# Choose Sources Based on Your Information Needs

## Use books to locate
- in-depth, comprehensive coverage
- background information
- historical accounts
- personal experiences
- context for topics (social, cultural, economic, etc.)
- research overviews and summaries
- collections of topical essays
- recommended sources and citation lists

## Use journals to locate
- original research studies and experiments
- articles by scholars, specialists, and experts
- research methodology examples
- reviews of research findings, topics, methods, etc.
- current research trends
- citations for research materials
- book reviews by experts and specialists

## Use magazines to locate
- popular culture articles and information
- special interest articles
- current event updates
- articles about specific trades or professions
- editorials and commentaries
- advertisements, social trends, styles, fashion, etc.
- book and music reviews by professionals and editorial staff

## Use newspapers to locate
- news about local, national, and international current events
- editorials, commentaries, and opinions
- interviews and details about current events
- information about events as they progress
- personal and community information

## Use reference works to locate
- collections of facts, data, and statistics
- geographical and spatial information
- source lists for information about subjects and people
- introductory information about topics
- definitions and explanations of specialty terminology
- instructions & field-specific info (equations, formulas, etc.)

## Use Internet sites to locate
- government reports, announcements, and member information
- popular culture information
- open access journals, magazines, newspapers
- posts on blogs, wikis, Twitter, Facebook, etc.
- conversion tools (time, currency, etc.)
- personal and expert opinions
- commercial and commerce sites, advertisements

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