

# Research

- Utilize the [Expository Poster](#) from Smekens to drive your Mini Lessons on research.
- Model with students how to research (I Do, We Do, You Do)



**Expository Essentials**

-  **Identify a topic/thesis**  
Choose an angle that is interesting to you
-  **List facts & details**  
Include the important & the interesting
-  **Pump up ideas**  
Include reasons, examples, facts, & quotes
-  **Group & organize ideas**  
Sort details into beginning, middle, & end
-  **Use topic-related words**  
Sound like an expert with vocabulary terms
-  **Describe examples**  
Use precise nouns & verbs to explain ideas

Internet surfing *requires* steering

- Search Engine Tips & Tricks
- Assess credibility (Evaluate Internet Sources)

Grade 3

Grades 4-5



- Ready to begin Researching?

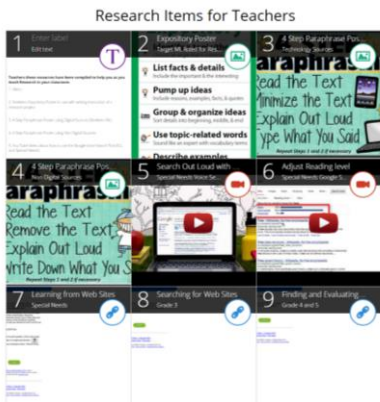
Check out the resources on the next page for teachers and students.



1. Putting quotation marks around the words tells the engine to search for them as a unit: **“song lyrics”**
2. Putting “and” or “+” between the words means the engine will look for both of the terms, but they may be separated: **song and lyrics**
3. Putting “or” between the words means the engine will look for one of the terms: **song or lyrics**
4. Putting “not” in the search means it will leave out the sites that include that word: **song + lyrics**

- .com – commercial or business**
- .edu – college or school**
- .gov – government**
- .org – organization or group**
- .mil – military organization**
- .net – internet administration**
- .sci – special knowledge news group**

## Link to Blendspace on Research items for Teachers



## Link to Blendspace on Research items for Students



<http://blnds.co/1nWrAYz>

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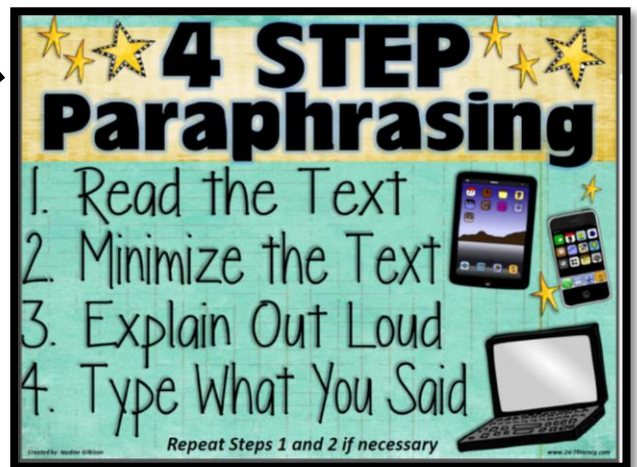
## Smekens ML on Research Note Taking with Technology Sources

- Access the [4 Step Paraphrase Poster](#) from the T drive.

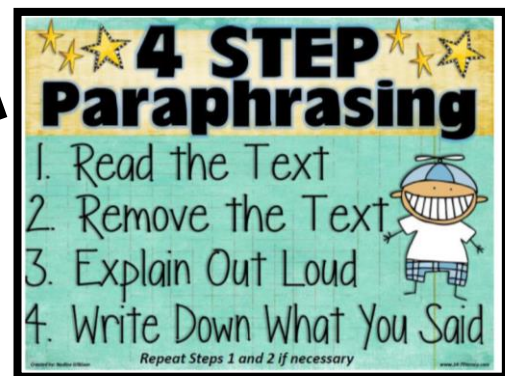
- Model with students how to use it.

( I Do, We Do, You Do )

- [Watch ML Video of 4 Step Paraphrase.](#)



Access [Poster for Non Tech Sources](#)



- Click on the image to the left for a direct link to the Smekens Idea Library Nonfiction [Research Articles.](#)