Citations & Plagiarism Lesson Plan

Overview
- Video
- Discussion
  - Defining plagiarism and respect
  - Why do we create citations?
- Whose Is It? Activity
- Assignment requirements
- Discussion
  - What does a citation need to be useful?
- Practice creating citation with EasyBib
- Fill out plagiarism worksheet

Setup
- setup screen and projector, connect computer
- pull up:
  - video
  - Wikipedia page
  - Time for Kids article
  - EasyBib
- print out handouts, pass out as kids walk in door
- pencils on tables

Break down

Video
- Take an informal poll of kids to see who has heard of plagiarism and citations before.
- Watch the video (http://vimeo.com/95551890)
- Poll kids again (after hearing the information does it sound familiar to anyone?)

Discussion
- What is the purpose of creating a citation list?
  - giving credit
  - showing that you used good sources
  - making it possible for others to find the information again
- Go over sheets with definitions
- Show resources with citations in them: book and Wikipedia (they have seen them before even if they didn’t notice or didn’t know what they were called)
- What kinds of resources need citations?
Whose Is It? Activity
- Use Common Sense Media’s Whose Is It? worksheet (https://www.commonsensemedia.org/educators/lesson/whose-it-anyway-4-5)
- kids turn to person next to them and take about 10 minutes to work through the scenarios
- go over adding any pertinent information about each scenario

Assignment Requirements
- bibliography
- 1 print and 1 online resource
- we are going to help you research both in the classroom and in the library

Discussion
- based on what we know about why we create citations what information will we need to create a useful one
  - author’s name
  - website name (if website)
  - article title (don’t forget, some books have articles)
  - book title
  - pull up Time for Kids article (http://www.timeforkids.com/news/one-small-step-one-great-man/44396) and use that to pull information

EasyBib
- put information from Time article into EasyBib
- note that it doesn’t fill the citation out properly and fix mistakes
- generate citation so they can see it

Plagiarism Worksheet
- have the kids fill out the final worksheet
- writing out the information will help them recall it later