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# Engaging Students in the Research Process: Strategies for Success

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#### The Analogy

Achieving and Maintaining a Healthy Lifestyle

Learning and Using an Appropriate Research Strategy

**Players** 

Conflict

**Strategies** 

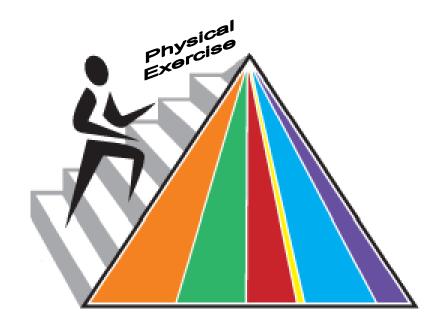
## • • Healthy Lifestyle: Players

- You (anyone) who desires a healthy lifestyle for intrinsic reasons
- You (anyone) who desires a healthy lifestyle for extrinsic reasons
- Dietitians professionals who believe in it, want to promote it, want to help people achieve it
- Other health professionals, fitness trainers, etc.

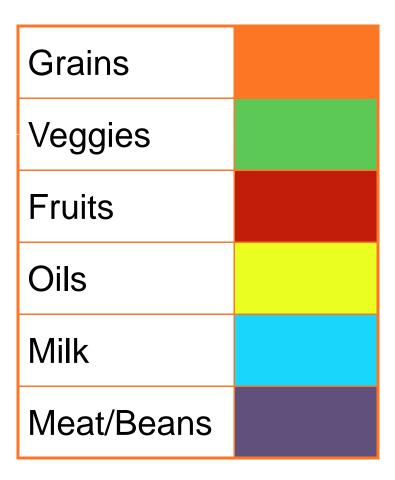
### Research Process: Players

- Students who want to learn how to do research for intrinsic reasons
- Students who want to learn how to do research for extrinsic reasons
- Librarians professionals who believe in it, want to promote it, want to help people achieve it
- Teaching Faculty professionals who want students to learn it in order to produce quality research papers, etc.

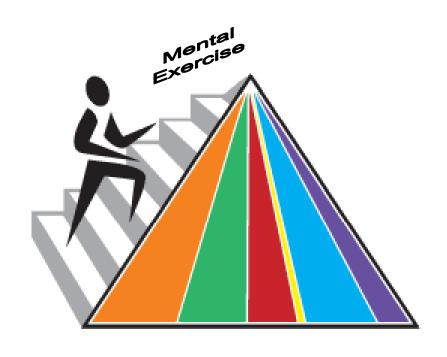
### • • Healthy Lifestyle: Ideal



http://www.mypyramid.gov/



#### Research Process: Ideal



Library Resources Librarians Faculty WWW Writing Center, other support Google

## • • Healthy Lifestyle: Conflict

Dietitians / Health Prof.	The Public
Well balanced meal Low fat foods	Ready to prepare Fast food
High nutritional value	Tastes good
Exercise daily	Exercise when convenient, easy

## • • Research Process: Conflict

Librarians	Students
Fill the information need	Just some articles A book or two
Critical evaluation	First few results are fine
Takes Effort	Find it and get it fast
Takes Thought	Multitasking
Takes Time	Convenient
Ask for help	Self sufficiency; control

#### • • Healthy Lifestyle: Strategies

- Media exposure
- Partnerships
- Education
- Choices
- Convenience
- One size does not fit all
- It's not all or nothing
- Help available

# Research Process: Strategies

- Marketing
- Partnerships
- Education
- Choices
- Convenience
- One size does not fit all
- It's not all or nothing
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## • • Conclusion

- Ongoing process
- Flexible
- Encouragement
- New approaches
- Assessment and Revision
- Incremental learning
- Make it part of the culture

#### Conclusion

