INQUIRY SCRIPT

Question: __________________________________________________________

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Resources Consulted (record name/title and any identifying characteristics that will help you find the source again):

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Clues Uncovered in Resources: _________________________________________

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Reflecting On Inquiry

Your Inquiry Scripts capture your thinking. They reflect back to you the reasoning you have used to formulate questions, gather data from resources, and deepen your study.

Using the categories for question types that are described in the classification system posted at <http://www.pathwaysforinquiry.com>, code each of your questions. This will tell you whether you are moving toward higher level thinking as you phrase new questions based on what you learn about your topic along your inquiry pathway. Take a look at the resources you have noted on your inquiry script. Using the types of resources discussed in Chapters Four and Five and the categories for resource types accessible at <http://www.pathwaysforinquiry.com>, note the different sources you have consulted. This will tell you about the extensiveness of your search and will highlight the characteristics of resources you are relying on, and also those types you have not yet consulted.

Look at the clues you have uncovered along the way. How have they contributed to the character of your thinking? Try to determine where you were using inductive thinking (working from particular pieces of data to build hypothetical questions and generalizations). Also inspect your inquiry script for evidence of deductive thinking (searching for evidence to test the validity of a hypothesis or big idea). Mark the instances of inductive/deductive thinking along the pathway to your inquiry right on your inquiry script. Use different highlighting colors for inductive and deductive episodes. Then tell the story of your inquiry, describing your thinking processes, to anyone who will listen.

Periodically, it is a good idea to reflect on the entire process. This helps you to recognize the pathways you have taken and to plan new ones that you think are interesting. Some guiding questions for taking stock of your inquiry are listed for your reference on the following Inquiry Notebook Pages.
INQUIRY NOTEBOOK

How did my inquiry begin?

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Where have I gone to explore my topic (how deep and wide has my search been)?

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What are most important facts that I have learned to date?

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What else would I like to explore in this search?

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What new pathways for my inquiry are open to me now?

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