

Parent Guide to the Standards

# **Effective Information Gathering**

## Today's Standard

11-12.W.8 - Gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the strengths and limitations of each source in terms of the task, purpose, and audience; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and overreliance on any one source and following a standard format for citation.

#### Real-World Applications for this Standard

Researching for a term paper; Creating a presentation with credible sources; Writing a news article; Developing a business report; Conducting a literature review

#### Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to find and use good information from books and the internet. We talked about how to use special searches to find the best sources and how to give credit to the people who wrote them.

## **Common Stumbling Blocks**

Sometimes, kids think that everything on the internet is true, but that's not always right. Another thing they might think is that they don't need to say where they got their information if they change the words, but they do.

#### Quiz Me

- What is a credible source?
- Why do we need to check who wrote something?
- What is plagiarism?
- How do you find good sources on the internet?
- Why do we need to say where we got our information?

# Help Me

When you write a report or do a project, you need to find good information from books and websites. Make sure the information is true by checking who wrote it and when. Always say where you got your information to be fair and honest.