

ResearchQuest — Concept Poster

Print this and pin it up — an at-a-glance map of the ResearchQuest cast and the ideas each one carries. Come back to it whenever you want to remember who teaches what.

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Meet the cast — and what each one teaches

Character	What they carry
Wonder	Question-formulation — narrowing vague interest into focused, answerable research questions
Vet	Source-evaluation — CRAAP test (Currency, Relevance, Authority, Accuracy, Purpose)
Quote	Note-taking — quoting + paraphrasing + summarizing; keeping voices separate
Synth	Synthesis — combining evidence across multiple sources; finding agreement, disagreement, gaps
Tether	Citation — attribution + bibliography; gratitude + map back to sources
Survey	Background reading — read around a topic to learn the lay of the land before narrowing (W.7)
Trawl	Search strategy — cast a wide net of keywords, then pull it tight; refine when it comes back wrong (W.8)
Crosscut	Lateral reading / corroboration — don't trust one page; cross-check a claim across independent sources
Verdict	Forming a thesis — gather the evidence, then take a stand; 'here's what I think, and here's why' (W.1)
Wellspring	Primary vs secondary sources — trace a claim upstream to its original, firsthand source

Key ideas at a glance

The big concepts this cast helps you master:

- Asking Good Research Questions
- Finding and Choosing Sources
- Evaluating Source Credibility
- Note-Taking and Paraphrasing

- Comparing Multiple Sources
 - Synthesizing Evidence
 - Advanced Source Evaluation
 - Master Researcher Capstone
 - Foundational Concepts Review
 - Applied Problem Solving
 - Critical Analysis & Evaluation
 - Advanced Integration & Synthesis
 - Capstone Research Planning
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