rubric for Research

Trait	Always 5	Usually 4	Sometimes 3	Seldom 2	Never 1
CLARIFYING RESEARCH QUESTIONS: I focused my research on questions I understood.					
I understood my research questions before beginning my research.					
I wrote additional research questions based on the results of my front-end evaluation.					
I stayed focused on my research questions.					
LOCATING INFORMATION: I used a variety of appropriate information sources.					
I identified sources of information that addressed my research questions.					
I gathered information using appropriate search strategies.					
I evaluated sources of information based on their accuracy and relevance.					
I sought additional information when necessary.					
I used multiple sources of information to answer my research questions, including primary and secondary source information when appropriate.					
SUMARIZING INFORMATION: I read and reviewed research, took notes on key points, and referenced my sources.					
In my notes, I included key points and supportive facts related to my research questions.					
I cited references appropriately as I took notes.					
I wrote notes in my own words and didn't copy directly from the source unless I quoted.					

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ANALYZING INFORMATION: I used information from my research notes to draw conclusions about my research questions.					
I drew conclusions about my research question based on a thorough review of my notes.					
I evaluated how well my research conclusions answered my questions.					
I created a fully developed answer to my research questions, including specific facts or examples.					
I created a graphic organizer that represented the answer to my research questions.					
SYNTHESIZING INFORMATION: My exhibit team reviewed the information for each research question and used it to answer our focus question.					
We drew conclusions about our focus question based on a review of each team member's research findings.					
We evaluated how well our research conclusions answered our focus question.					
We created a fully developed answer for our focus question including specific facts or examples.					
We created a graphic organizer that represented the answer to our focus question.					
We developed a big idea for our exhibit to help us decide what to include in our displays.					
We developed a story line of visitor learning goals for our exhibit.					
We presented our research findings to our classmates.					
<i>Research score</i> ____					
<i>How could you improve? List one or two goals for upcoming work.</i>					