



J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College Libraries

Your first stop for information and research needs!

Types of Information Sources Worksheet

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Review the corresponding **Types of Sources** handout - OR - the **Information Sources Table** available from the **2b – Information sources table** web page from the **Guide to Research at JSRCC Libraries** at: <http://libguides.reynolds.edu/research>. Match each **Source** with its **Use** by placing the appropriate letter next to each Source.

Source:

1. World Wide Web _____
2. Newspaper _____
3. Primary Source _____
4. Journal _____
5. Government Source _____
6. Reference Book _____
7. Magazine _____
8. Secondary Source _____
9. Circulating Book _____

When to use:

- a. Need statistics or information from a state or local government department.
- b. Need a scholarly article on original research or additional references that point to other relevant research on a particular topic.
- c. Need a brief overview or background information on a topic you are not familiar with.
- d. Need an article on a popular or recent topic written for a general audience.
- e. Need an in-depth treatment of a topic that can be checked out of the library.
- f. Need an up-to-date local news article.
- g. Need a first hand account of a specific event or original research.
- h. Need the most current news, opinions on various issues, company information, or online resources provided through JSRCC Libraries.
- i. Need a second hand account of events.