

Grade-By-Grade Information Fluency Benchmark Skills

Grade 11

STANDARD 1: USING INFORMATION TO BUILD UNDERSTANDING

"We are thinkers."

Independent learners ask authentic questions and access, evaluate and use information effectively to develop new understandings.

INQUIRY PROCESS

Connect

- Verifies the accuracy of what is known about the problem or question.

Wonder

- **Plans inquiry to systematically test hypothesis or to gather evidence to validate thesis.** [Wonder#21](#) and [Wonder#22](#)

Investigate

- **Pursues a balanced perspective by evaluating information based on authority, accuracy, point of view, and reliability.** [Investigate#104](#)
- **Uses the organizational features of a book as well as abstracts, tables, charts and first and last chapters to locate main ideas, specific supporting evidence, and a balanced perspective.** [Investigate#105](#)
- Recognizes degrees of bias {from slightly slanted point of view to heavily slanted propaganda}.
- Recognizes competing interpretations of historical events and issues and the reasons for those differences.
- Evaluates the authority of a source by assessing the credentials and reputation of the author, creator and publisher.
- Evaluates, paraphrases, summarizes, and interprets information that answers research questions and gives an accurate picture of the research topic.
- Recognizes that even accurate facts can be misleading if relevant facts are omitted or if context is not provided.
- Categorizes information; adds new categories as necessary; explores connections among categories.

Construct

- Analyzes different points of view and determines best supported point of view by sorting and sifting evidence.
- **Presents different perspectives with evidence for each.** [Construct#44](#), [Construct#45](#), and [Construct#46](#)
- Identifies and addresses previously held misconceptions.

Express

- **Chooses the most appropriate format, tone and language to communicate ideas clearly in real world formats to different audiences.** [Express#34](#)
- Publishes final product for an authentic audience and real world application.

Reflect

- Assesses and revises own work using own revision process.