Internet Research

Best Practice Guide for Teachers



Task Selection to Avoid Plagiarism

- Avoid tasks with ready made answers on the web.
- Choose tasks that require comparison, evaluation, decision making.
- Choose an output format that is hard to copy/paste directly: table, letter, poem, mind map.

Search Intelligently

- Think carefully about key words.
- Use 'Advanced Search' to focus search.

Be Selective

- Use a minimum of two reliable sources.
- Find sources at the right level (not too advanced or too simple).
- Think about the reliability of sources author, site, motives, bias, checkable facts.
- Don't rely too much on Wikipedia anyone can contribute.

Avoid Plagiarism

- Include a bibliography (list of sources).
- Direct quotes in inverted commas.
- Use your own 'voice' (your own words and phrases).
- Include source url under pictures (small font).

