

Guided Inquiry Design® Starter Guide



What is Guided Inquiry Design®?

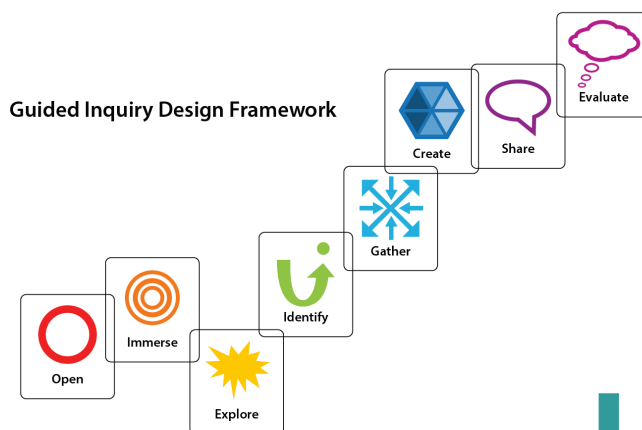
A research-based instructional framework that transforms student learning through curiosity, collaboration, and deep thinking. GID provides structure for inquiry that helps students develop authentic questions, engage with information meaningfully, and produce thoughtful, creative outcomes.

Why It Works

- **Student-Centered:** Empowers learners to ask their own questions and take ownership.
- **Collaborative:** Integrates teachers, librarians, and specialists for real teamwork.
- **Structured Yet Flexible:** 8 clear phases guide the process while allowing for creativity.
- **Backed by Research:** Developed by Dr. Carol Kuhlthau and team, grounded in decades of learning theory and practice.

The 8 Phases of Guided Inquiry -

1. **Open** – Spark curiosity
2. **Immerse** – Build background knowledge
3. **Explore** – Navigate interests
4. **Identify** – Focus the inquiry
5. **Gather** – Conduct focused research
6. **Create** – Develop and express ideas
7. **Share** – Communicate learning
8. **Evaluate** – Reflect and assess



Who It's For

- K–12 Educators
- School Librarians
- Instructional Coaches
- Curriculum Leaders
- Inquiry-Driven Schools and Districts



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