THE BIG 6
Information Problem Solving Skills

1. TASK DEFINITION
What's the task?
What types of information do I need?

2. INFORMATION SEEKING STRATEGIES
What are possible sources?
Which are the best?

3. LOCATION AND ACCESS
Where is each source?
Where is the information in each source?

4. USE OF INFORMATION
How can I best use each source?
What information in each source is useful?

5. SYNTHESIS
How can I organize all the information?
How can I present the result?

6. EVALUATION
Is the task completed?
How can I do things better?

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