

Now What?

Process Focus

Defining and clarifying the task

What Is It?

Now What? is an activity that students can use to define and clarify a task by listing possible solutions. Students can also use it to generate questions for investigation and to identify possible sources of information.

Why Use It?

Now What? is designed to assist students to plan a course of action. Encouraging students to list questions for investigation and possible sources of information encourages them to think broadly about the task and helps to keep them focussed. As students proceed with their investigation, their Now What? plan of action can be amended.

How Do You Use It?

1. Have students record and draw a box around the task to be investigated.
2. Have students draw lines from the box to represent possible investigation pathways. The lines need to be kept apart so the ideas can be expanded.
3. Have students write one option along each line.
4. At the end of each line, have students draw a box with two columns. In the first column students generate questions that need to be answered for each option. In the second column students write a list of sources that might assist with their investigation.

