

Lesson Plan

Grade level(s): Professional

Topic: The ability to teach middle school students how to use ProQuest by learning about ProQuest

Objective(s): The participants will know:
What ProQuest is, that it is a LiLI database and that the State provides it.
How to locate and access ProQuest,
How to do and modify a Basic Search,
How to do an Advanced Search, including Boolean Search, Keyword locations;
Date ranges, and Additional Search Options.
How to cite newspaper articles and select the style of the citation,
How print or e-mail articles,
How to use the Topic Guide,
How to limit a search to one newspaper.

Big6 Skills: Task Definition—Learn how to teach middle school students to use ProQuest by learning about ProQuest.
Location & Access—Training time will be scheduled on an In-service day.
Use of Information—Each teacher will have a computer. SynchronEyes may be available.
Synthesis—Each teacher will attempt an independent search.
Evaluation—Successes, failures, and surprises will be shared with the group.

Materials Required: Computers with LiLI database access. SynchronEyes is optional.

Time Required: 45 min.

Description of activities: I will guide the teachers through an examination of ProQuest and of a ProQuest search.

Assessment: E-mail survey.