

Lesson: Organizing Information

Big6 #5.1

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Lesson for Synthesis - Organizing

Big6 Stages: Synthesis – 5.1 Organizing Information

Grade Level: 3-12

Super3/Big6 Objective: Learn different ways to organize information

Subject Area: ANY!

Unit Focus: Any topic that includes an assignment requiring organizing , e.g., poster, infograph, paper, project, video.

Big6 Lesson Goal:

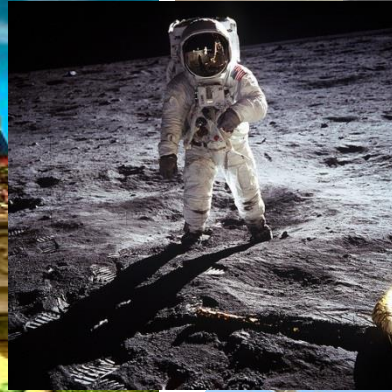
1. To use an organizing scheme to sort a set of resources.
2. To recognize some of the ways to organize information: by categories, chronologically, as a story (narrative), as a web, continuum.

Learning Activity:

1. Student groups of 4-6 get an envelope containing 15 random pictures cut from magazines.
2. Each group must “organize the pictures in a way that “makes sense,” give the result a title, and be able to explain how the pictures are organized.
3. One or more person in the group explains to the class how the pictures are organized.
4. The teacher explains each of the organizing schemes by name and with more detail.
5. If time, the student groups reorganize the same set of pictures using a different scheme.
6. Teacher explains how this transfers to an upcoming assignment (e.g., organizing on a poster)

Assessment:

- Evidence: The organized pictures and verbal explanation.
- Criteria: (1) Logical organization. (2) Quality explanation.



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Ways to organize

- By categories
- By time – chronologically
- As a web
- As a story - narrative
- Progression (continuum)
- Alphabetically
- Any combinations of the above