

## Scholarly Journals

These sources contain peer-reviewed, scholarly articles and studies written for those with an understanding of the topic. They may include data visualizations and can be technical

### Examples

Most academic disciplines have many scholarly journals which focus on different areas of research or scholarship within the field



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## Books

Books come in many forms. Historical monographs can offer focused, in depth information or interpretation, while textbooks or popular non-fiction may be more broad

### Examples

Monographs, Biographies, Historical Fiction, Case Studies, Popular Social Science, Textbooks, Anthologies, and Popular Non-Fiction



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## Original Texts & Artifacts

These sources are first hand accounts of the events, ideas, or issues being studied. They have not been processed or interpreted by anyone and represent a specific perspective made for a specific purpose

### Examples

Diaries, Letters, Speeches, Original Footage, Photos, Videos, Blogs, Poetry, Drama, Music, Novels, Visual Art, Cartoons, Pottery, Furniture, Clothing, Buildings, and Tools



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## The Internet

This source covers anything and everything through a variety of methods and mediums. Self published materials on the internet can be useful but are not regulated or fact checked in anyway. The internet is also a medium to access many other types of sources

### Examples

Personal websites and blogs, News Sites, Online Databases and Archives, Videos, and Editorial Sites



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## Official Data

These sources represent demographic or other information collected or used by a government or NGO for a specific purpose like providing services or collecting taxes. It is always important to know who collected it and why

### Examples

Census Data, Voter Registration, CIA Factbook, UN Reports, and Gates Foundation Data



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## Popular Journals

These sources contain articles and studies with up to date information on popular topics and issues. They aren't too technical and don't require a lot of prior knowledge. These journals are not peer reviewed and contain advertisements

### Examples

Newsweek, Time, Gourmet, New Yorker, and Psychology Today



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## Newspapers

These sources offer day by day information from the past or present and may also include opinion and editorials. Newspapers may offer the facts of an event but also give a window into how something was reported at a particular time or in a particular place

### Examples

Most cities have one or multiple newspapers in both physical and digital format



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## Interviews

These sources can help you learn about something or someone through their own words. This can add a personal note to research or shed more light on particular perspectives. Interviews could be recorded, transcribed, or conducted fresh by you

### Examples

Video or News Footage, Transcripts, and Audio Recordings



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## Reference Materials

These sources provide general background information about a topic or provide a basic overview. Some may also include lists of further sources or links to other articles or abstracts

### Examples

Encyclopedias, Dictionaries, Almanacs, Fact Books, Bibliographies, and Online Collections



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## Images

These sources offer a visual window into the past or present and may include opinion and editorials. Images may offer the facts of an event but also give a window into how something was reported at a particular time or in a particular place

### Examples

Photographs, Cartoons, Visual Arts, and Film



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## Images & Videos

These sources offer the researcher a visual window into the topic being studied in the case of original photos and videos, or commentary on the topic in the case of a political cartoon or work of art. Either way, the image or video was composed by a particular person for a particular purpose

### Examples

Documentary Video or Photographs, Cartoons, Visual Arts, and Film



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## Data Visualizations

These sources present data and information in a visual or graphic format. This is helpful for making sense of complex data sets or seeing comparisons between data. Representing data visually can make it easier to understand and can also be used to support a particular argument or interpretation

### Examples

Graphs, Maps, Tables, Infographics, and Charts



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