Grade 6 ELA Research

Time Frame: Jan-Feb (6 weeks including direct explicit instruction and then independent guided time to research and write)	Unit Title: Independent Research	Course Name: Grade 6 Language Arts
	Stage 1: Desired Result	'S
Established Goal(s)	Transfer	
Competencies Addressed:	Students will be able to independently use their learning to	
Reading Informational Text Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and	 find reliable sources and take notes in their own words summarize based on their notes cite sources used in MLA 	
	Meaning	
information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content. Standards Addressed: Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments. Analyze in detail how a key individual, event, or idea is introduced, illustrated, and elaborated in a text (e.g., through examples or anecdotes). Integrate information	 Understandings Students will understand that not all sources online provide accurate information informational text structures help with notes and organization notes must be in their own words notes should be organized by main idea topics must be presented to the reader at the beginning of the sentence you are writing to an audience, the reader resources used must be cited 	 Essential Questions What is the writing process and why should I use it? What is the best way to find important information about a topic? What kinds of facts and evidence are most effective for support in research? How do I use sources and text features to find reliable information?
presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue. Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification,	Acquisition	
	 Students will know vocabulary: plagiarism, cite, reliable, source transition words and how to use them factual information about their research topic 	 Students will be able to Find reliable sources and use the library's online sources take notes in their own words summarize Cite in MLA using mybib.com Organize facts into coherent paragraphs

 Hook the reader with a clear topic sentence that states what the writing will be about

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