

About the Learning Activities

The iCONN learning activities illustrate how students at various academic levels could use iCONN resources as part of their research strategy for completing an assignment related to the sample search topic. Students are usually required to explore a variety of resources related to a research question and thus these examples only demonstrate the part iCONN can contribute to content learning. It is assumed that students would use additional materials in their library media center and/or public library as well to complete the task.

Specifically, each sample learning activity is designed to provide:

- A relationship to Connecticut curriculum content standards;
- A curriculum-related task that might be assigned to students at either the elementary, middle or high school level;
- Models of the types of research questions (The big questions about which learning is structured and directs the learner's attention to an important area of study) and assignments where iCONN is an especially valuable resource;
- One or more search strategies using the iCONN databases and their features; and
- Examples of alternative search strategies for the same task that would be appropriate to differentiate instruction for students who need extra assistance or greater academic challenge.