



JOURNALSIM & FILMMAKING WORKBOOK

CONDUCTING RESEARCH

WEEK 3
CHAPTER 3
GRADES 6-8

LENGTH: 60-90 MIN.

OBJECTIVES

Students will...

- Learn and apply four research strategies to gather accurate, relevant, and diverse information about their hero and topic.
- They will develop critical thinking skills and begin taking structured notes.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- MY HERO Journalism & Filmmaking Workbook (pages 24-35)
- Writing utensils
- Poster-making supplies (optional)
- Projector for Slide Deck
- **Accompanying Slide Deck**

ADD'L RESOURCES & LINKS

[Fact Checker](#)

[Free Research Tools](#)

[AI Resources](#)

OVERVIEW

- Introduction to Research
- Activity One: The 4 Types of Research
- Activity Two: Taking Notes

OPENING DISCUSSION

Workbook pg. 24-25

Now that you've chosen your hero, it's time to conduct research. Research can be overwhelming, so before you embark on your research adventure, you will want to arm yourself with the tools to make it through a jungle of misinformation en route to your destination:

The truth about your hero and topic.

ACTIVITY ONE:

The 4 types of research

Workbook pg. 24-29

Below are 4 research tools you can use:

01. "Start on the Right Path"

pg. 26 in your Workbook.

02. "Question Everything!"

pg. 27-28 in your Workbook.

03. "Use the SIFT Method"

pg. 28 in your Workbook

04. "Make a Plan"

pg. 29 in your Workbook

ACTIVITY ONE: The 4 types of research - Cont'd

- Use a grouping strategy to split the class into 4 groups.
- Assign each group one of the Research Tools.
- Each group will have time (depending on class time) to read their assigned Research Tool and create a presentation to share their findings with the rest of the class.



***HERO CHALLENGE* (OPTIONAL FOR ACTIVITY ONE)**

Challenge each team to present their findings in the most creative way possible (based on time). This can be a powerpoint presentation, a poster, a sketch, or something entirely different. Offer a prize or extra points for most creative team.

ACTIVITY TWO: Taking notes

Workbook pgs. 13-35

- Use pages 31-35 to begin your independent research process

HOMEWORK

- Complete the KWL activity on page 30
- Finish your notes on pages 31-35, using at least one of the Research Tools we learned in class