

A. SOURCES TO USE IN THE LIBRARY

BACKGROUND SOURCES

Subject encyclopedias – Background articles on a wide range of topics.
To find them in the catalog: type encyclopedia and *your subject*, limit to ARC.

Opposing Viewpoints series – Pro/con articles on current topics. To find them in the catalog: type “opposing viewpoints” and *your subject*, limit to ARC. Two copies are often available.

Information Plus series – Statistics and data on current issues. Found in “current topics” area.

BOOKS

- Use the Catalog to find books in any Los Rios library using your keywords. To limit your search by location (ARC, etc.) and/or material type (e-book, DVD, etc), use Advanced Keyword search.
- You can request printed books from other Los Rios Colleges to be delivered to you at ARC.
- All books except reference sources can be borrowed for 3 weeks.
- E-books are available online 24/7.

JOURNAL, MAGAZINE, AND NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

To find articles, start at the library homepage and click on “Research Databases.”

Sampling of Databases:

- **EBSCO Academic Search Premier (ASP)**
A large, multidisciplinary database with full-text articles. Additional EBSCO databases you can also search focus on subjects like psychology, literature, business, and health.
- **CQ Researcher** (U.S. focus) and **CQ Global** (international focus)
Substantive reports on current topics; include pro/con arguments.
- **JSTOR**
Many core journals with full-text articles in the social sciences, humanities, and sciences.
- **ScienceDirect**
Health and Life Sciences Journals Collection.

PRINT PERIODICALS

Over 50 popular magazines (*Time, Newsweek, etc.*) can be checked out from the library for seven days. Go to Catalog, Periodicals, to find titles that the library has in print. *Note:* To read full-text articles online, search the Research Databases for the publication, rather than the Catalog.

B. My checklist: Did I use a variety of different types of sources?

Enter the quantity of each type of source that you are using under the correct category.

For example: Los Rios Catalog: 2 Books, 1 e-Book.

Do not try to fill in every blank, it's not necessary. The goal is to understand where you typically look for information, and to expand and possibly use other resources.

Paper title and your name (*optional*):

1. ARC Reference Books

_____ Subject-Specific Encyclopedias, etc.
_____ Sources from the Current Topics shelf in Library Reference: Opposing Viewpoints books, Information Plus Series books, or *Social Issues in America* encyclopedia

2. Los Rios Catalog

_____ Book(s)
_____ e-Book(s)
_____ Media sources (DVDs, videos)
_____ Periodicals in print, in Periodicals Room

3. Another Library Catalog – Name & Type

Sacramento Public
 Sac State
 Other _____

_____ Book(s)
_____ e-Book(s) or
_____ Media: DVDs, video(s), audiobook(s)
_____ Periodicals in print

4. Other Source Types

_____ Interview(s)
_____ Brochure(s)

Instructor response, if used for a class:

5. Articles found in Los Rios Databases

5a. Database name: _____
_____ Journal(s): Substantial scholarly article
_____ Journal(s): Short article (1-2 page)
_____ Magazine(s)
_____ Newspaper(s)
_____ other

5b. Database name: _____
_____ Journal(s): Substantial scholarly article
_____ Journal(s): Short article (1-2 page)
_____ Magazine(s)
_____ Newspaper(s)
_____ other

5c. Database name: _____
_____ Journal(s): Substantial scholarly article
_____ Journal(s): Short article (1-2 page)
_____ Magazine(s)
_____ Newspaper(s)
_____ other

6. Internet Sources

_____ .GOV site(s)
_____ .ORG site(s)
_____ .EDU site(s)
_____ Site(s) with other domain (_____)
_____ Site(s) with another domain (_____)

7. Circle at least two types of sources from the above list that you didn't use that you might explore for future academic work.