



# Research Checklist

Subject:

After you decide on a research project topic, you will want to find out as much as you can about that subject. Use this list to check off the sources you use. You probably will not use every item listed for one research project. Select the sources that fit your subject.



## Books

- Search library catalog
- Browse library shelves



## Magazine Articles

- Online magazine databases:
  - ProQuest
  - Lexis/Nexis
  - FirstSearch
- Reader's Guide (book index)



## Newspaper Articles

- Online newspaper databases
  - Lexis/Nexis
  - ProQuest



## Reference Books

- Encyclopedias
  - General
  - Subject
- Dictionaries
  - General
  - Subject



## Bibliographies

- Provided at the end of encyclopedia articles
- Provided at the end of journal articles
- Listed in books



## Videos, DVD, Films



## Interviews

- Name
- Phone#
- Name
- Phone#



## Internet

- Search Engines
- Web Sites



## Survey/Questionnaire



## Other sources

- Associations, organizations, clubs
- Businesses
- Religious affiliations
- Government agencies (local, state, federal)
- Hospitals
- Museums
- Colleges/universities
- Other



## Librarians

- Reference librarians



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