**How to Make Research Easier!**

**1. Use Well Thought Out Search Queries**

**The Skills to learn:** Developing and refining search queries to get better research results.

**The Challenge:** Try narrowing your search by adding more specific words.

**Try it:** Google the words “Abraham Lincoln”. How many results did you get? ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Next, Google the words “Lincoln assassination”. How many results did you get?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Finally, Google the words “Lincoln assassination plot”. How many results did you get? ­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Explain:** Why is it important to narrow your search queries?

**2. Use Multiple Sources**

**The Skill to learn:** Displaying persistence by looking at many sources.

**The Challenge:** Don’t stop at the first search results

**Try it:** Google “sugar and hyperactivity in kids”, then find 3 different websites to answer the question. Copy and paste the URL and the best quote from the website that answers the question.

***Fill in the Tree Chart below***

Website URL:

Quote from website:

Website URL:

Quote from website:

**Does sugar cause hyperactivity in kids?**

Website URL:

Quote from website:

**3. Use Multiple Tools**

**The Skill:** Use many different tools AND search queries to search for info.

**The Challenge:** Try Destiny, GALILEO or an online encyclopedia like <http://www.britannica.com/> to research your topic. Also try a variety of search words.

**Try it:** Search the following question using info from Destiny, GALILEO and <http://www.britannica.com/>

**Try searching using different search queries (Ex: sleep, humans and sleep, need for sleep, etc)**

***Why do we need to sleep?***

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

What type of source did you find? (Ex: database, article, book, encyclopedia, video)

GALILEO

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Destiny

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**4. Respect Ownership**

**The Skill:** Respecting intellectual property rights of creators and producers

**The Challenge:** Remember to cite your sources. It is easy on Destiny, GALILEO, and Britannica! See below:

***Destiny (PGMS Media Center Catalog*)**-Click on , copy the MLA citation and paste it on your bibliography page.

***GALILEO*-** Click on , copy the MLA citation and paste it on your bibliography page.

***Britannica-*** Click on , copy the MLA citation and paste it on your bibliography page.

**Try it:** If the source you are using does not already have a citation maker, you can use <http://www.citationmachine.net/>