Stage 3: Think and Connect

Processing Information Student Checklist

Analyze/Evaluate

Evaluate my information sources.
- Have I used sources that are reliable and up-to-date?
- Do I understand the information and visuals?

Take notes related to my information needs.
- Have I taken notes that make sense to me, e.g., point form, pictures, diagrams, webs, etc.?
- Have I included information from different viewpoints?
- Have I recorded my own thoughts, ideas, and questions?
- Could I share this information in my own words?

Use information honestly.
- Have I kept track of all my sources of information and page numbers?
- Have I used my own words to make notes?

Test Ideas

Test ideas.
- Does my information relate to my topic?
- Have I checked my ideas with others?
- Am I on the right track?

Synthesize Findings

Make connections.
- Have I found similarities in the information I have collected?
- Have I found differences in the information I have collected?
- Have I found different points of view?
- Can I link ideas together?

Formulate conclusions.
- Have I been able to form my own opinion about the information?
- Do I have evidence to support my main idea or point of view?
- Have I organized my information according to an outline?

Sort

Use organizers and subtopics to classify and record.
- Have I made use of visual organizers to look for similarities, differences, and connections?
- Have I explored different ways of sorting the information?