

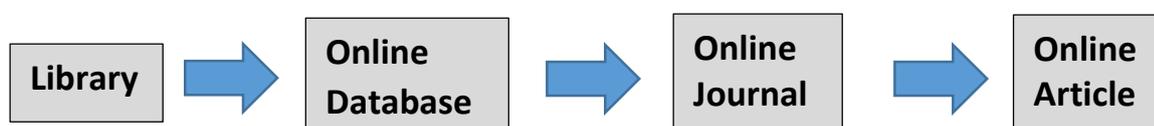
Finding Information

Thanks to the World Wide Web, we have the fortune of having access to an abundance of information. Google is made up of 60 Trillion webpages and it's growing. As anyone can publish on the web, it means that not everything will be accurate or trustworthy. So you need to look beyond the web and google and consider where you can find the information you need. Below are some tips that might help

1. Some definitions: to know where to find information, you'll need to understand what the different sources of information are

Online Information	Information that is available on the World Wide Web
Webpage	Hypertext document that is connected to the World Wide Web
Website	A collection of webpages, usually with hyperlinks
Database	A collection of information that is organised and used on a computer
Online Journal	A Journal that can be accessed online
Online Article	An article that can be accessed via an online journal.
Subscription	Access to most online databases, journals and articles require subscription because the information on them is peer reviewed. However your local library will more than likely provide free access to some databases etc. once you're a member
Peer-reviewed	Peer-reviewed is a process where by an article/ piece of information is checked by a group of experts in the same field. Examples of some areas that peer-reviewed information can be found in are: journals, newspapers, encyclopaedias, exhibitions and museums. Examples where information may not be pee-reviewed are: blogs, online forums and individual websites
Open Access	A directory that allows users to access peer-reviewed articles for free e.g. www.rian.ie . www.opendoar.org
Print information	Information that is available in print format

An example of how to access an online article



2. Some steps you should take when you are looking for information. Let's say you are doing a project on the civil rights movement in America

Step 1	Consider keywords and their synonyms that might relate to your topic. E.g. civil rights, racism, xenophobia, slavery
Step 2	Consider people, events and places e.g. Montgomery bus strike, Jim Crowe Laws, Martin Luther King, John F. Kennedy, Ole Miss, Rosa Parks
Step 3	Consider timelines. Have any events in the past had any impact e.g. slavery, imperialism

Some examples of where you can find information. It would be an idea to consider using print and online resources as not everything on the web is accurate

