

Media Center -- Information Literacy

Grade 7

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About the Class: Information Literacy (a.k.a. “Media”) is a trimester-long “specials” class in which students are challenged to develop skills that will help them to process and manage information. Special emphasis is placed on evaluating sources, especially the Internet, in determining relevancy and reliability of information. Students participate in a variety of activities involving the use and application of researched information. Most often this researched material is synthesized into projects that invite students to present their findings creatively.

Goals of the Class:

- ◇ Locate and utilize a variety of resources
- ◇ Use sources efficiently and safely (particular emphasis on the Internet)
- ◇ Evaluate sources for reliability and relevancy
- ◇ Manage, organize, and document information
- ◇ Create accurate bibliographies
- ◇ Synthesize information
- ◇ Use cooperative and collaborative groups skills
- ◇ Draw on creativity
- ◇ Think critically
- ◇ Use a rubric as a tool for learning

Coursework:

During the course of the trimester students will participate in the following units:

- ◇ Big 6 Research Skills
- ◇ Internet Safety
- ◇ Web Evaluation
- ◇ Cyber citizenship

Materials Needed: 3-prong folder, index cards, blue or black pens

Assessment:

Rubrics are used in conjunction with all projects. Expectations, including detailed criteria, are communicated within the rubric. Students are encouraged to set goals and challenge themselves to reach the next level and to evaluate their own progress. Trimester grading is based on the following: 80% class work and projects, 20% quizzes and participation. Some assignment weight may vary.

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