

## Pathfinder for General Research

### Sources of Information

**Books**—find using the library's card catalog

Information you will need from a book:

- Author's name or editor's name
- Title of book
- Place of publication
- Publisher
- Copyright date
- Medium (is it a print book or an ebook?)

**e-books**—find through the Florida Electronic Library database (go to [aucilla.org](http://aucilla.org), click on Library, click on Databases, choose FEL—you will need your public library card # to access the database).

Information you will need from an e-book:

- Author's or editor's name
- Title of book
- Place of publication
- Publisher
- Copyright date
- Title of website the ebook is on
- Medium (Web)
- Your date of access (the date you found the information)

**Reference Books**—Encyclopedias, Almanacs, Atlases, Dictionaries

Information you will need:

- Title of article (or word if it is a dictionary)
- Author of the article (if there is one—World Book has one)
- Title of reference book
- Copyright date
- Medium (print, web, etc.)

**Databases**—*Student Resource Center* or the *Florida Electronic Library* (go to [aucilla.org](http://aucilla.org), click on Library, click on Databases, choose either database—the SRC password is **aca** and the login for the FEL is your public library card #). This is a great source for magazine, newspaper, and reference book articles.

Information you will need from a database:

- Author's name
- Title of article
- Title of magazine, newspaper, or reference book
- Copyright date of article
- Page numbers
- Name of database
- Medium (Web)
- Your date of access

**Websites**—find these using a search engine (google.com, ask.com, infotopia.info, bing.com, etc.)

Information you will need from the website:

- Title of article on the website
- Author of the article (if there is one)
- Name of the website (ex: aucilla.org, cnn.com, eHow.com)
- Copyright date or update date of the webpage
- Medium (Web)
- Your date of access

**Interview**—it can be a personal, telephone, or email interview.

Information you will need from the interview:

- Name of person you are interviewing
- What kind of interview it is (personal, telephone, or email)
- Date of the interview

### **Pamphlet or Brochure**

Information you will need from the pamphlet/brochure:

- Author or organization
- Title of brochure
- Place of publication
- Publisher
- Copyright date
- Medium (print, etc.)

### **Video**

Information you will need from the video:

- Title of video
- Name of the director
- Name of the narrator or main actors
- Production company
- Copyright date
- Medium (DVD, VHS, etc.)

### **Audio**

Information you will need from the audio:

- Title of audio recording
- Name of narrator
- Name of radio program or CD, etc.
- Name of organization producing the radio show, CD, etc.
- Place it was produced
- Copyright date of the production
- Medium (radio, CD, Cassette, etc.)
- Date you listened to the audio recording