

## *QuickSteps 7: Creating a Scavenger Hunt*

There is a small difference between a Treasure Hunt and a Scavenger Hunt. The purpose of a scavenger hunt is to have students collect information on a particular instructional topic, to teach students to use search engines properly through the use of keywords, and to introduce students to the vast array of resources that are available on the web. Therefore, for our purposes, a Scavenger Hunt will still present questions, but the rather than including links to the answers, students are given keywords and links to a search engine. Be sure to view the completed sample of the Astronaut Scavenger Hunt at

<http://www.spa3.k12.sc.us/Astronaut%20Scavenger%20Hunt.doc> or the Presidential Scavenger Hunt at <http://www.figg.com/ired320/portfolio/scavenger.htm> to see how these could look. You may prefer to provide your students with a word processed document where they can record their findings. There is an excellent template available from the Spartanburg District County Schools at <http://www.spa3.k12.sc.us/ScavTemp.html> that provides the following format for recording information:

{Insert Scavenger Hunt Question. Be sure that it is related to an instructional unit }

Search Engine \_\_\_\_\_

Keyword(s) or Phrases used to conduct search:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

1. Address & brief description of site visited:

URL: <http://>\_\_\_\_\_

Link (name): \_\_\_\_\_

Link (name): \_\_\_\_\_

Successful? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

2. Address & description of site visited:

URL: <http://>\_\_\_\_\_

Link (name): \_\_\_\_\_

Link (name): \_\_\_\_\_

Successful? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

3. Address & description of URL visited:

URL: <http://>\_\_\_\_\_

Link (name): \_\_\_\_\_

Link (name): \_\_\_\_\_

Successful? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

What else did you find that you may wish to pursue at another time?

If you prefer to use an Internet version that students access through active links to search engines you specify (like the Presidential Scavenger Hunt), then use the directions in QuickSteps 7: Creating a Treasure Hunt to set up your broad question in a blog format with active links to search engines. See the sample of a Scavenger Hunt at <http://lostliners.blogspot.com/>.