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Identifying Your Research Needs: K-N-R Chart

Use this chart to identify what you already know about the topic and what you need to find out.

What do I K NOW about the topic?	What do I N EEED to find out?

Now, use this chart to identify what type of information you need.

What R ESOURCES do I need?		
	Type of Information Needed for Topic	Most Appropriate Resources
Lower Order Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> General Overview <input type="checkbox"/> Quick Facts <input type="checkbox"/> Background Information <input type="checkbox"/> Terms and Definitions <input type="checkbox"/> Historical Perspective <input type="checkbox"/> Statistics <input type="checkbox"/> Maps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Dictionaries, Atlases (print or online) <input type="checkbox"/> Encyclopedia (print or online) <input type="checkbox"/> Specialized Encyclopedia <input type="checkbox"/> Yearbooks, almanacs, directories <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper articles (online databases) <input type="checkbox"/> Audio / Video <input type="checkbox"/> Magazine articles (online databases)
Higher Order Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Primary Sources <input type="checkbox"/> In-depth Coverage <input type="checkbox"/> Expert Information <input type="checkbox"/> Expert Opinion <input type="checkbox"/> Current Information <input type="checkbox"/> Current Expert Research <input type="checkbox"/> Differing Perspectives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Quality websites <input type="checkbox"/> Community resources <input type="checkbox"/> Expert/Subject-specific blogs, podcasts <input type="checkbox"/> Non-fiction books <input type="checkbox"/> Journal articles (online databases) <input type="checkbox"/> Peer-Reviewed journal articles (online databases)

What are your best research starting points for this topic?		
<input type="checkbox"/> School Library Catalogue	<input type="checkbox"/> WRDSB Virtual Library	<input type="checkbox"/> School Library Website
<input type="checkbox"/> Internet Directory	<input type="checkbox"/> Internet Search Engine	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Library
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)		