Student Research Plan Handout

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Research process	Process outcomes	Associated materials	Standards
Part 1: Initiating Inquiry	 Generates, selects, and refines inquiry questions to explore issues Develops areas of investigation from the research-issue exploration Develops inquiry questions about areas of investigation Conducts presearches of areas of investigation Arrives at a research-based area of investigation by vetting areas of investigation Generates specific inquiry questions for the selected area of investigation 	 Surfacing Issues Tool (optional) Posing Inquiry Questions Handout Pre-Search Tool (optional) Area Evaluation Checklist Specific Inquiry Questions Checklist 	W.11-12.7: Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.

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Part 2: Gathering Information	 Plans for searches by determining key words/phrases and finding credible and relevant sources Assesses sources for how credible, relevant, and accessible they are Annotates sources and records notes that help answer the inquiry questions Evaluates arguments using an evidence-based arguments checklist Builds an initial Research Frame with a problem-based question to guide independent searches Conducts searches independently 	 Potential Sources Tool (optional) Assessing Sources Handout Taking Notes Tool (optional) Research Frame (optional) Conducting Independent Searches Checklist Evidence-Based Arguments Checklist 	W.11-12.7: Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation. W.11-12.8: Gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the strengths and limitations of each source in terms of the task, purpose, and audience; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and overreliance on any one source and following a standard format for citation.

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Part 3: Organizing and Synthesizin g Inquiry	 Organizes, connects, and synthesizes evidence to develop evidence-based claims about inquiry questions and inquiry paths Further organizes, connects, and synthesizes evidence-based claims about inquiry paths and the problem-based question Reviews and synthesizes the research to develop a written evidence-based perspective 	 Forming Evidence-Based Claims Tool Organizing Evidence-Based Claims Tool Evidence-Based Claims Criteria Checklist Forming Counterclaims Tool Evidence-Based Perspective Rubric 	W.11-12.7: Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.

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