**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) |  |  |