

Reading Instructions: An Important Skill To Have

WebQuest Description: This webquest has students use the eHow website to evaluate instructions for a variety of tasks. They write instructions for how to complete an assigned task as the final product of the webquest.

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Introduction

Have you ever gotten a new bike that needs to be put together? Have you built something out of Legos? Have you ever done laundry? Have you ever cooked something for yourself? Have you ever dyed your hair? All of these tasks require the ability to read instructions. It's important to be able to understand how to read instructions because they help you do things well and experience success. In this webquest, you are going to look at a variety of different instructions and then you are going to complete some activities that make you think about the fine art of reading instructions. You will answer some questions about the instructions that you read. Finally, you will write your own instructions for accomplishing something.

Tasks

You are going to use a website called eHow.com to look at instructions for doing a variety of things. You will answer some questions about the instructions. Click on the "Process" button to the left to continue.

Process

In the resources section of this page, you will find a Microsoft Word document that you need to use to answer questions about how to read instructions. Visit the website links below to read instructions for doing a variety of different things. Use these instructions to answer the questions on the Word document. Print a copy of the Word document with your answers typed in to turn in. Don't forget to put your name on it!

How to Make Rock Candy: http://www.ehow.com/how_3893_make-rock-candy.html

How to Clip Toe Nails: http://www.ehow.com/how_3468_clip-toenails.html

How to Name Your Dog: http://www.ehow.com/how_1665_name-dog.html

How to Pick Your Nose the Proper Way: http://www.ehow.com/how_5722363_pick-nose-proper-way.html

Evaluation

Now you are going to write your own instructions for how to do something. Write these instructions on the back of the Word document you used to answer the questions. You will write instructions for how to do one of the items below:

How to Spend the Night in a Haunted House ---- or ---- How to Play an April Fool's Joke on Your Parents

Make sure to include the following:

- Clearly numbered steps. (must have at least five steps)
- Imperative language (language used for giving directions... examples: Open the door. Mix the brownie batter. Swing the bat at shoulder level. Walk ten feet.)
- Pictures/diagrams to illustrate each step.

Category and Score					Score
Includes clear steps.	At least five very clear steps.	At least 4 clear steps.	Fewer than four somewhat clear steps.	Steps are not clear.	4
Uses imperative language	All steps are written in the imperative	Most steps are written in the imperative	Some steps are written in the imperative	Steps are not written in the imperative	4

Category and Score					Score
Pictures to illustrate steps	All steps include a clear picture	Most steps include a clear picture	Some steps include a clear picture	No steps include a clear picture	4
				Total Score	

Conclusion

None

Teacher Page

None

Standards

Credits

Other