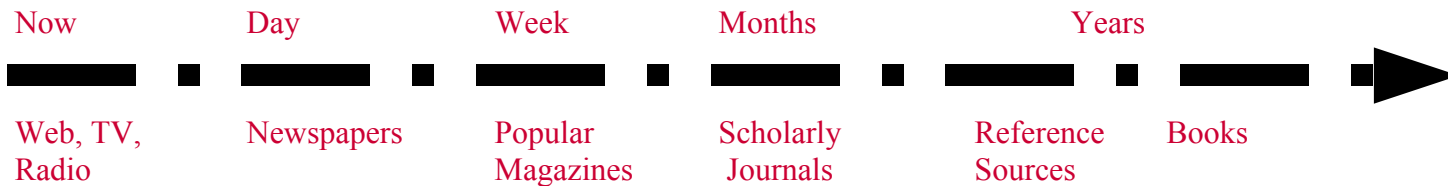


Information Timeline

Know Your Topic: Different types of resources may be more appropriate than others. Be aware of what kind of information is in each type of resource and who the intended audience is.

The Big Picture



Time Period	Source of Information	Type of Information	Authors	Audience	Finding the Information
Day of the Event	News Reports (television, radio, Internet news services, i.e. non-print)	General (who, what, and where)	Reporters	General Public	Web
1-3 Days Later	News Reports (newspapers, television, radio, web pages)	Articles may include analysis, statistics, photographs, editorial opinions No bibliography	Reporters	General Public	Newspaper Indexes, Web
Weeks Later	Popular and Mass Market Magazines (i.e. Newsweek, New Yorker, Business Week)	Still in reporting stage (who, what, where, why); general; editorial and opinions; statistics; photographs Usually no bibliography	Professional Journalists	General Public to Knowledgeable Layperson	Periodical Indexes
Months Later	Scholarly Journals	Research results, detailed and theoretical discussion Usually bibliography	Specialists/Scholars	Scholars, Specialists, Students	Periodical Indexes, Bibliographies
Two Years to Ten Years Later	Books and Conference Proceedings Reference Sources (i.e. specialized encyclopedias)	In-depth coverage; edited compilations of scholarly articles; Bibliography General overview giving factual information; Bibliography usually available	Scholars/Researchers	General Public to Specialists, Researchers	Online Catalog, Bibliographies

