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Explorer

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Adventurer

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Surveyor

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Sightseer

1. Browse the Site

Goal: Become familiar with the main features of the Iowa Pathways website.

- Each of the main site features are used effectively: Articles, Artifacts, Side Trails, Timeline, etc.

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- At least three of the main site features are used: Articles, Artifacts, Side Trails, Timeline, etc.

- Less than three of the main site features are used: Articles, Artifacts, Side Trails, Timeline, etc.

2. Choose a Topic

Goal: Thoughtfully select a topic to research.

- Topic is clear, thoughtful and focused.
- Topic requires deep thought and thorough research.

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- Topic requires thought in order to research.

- Topic needs to be more complete and clear.

- Topic selected was unclear.

3. Make Connections

Goal: Research the topic using carefully selected questions. Collect valuable information to answer the research questions. Make meaningful connections between topics.

- Creates three thoughtful questions that require deep research.
- Research includes basic and in-depth information about topic.
- Research is challenging and meaningful.
- Research shows deep understanding of research questions.
- Includes at least five related topics or ideas.
- Answers to research questions are supported by evidence.

- Creates three thoughtful questions.
- Research includes basic information about topic and some in-depth research is present.
- Research is challenging and meaningful.
- Research shows understanding of research questions.
- Includes at least five related topics or ideas.
- Answers to research questions are provided.

- Creates three questions.
- Research includes only the basics of topic.
- Research shows general and easily available information.
- Research shows some understanding of research questions.
- Includes at least five related topics or ideas.
- Answers to research questions incomplete or unclear.

- Research questions are incomplete or unclear.
- Information collected is not related to the topic.
- Limited research.
- Research shows little understanding of research questions.
- Includes less than five related topics or ideas.
- Does not answer research questions.

4. Tell Your Story

Goal: Create a summary of your Quest that includes interesting conclusions, carefully explained and supported ideas and an explanation of why the topic is important to Iowa.

- Explains in detail how different ideas are related to the main topic.
- Summary provides a thoughtful answer to research questions.
- Thorough explanation of why the topic is important.

- Explains how different ideas are related to the main topic.
- Summary connects with research questions.
- Explains why the topic is important.

- Unclear on how selected topics or ideas are related.
- Unclear on how summary connects with research questions.
- Weak explanation of why the topic is important.

- Conclusion is restated information.
- Summary does not connect with research questions.
- No explanation of why the topic is important.