F.I.N.D.S. Research Process Questions

Preplanning Questions:

- What is the task of the assignment?
- What is the timeline for the presentation to be completed?
- How many people will be working on the assignment?
- Who will be completing the various sections of the assignment?
- When and where will the first planning session occur?
- What planning organizer will be used?
- How much time will be allotted for completion of each section?
- Who is the intended audience for the presentation?
- What technology will be needed?

Focus on information need

- What is a thesis?
- What is a main idea?
- What is the difference between a thesis and a main idea?
- Can there be many ideas in one thesis?
- How will you decide how many ideas are needed to support your thesis?
- When determining a thesis, how do you decide whether to narrow or broaden a topic?
- When do you determine your thesis?
- What length of time should be devoted to deciding on a thesis?
- How will you outline your research plan? Will you use a template?
- What is the timeline?

Investigate resources to search for answer

- How much information should be collected to provide evidence for a thesis?
- How will you search for your information?
- Where should you search for your information?
- What words will be used for your internet search?
- Is there a plan to follow when searching?
- How do you know if your internet information is reliable?
- Can you find other resources besides the internet to use for research?
- Is date of the information you find important?
- How do decide if the information is worth your time?
- How is the information organized?
- Can you find specific information easily?
- How much time should you allow for finding the information you need?
- How will you organize, maintain and handle materials and resources used?

Note and evaluate facts and ideas to answer the question

- What format will you use to take notes from your information?
- How will you collect your citations?
- Will you use a format to organize your notes once they have been collected?
- How will you decide where to place your most important information for emphasis?
- How will you show and tell your audience your supports for your thesis?
- How much time will you devote for the writing of the presentation?
- Who will proofread your written essay?

Develop information into knowledge for presentation

- What type of presentation will you choose to create?
- How long will the presentation be?
- How will you integrate your ideas with technology to create an analysis and portrayal of your thesis?
- How will you present your ideas and share them with others?
- Who will present the presentation?
- How long will you devote for practice of the presentation?
- Where will you present?

Score presentation and search process

- Once the writing and presentation are complete how will it be evaluated?
- How will you strengthen your research for the next project?
- How will you improve your search strategies?
- How will your presentation improve?
- How will your note taking and writing improve?
- How will your time management improve?