**Fourth Grade TAG Digital Learning Assignment: Taking Note**

**Directions:** Now that you have all chosen a topic to research and gathered resources, it is time to take some notes. You may be asking yourself, “How do I do that?”

1. You always want to begin with the basics. What background information is important to know? Briefly answer the what, who, when, and where questions. Give a definition or brief description. Don’t assume that your audience already knows anything about this topic!
2. Make sure that you research how your topic connects to the Science standard you chose (light, sound, space, weather, ecosystems, food chains, survival/extinction, force). Make sure that you clearly explain the connection and give a lot of details.
3. Make sure that you research how your topic connects to the Social Studies standard you chose (economics, physical and man-made features in the US, government). Make sure that you clearly explain the connection and give lots of details.
4. As you look through your resources, what major themes/sub-topics do you see about your topic? Make a separate organizer/notecard for each major theme/sub-topic and include as many details for each as possible. How many major themes/sub-topics should you have? It really depends on your topic, but the more information you have, the better. Your final presentation will need to be roughly 10 minutes long. **Please see graphic organizer document for ideas on note-taking tools.**
5. **Very important!** Make sure to write bullet points (not full sentences) in ***your own words.*** Remember, if you don’t know what something means, you will not be able to explain it to others!
6. Using the attached sheet, keep track of all resources that you use. You will need to provide a bibliography for your final project.
7. Be sure to look at the document for where to find info for possible resources.

How to Cite Sources

**For a book**:

Evans, Carol. Researching is Fun. Alpharetta: TAG Class Publishing, 2014

**For an encyclopedia**:

“Gifted Students.” World Book Encyclopedia. 2001.

**For a website**:

[www.cvestagstudents.weebly.com](http://www.cvestagstudents.weebly.com), March 4, 2014

My Resource List

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