HOW TO USE THESE MATERIALS

This unit is in the format of a Compressed File. Files are organized so you can easily browse through the materials and find everything you need to print or e-mail for each day. The Materials are organized into three folders:

RESEARCH UNIT FRAMEWORK

There are two frameworks for the Research for Deepening Understanding Unit Series:

- Grade 6 Research Framework
- Grades 7-12 Research Framework

These Frameworks outline the instructional activities that lead students through the research process.

TOOLS AND HANDOUTS

This folder contains all of the supporting tools and handouts that guide students through the research process and help them build their Research Portfolios:

- Student Research Plan (guides students through the process)
- Teacher Research Unit Guide (outline of unit activities)
- Tools (aid student thinking, habits, analysis, researched information)
- Annotated Tools (aid teacher instruction)
- Handouts (explain key processes for students and teachers)
- Research Criteria Matrix (aids evaluation of student proficiency)

The **TOOLS** have been created as ***editable PDF forms.*** With the free version of Adobe Reader, students and teachers are able to type in them and save their work for recording and e-mailing. This allows students and teachers to work either with paper and pencil or electronically according to their strengths and needs. It also allows teachers to collect and organize student work for evaluation and formative assessment.

TOPIC RESOURCE REPOSITORIES

Teachers can elect to use Topic Resource Repositories to support the instruction of the Research Unit Framework. The repositories contain information and sources for stimulating and supporting student research within a broad topic. The repositories contain:

- Information for framing the topic
- Possible areas of investigation
- Model inquiry questions
- Common source texts for instruction
- Models of Unit Tools

Activities where repository texts can be used are specifically referenced in the Research Unit Framework.

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