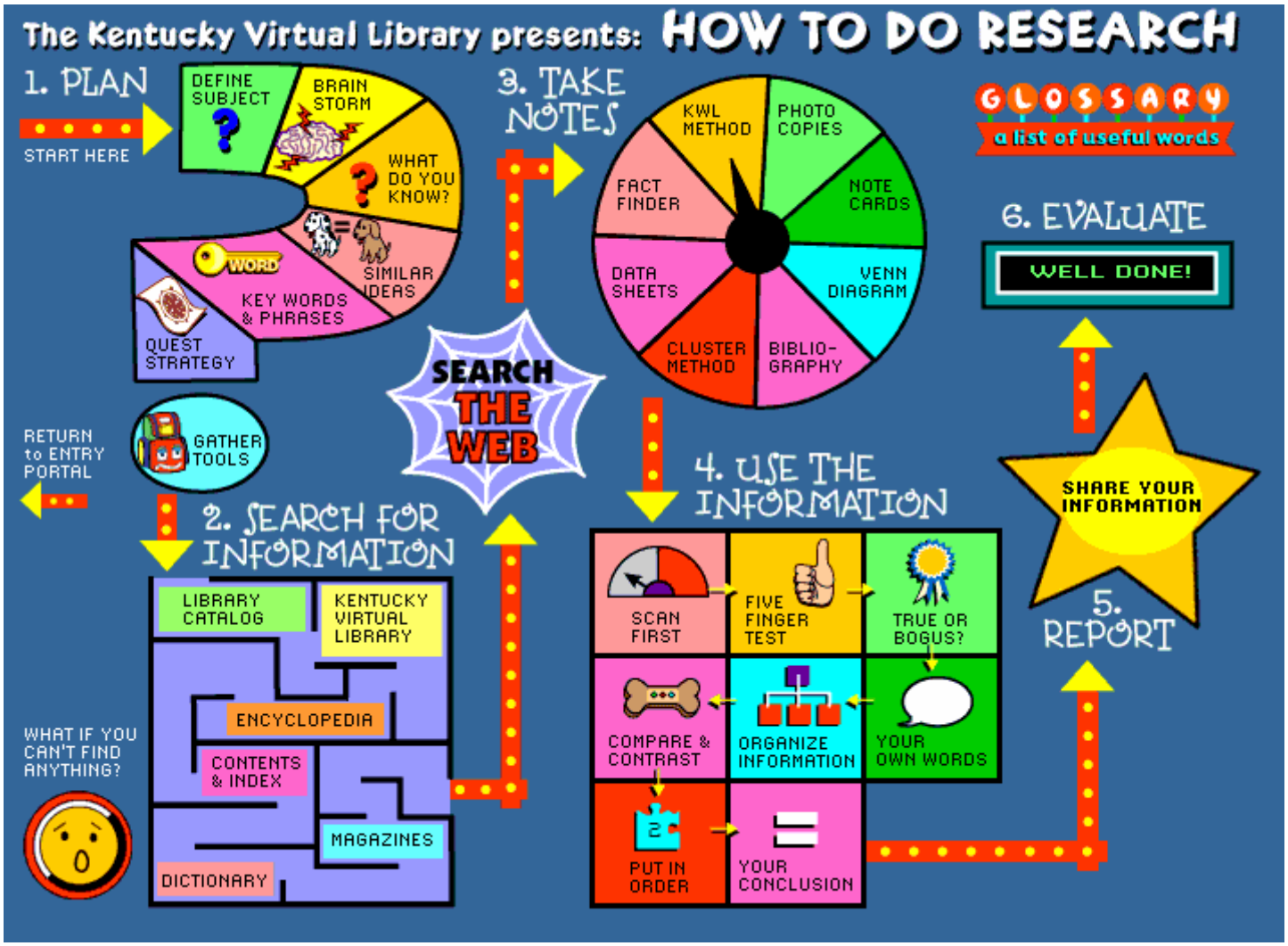
KYVL for Kids Research Portal
All the Information in the Known Universe

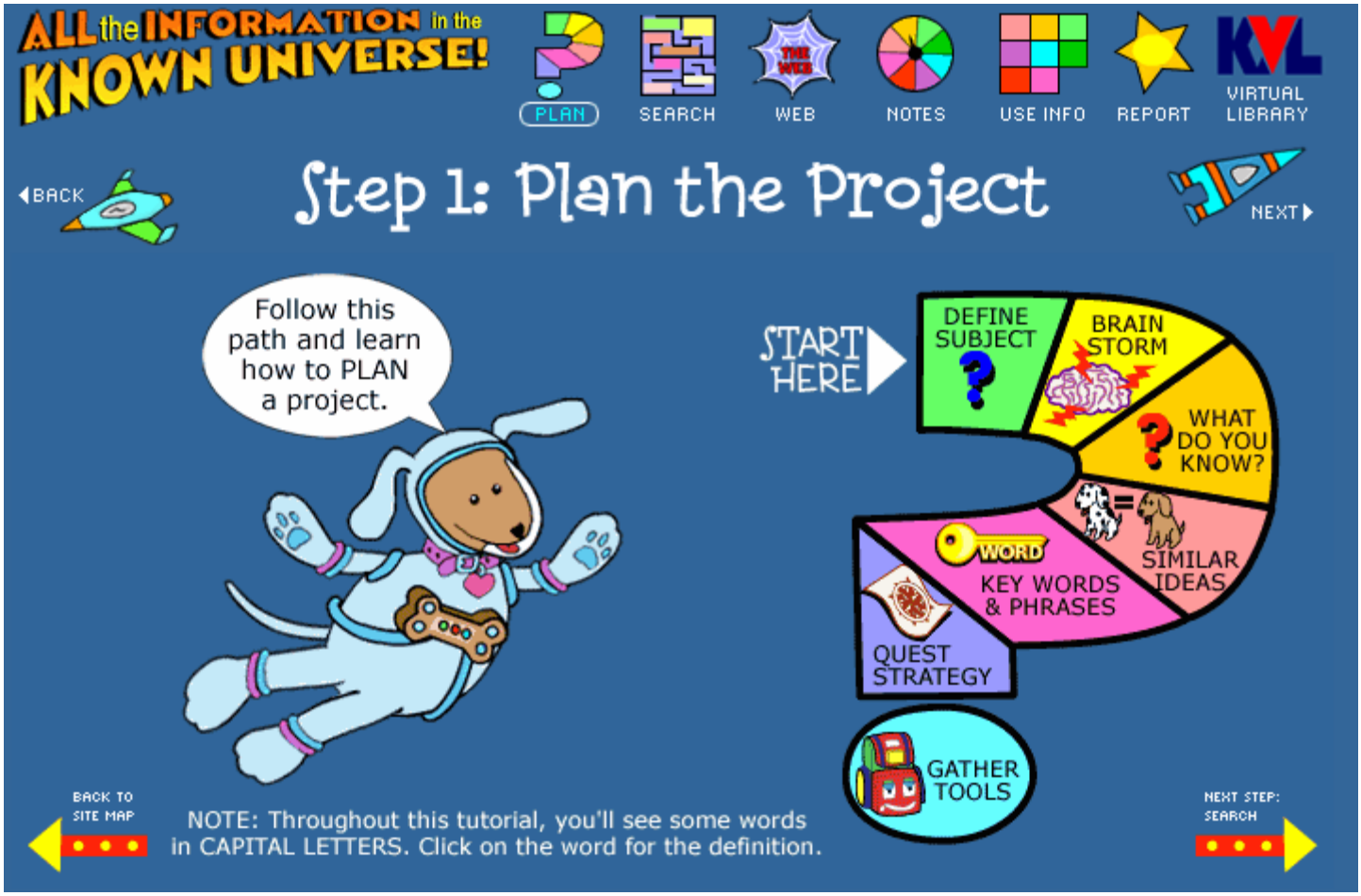
The KYVL for Kids Research Portal teaches kids about research and information literacy in a fun way.

The Portal has two primary components: the Research Rocket, and the Research Frontier.

Choosing “Research Rocket” from the Portal entrance takes you to an interactive summary of the research process:



The screenshots on the following pages show the major steps in the research process. However, the KYVL for Kids Research Portal contains useful resources for each major step. For example, “4. Use the Information” contains eight different web pages to help students evaluate and organize the information they have found in the previous steps.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PLAN
SEARCH
WEB
NOTES
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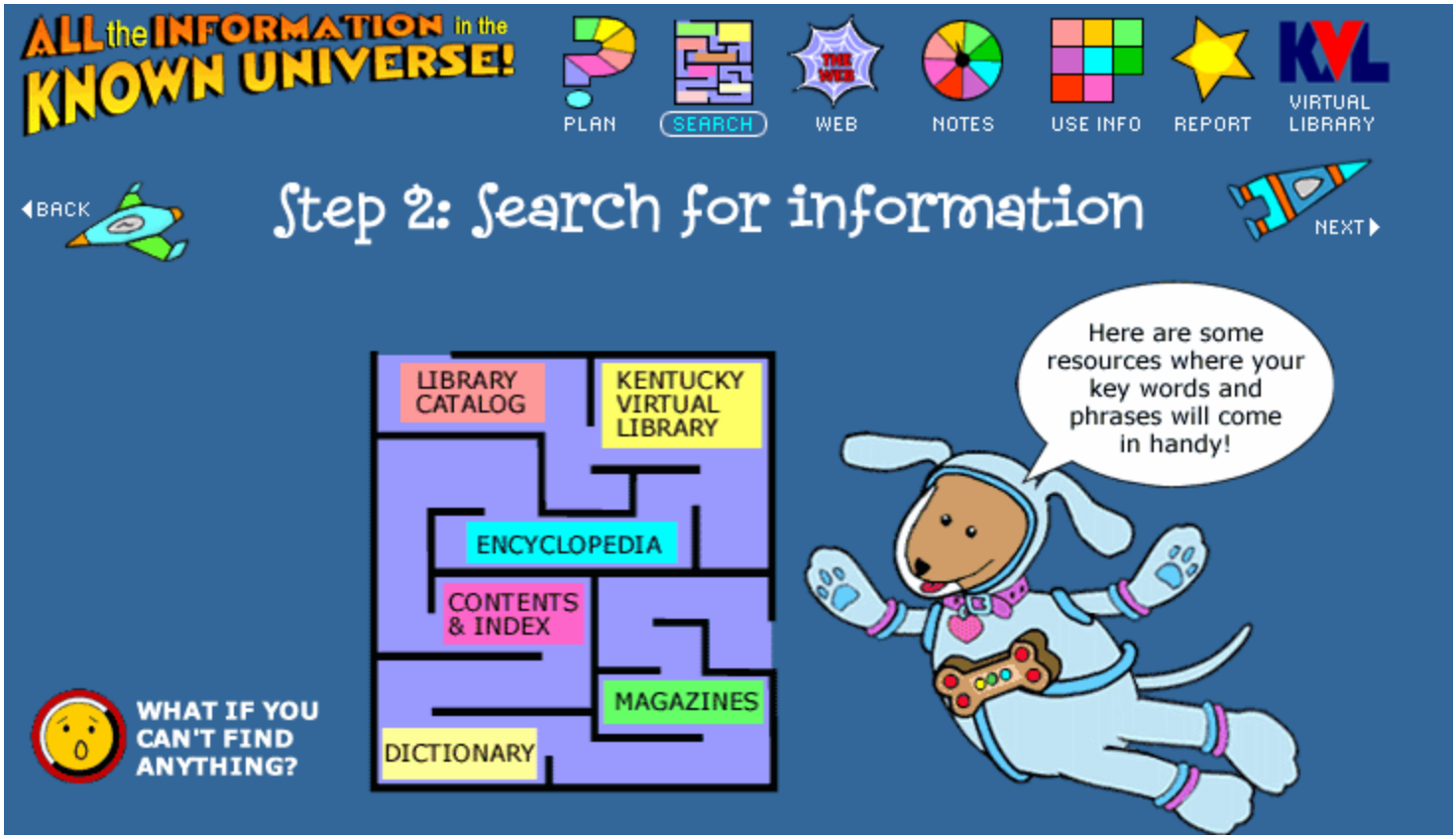
VIRTUAL LIBRARY
BACK
Step 1: Plan the Project
NEXT
Follow this path and learn how to PLAN a project.
START HERE
DEFINE SUBJECT
BRAIN STORM
WHAT DO YOU KNOW?
SIMILAR IDEAS
WORD
KEY WORDS & PHRASES
QUEST STRATEGY
GATHER TOOLS
BACK TO SITE MAP
NOTE: Throughout this tutorial, you'll see some words in CAPITAL LETTERS. Click on the word for the definition.
NEXT STEP: SEARCH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Step 2: Search for information
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LIBRARY CATALOG
KENTUCKY VIRTUAL LIBRARY
ENCYCLOPEDIA
CONTENTS & INDEX
MAGAZINES
DICTIONARY
Here are some resources where your key words and phrases will come in handy!
WHAT IF YOU CAN'T FIND ANYTHING?

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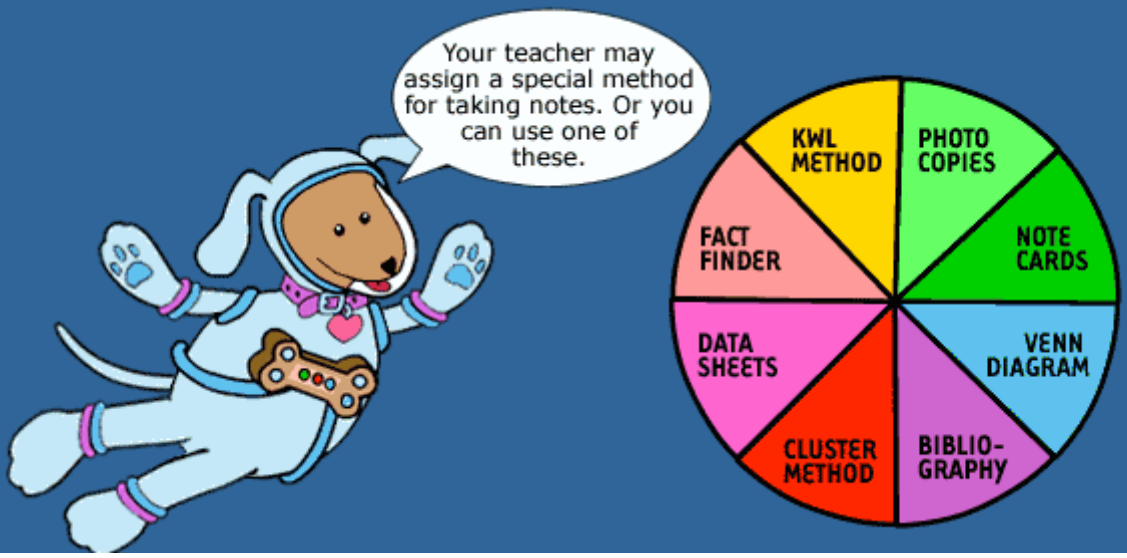
Step 3: Take Notes

NEXT



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Step 4: Use the information

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SHARE WHAT YOU'VE LEARNED!

There are lots of fun ways to share your information with other people. Find your favorite.

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Things you can WRITE:

Report
Story
Letter
Feature Article
Email
Poem
Brochure
Portfolio

Things you can CREATE:

Play
Video
Drawing
Model
Game
Song
Website
PowerPoint presentation

Things you can DO:

Give a Speech or Oral Report
Talk to People
Talk on the Phone

How can you make it FUN?

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EVALUATE

The final step in the project is to EVALUATE yourself. Ask yourself the following questions:

NEXT

- How did you do?
- Did you follow the plan?
- Did you answer the main question?
- Did you record your information?
- How did you score on the RUBRIC?

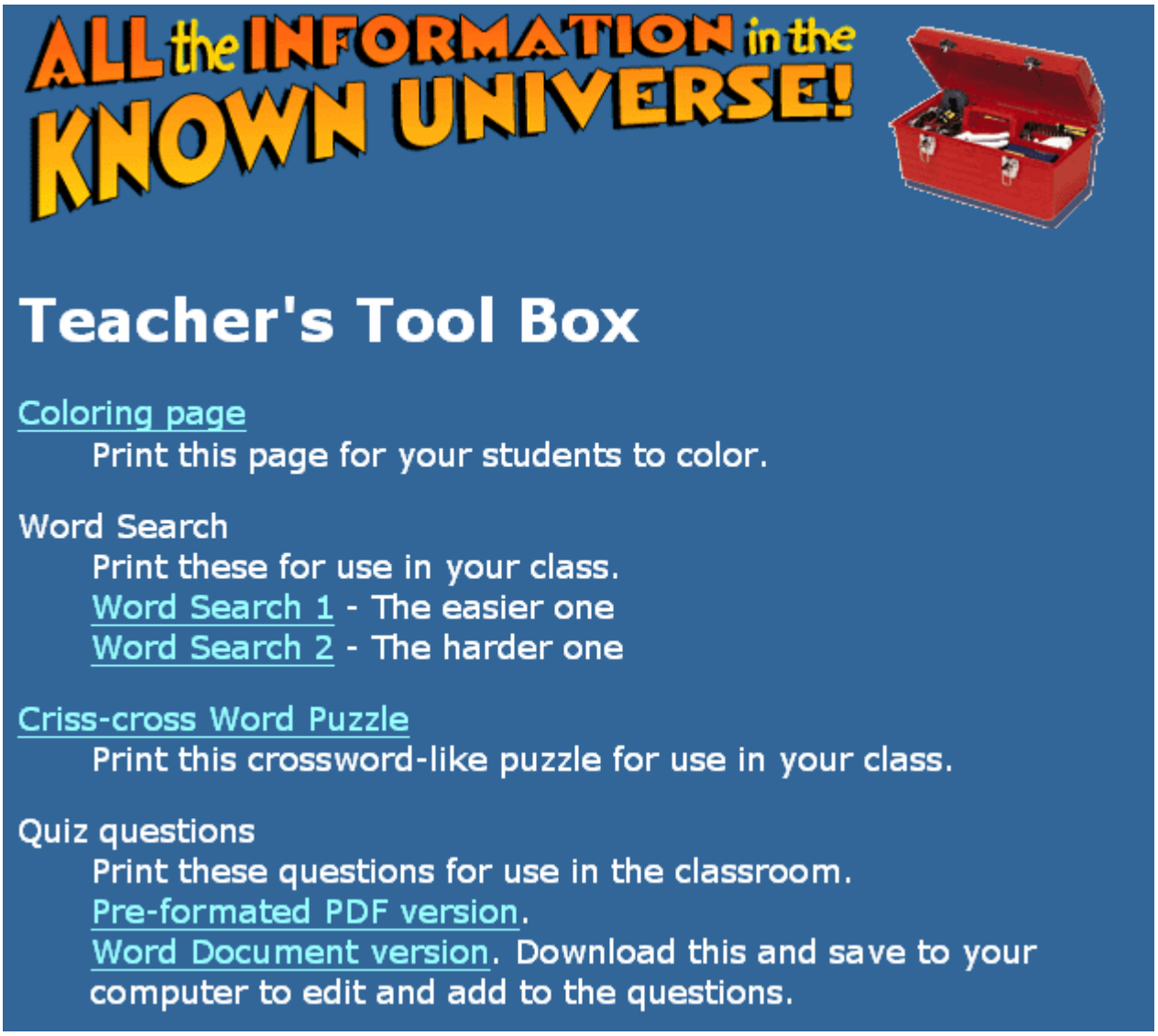
- Did you write down sources accurately?
- Did you present the information in the way it was assigned?
- Did you learn something?
- Was it fun to share with others?

"RUBRIC" CUBE

You're almost ready to become a RESEARCH WIZARD! There's just one more thing...

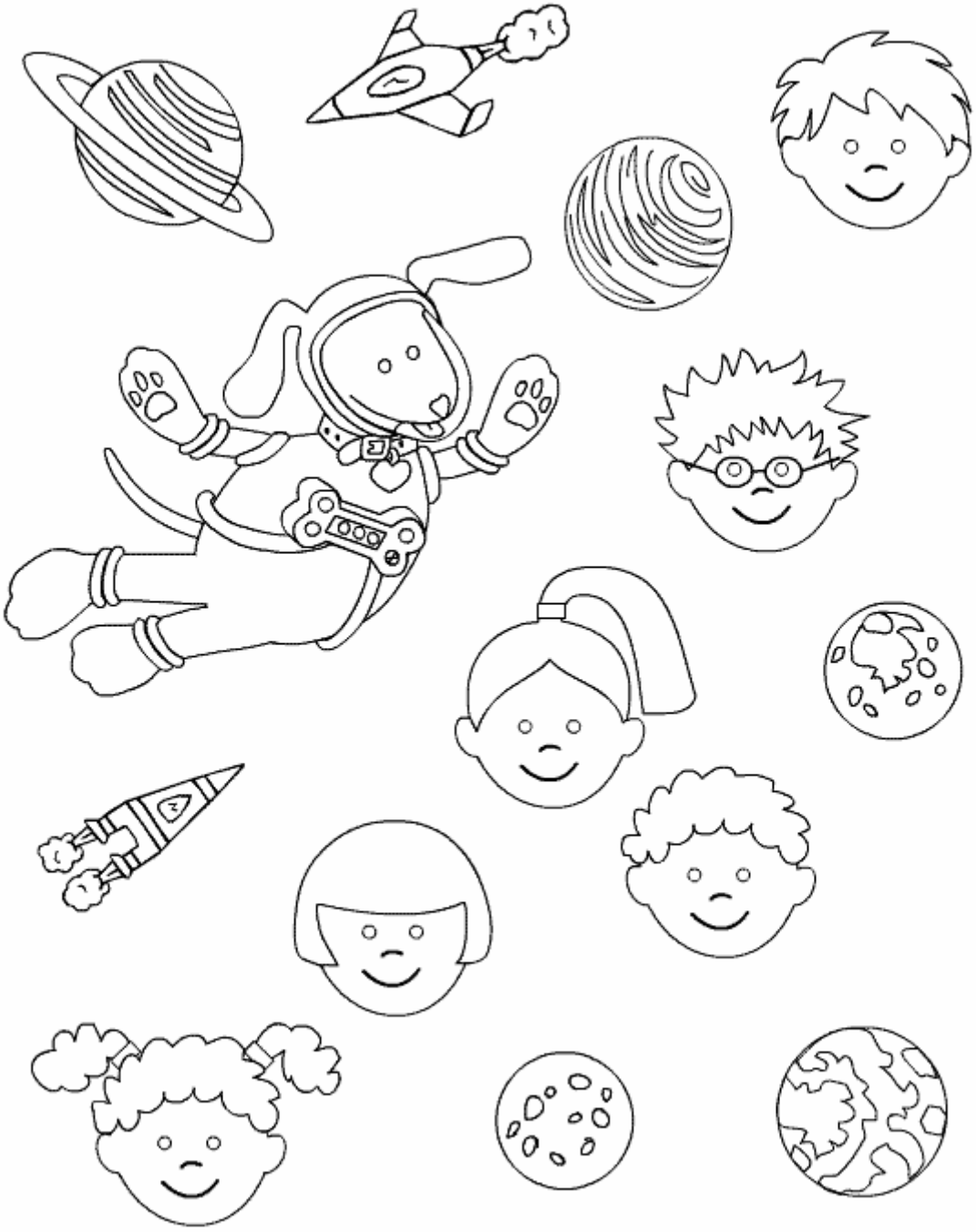
The Teacher’s Tool Box

Also included in the Research Portal is a Tool Box with printable items for offline use.



Coloring Page and Tutorial Questions:
Examples of the Resources in the Teacher's Toolbox

(Use the PRINT command on your computer to print this 8-1/2" x 11" page.)



Questions for “All the Information in the Known Universe” Tutorial.

1). What should you do before you read a page?
a. get into the bathtub
b. turn the television set up louder
c. scan the page
d. find a bookmark

2). What are you doing when you think of as many ideas as possible, without stopping to judge whether they're silly or not?
a. surfing
b. brainstorming
c. scanning
d. researching

3). Which of the following items will NOT help you do research?
a. pen
b. journal
c. banana
d. note cards

4). Who should you ask for help if you can't locate a magazine article?
a. school administrator
b. salesclerk in a bookstore
c. librarian
d. the mayor

5). What is a Search Engine?
a. a train that looks for lost people
b. a device for finding phone numbers
c. a way to locate information on the internet
d. a computer program that helps you find where you left your cell phone

6). What kind of animal was the first to go into outer space?
a. rattlesnake
b. monkey
c. bear
d. dog

7). What should you do if you can't find information in the first place you look?
a. pull out your hair and run screaming from the room
b. give up
c. try another resource
d. sue the library

8). What is "searchasaurus"?
a. an extinct beast from the Pliocene era
b. a place that makes great cheeseburgers
c. a brand of sneakers
d. an index for magazine, newspaper, encyclopedia articles and more

9). What is Groliers?
a. a book about scientific discoveries
b. an online encyclopedia
c. a sports organization
d. a department store

10). What kind of words are best to help you search for information?
a. adjectives
b. key words
c. compound words
d. passwords

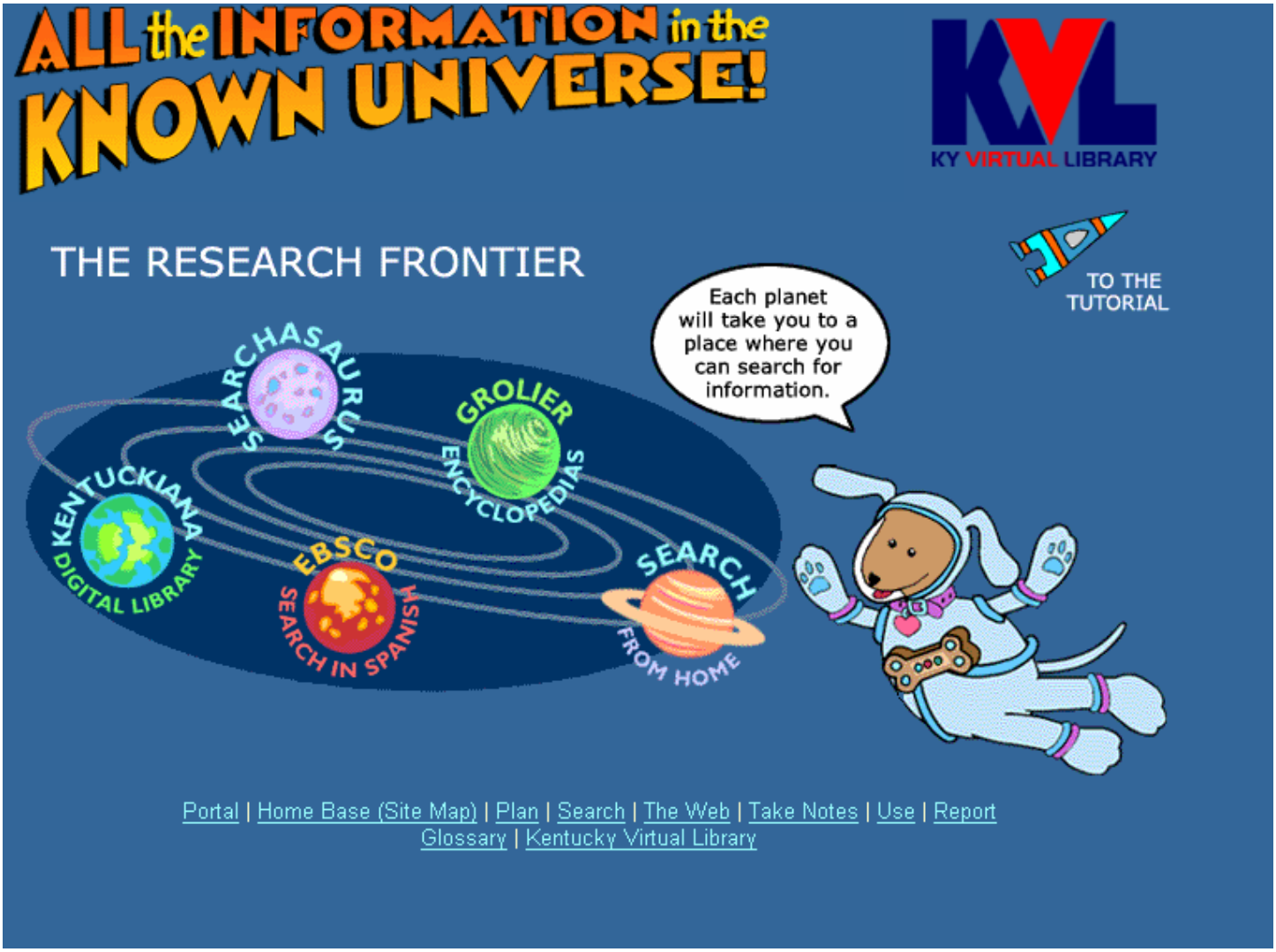
11). What is a Table of Contents?
a. a list in the front of a book showing chapters and page numbers
b. a place to put knives, forks, spoons, plates and glasses while eating
c. a multiplication chart in the math department
d. a geological survey

12). What is the "Fabulous KWL Strategy"?
a. a very successful manuever in soccer
b. a method for taking notes
c. a rock band
d. a compliment referring to someone's new hairstyle

13). What is a Venn Diagram?
a. a way to see what your grade will be
b. something your doctor uses to see if you are sick
c. a way to compare and contrast information as you take notes
d. an accounting method

14). What is a Bibliography?
a. a list of books in the library
b. a list of sources where you found information
c. a person who loves books too much
d. an index of magazine articles about the Bible

The Research Frontier



The final feature of the KYVL for Kids Research Portal is the Research Frontier. This is a gateway to the various commercial databases available through KYVL, emphasizing resources most appropriate for kids.

If a user is at school or another IP authenticated site, choosing a “planet” takes the user to an interface provided by the commercial vendor.

For users at other sites, the “Search From Home” planet shows a screen with a User ID and Password. Contact KYVL to get a User ID and Password that you can share with your students and colleagues.