**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.

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| **What do I KNOW about the topic?** | **What do I NEED to find out?** |
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Now, use this chart to identify what type of information you need.

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| **What RESOURCES do I need?** | | |
| **Lower Order**  **Questions** | **Type of Information Needed for Topic** | **Most Appropriate Resources** |
| * General Overview * Quick Facts * Background Information * Terms and Definitions * Historical Perspective * Statistics * Maps * Primary Sources * In-depth Coverage * Expert Information * Expert Opinion * Current Information * Current Expert Research * Differing Perspectives | * Dictionaries, Atlases (print or online) * Encyclopedia (print or online) * Specialized Encyclopedia * Yearbooks, almanacs, directories * Newspaper articles (online databases) * Audio / Video * Magazine articles (online databases) * Quality websites * Community resources * Expert/Subject-specific blogs, podcasts * Non-fiction books * Journal articles (online databases) * Peer-Reviewed journal articles (online databases) |
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| **Higher Order**  **Questions** |
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| **What are your best research starting points for this topic?** | | |
| School Library Catalogue | WRDSB Virtual Library | School Library Website |
| Internet Directory | Internet Search Engine | Other Library |
| Other (Specify) |  |  |