The e5 Instructional Model is a framework to inform conversations and guide the observation, critique and reflection of classroom practice. The e5 domain of engage, explore, explain, elaborate and evaluate can be used as a common lens for understanding and improving teaching in all educational settings. This approach can facilitate a more planned and structured collaboration through a commonly understood language and framework.

The BIG6 Inquiry Model provides structure for the EXPLORE stage of the e5 Instructional Model through supporting the inquiry process through prompting and structuring the inquiry project based learning process.

Explore - Capabilities

- Prompts inquiry
- Structures inquiry
- Maintains session momentum

The BIG6 - Steps

1. Task Definition
   1.1 Define the information problem
   1.2 Identify information needed

2. Information Seeking Strategies
   2.1 Determine all possible sources
   2.2 Select the best sources

3. Location and Access
   3.1 Locate sources (intellectually and physically)
   3.2 Find information within sources

4. Use of Information
   4.1 Engage (e.g., read, hear, view, touch)
   4.2 Extract relevant information

5. Synthesis
   5.1 Organize from multiple sources
   5.2 Present the information

6. Evaluation
   6.1 Judge the product (effectiveness)
   6.2 Judge the process (efficiency)