Specified voluntary resource selectors extend the width and breadth of the Collection using the NSDL Recommendation System.

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You are an NSDL resource selector and have found a resource that should be included in the NSDL Collection. Here are the steps you would follow to recommend that resource using the automated NSDL Recommendation System.

1. Determining if the resource has already been recommended for inclusion in the NSDL’s more than 477,000-item Collection.
2. System provides feedback and suggests next step.
3. Resource is automatically analyzed.
4. Descriptive metadata is returned.
5. Corresponding GEM subjects and grade level information are selected by the recommender.
6. The resource is automatically included as an item in the NSDL Metadata Repository, is considered for elevation to the collection-level category (in which a complete metadata record is generated for all items associated with that resource), and a complete metadata summary is generated.