

INFORMATION SOURCES- PRINT

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Lots of different sources

Books (including reference books)

Journals or articles (from newspapers, magazines and academic journals)

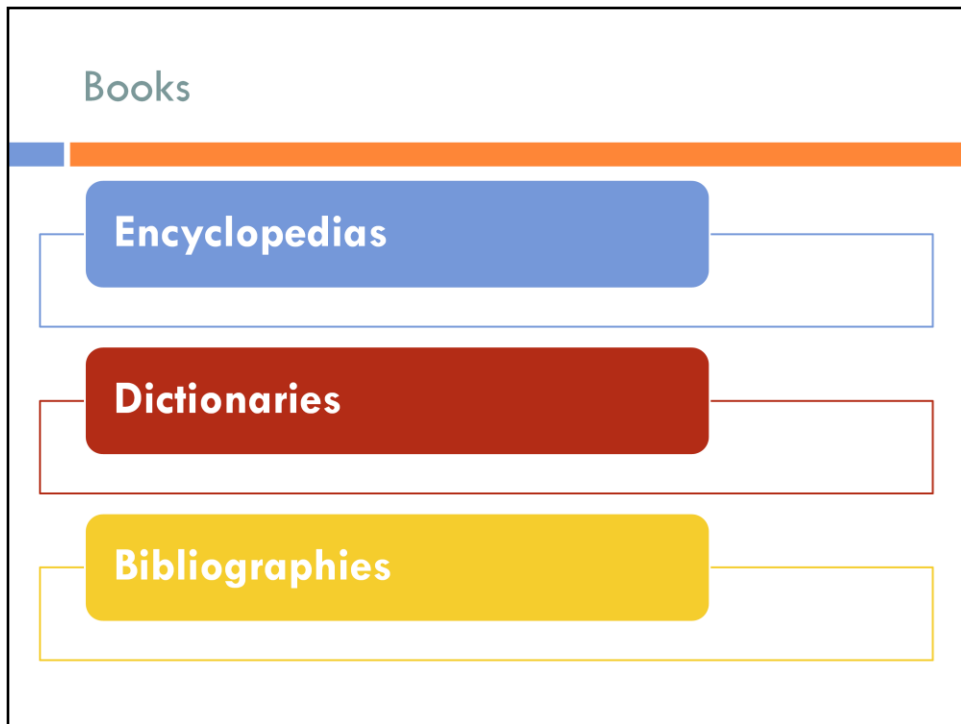
Specialized resources (Primary sources, government documents)

Web-based resources

Many papers that are more than a few pages require broad reading in a subject, including several different types of material.

Books

Books (sometimes called 'monographs') provide a broader or deeper understanding of a subject than other resources



Keep in mind these are not the only ways information can be classified. Many scholars and experts in the field have spent a lot of time trying to figure out the best way to classify types of information. These types are the easiest to wrap your head around and fit the needs of this course.

Encyclopedias

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- offer a listing of articles, either of a multi-disciplinary nature, or on a specific subject.
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- Encyclopedias can be single-volume, or multi-volume.
- Entries often include bibliographies, maps, timelines, and other helpful material.

Dictionaries

Unabridged

- attempts to collect every word currently in use in a specific language or culture

Abridged

- focuses on words that are more commonly used

Etymological

- provides definitions, along with word histories and changes in use over time

Subject

- focus on words/vocabulary of a single subject area

Bibliographies

Selected-

- type of bibliography usually found at the end of a student paper. The bibliography is "selected" because the author has made no effort to locate all possible sources relevant to the paper's topic.

Comprehensive-

- much more ambitious than a selected bibliography. The author of a comprehensive bibliography has attempted to hunt out and list **all primary and secondary materials** dealing with a given topic

Annotated-

- provides brief summaries or comments underneath each citation in the bibliography

Note that this does not cover every single type of bibliography that might be encountered, but covers the highlights