

6th Grade Research Resources

1. **WAMS Research Guide:** The *online website* filled with pages of tips and video tutorials on important information/research skills and tools you will use at WAMS. It is available to you 24 hours, 7 days a week, so if you are working on a project or assignment and need a refresher on anything from how to take notes, to searching for good web sites, go to the **WAMS Research Guide**.

To get there: WAMS Media Center home page (Google “wams media center”) → Resources → WAMS Resource LibGuides . Click All and scroll to bottom of list. Click on **WAMS Research Guide**.

2. **WAMS Databases:** Information you need to know about databases:

- A database is a *collection of information* from *different sources* that is put together online and can be *searched all at once*.
- Information could be text articles, videos, podcasts, images, etc.
- Databases cost money, are owned by companies that make sure they contain quality information.
- Databases are a valuable resource for learning about a topic or answering a research question.
- *****To access databases from HOME, you need passwords found on pgs 25-26 of your student (agenda) assignment pad.**

To get to databases: WAMS Media Center home page (Google “wams media center”) → Databases. Takes you directly to the **WAMS Databases** LibGuide page.

Quick Tip: An another way to get to the WAMS Databases guide page – Google “wams databases”

3. **Citations/NoodleTools:** Information you need to know about citations, Works Cited pages and NoodleTools.

- A citation is the information that **identifies** a **source** you used to get information/notes about a topic you are researching.
- A **source** could be: a database article, a web page, a reference or nonfiction print or eBook, an interview, a DVD/video, an audio broadcast, an image, etc.
- Being a **good digital citizen** means citing (creating citations) for any source you use when learning new knowledge or creating a product.
- **NoodleTools:** The tool we use to create citations and the Works Cited page for a project.
 - o This year we learn the basics of adding citation information to NoodleTools and creating the Works Cited page.
 - o Each year we will learn how to use more features of NoodleTools in our research process.
 - o NoodleTools can be accessed at www.noodletools.com
 - o Refer to the **NoodleTools User Guide** or go to the **WAMS Research Guide** page for *Works Cited* for tips and video tutorials on using NoodleTools.