Directions for the Inquiry Chart (I – Chart)

Students can use the following directions when constructing an I-Chart:

Directions for Students - Group Constructed I – Chart

1. Make up a group of three students.

2. Along the top of the graphic organizer titled Group Constructed I – Chart, record three questions that your group would like to explore about the topic.

3. Brainstorm prior knowledge about the topic in relationship to each question, and record this information below each question in the row labeled What We Know.

4. Read through a few sources to find answers to your questions. These sources could include trade books, textbooks, newspapers and magazine articles, websites, etc. Identify the sources (in the boxes labeled source #1, etc.) and then record this information below each question.

5. Summarize what you have learned by writing a main idea statement in answer to each question.

Variations of this procedure:
Recreate the graphic organizer on a large piece of chart paper and record information on sticky notes and affix them to the chart paper under the headings. Sticky notes for sources of information could be colour-coded to identify the source. Also more information can be gathered about the topic and recorded on the sticky notes.