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### Finding and Using Information

As information is becoming more accessible through the use of technology, it is increasingly important that students know how to correctly find and use the information. Gone are the days in which students were required to go to the library in order to find research, information is now available at their fingertips. Students, when working with information, will need to be knowledgeable about copyright and plagiarism laws.

To start off, students will need the tools in order to find good information, as now it is basically effortless for anyone to post anything online, true or not, including misinformation. In order to do this I believe it is very important to teach students how to find credible information including information from databases.

As an educator it will be my job to teach students that if they are reporting on research, such as an idea, if it is not their own, they need to cite it. The correct way to cite information can be done using many resources including the Purdue Owl Citation website. Students will also need to know, even if they are summarizing information, they will still need to give credit to the author.

Because plagiarism is such a major offense, I believe it would be useful to let students know about tools that check for plagiarism. Not only will these tools deter students from purposefully plagiarizing but it also will alert them to places they may be unintentionally plagiarizing.

Overall, I believe that if students are taught at a younger age how to find and cite information, there will be less issues later on in their school career.