

LAUSD Library Practice Reference Books

Reference Book Project: Locating, Evaluating, and Selecting Reference Book Articles

This is the final project of the reference book unit. Using the skills reviewed in the unit's previous activities, do the following research on your selected topic:

1. **Locate Articles.** Find reference book articles that provide information on your topic from a variety of reference book sources. You should have a minimum of three, but no more than eight articles.
 - Look for **quality** articles. You should not select the first that you find, but the **best** that you find. The quality of the articles you select is worth more than the number of articles selected.
 - Look for articles that cover multiple aspects of your topic. For example, include biographies of people involved in the topic.
2. **Variety of Sources.** You may use any type of reference book with the following limitations.
 - a. **General Encyclopedia** – You may use one article from a general encyclopedia.
 - b. **Subject Encyclopedia** – There is no limit on the number of articles from these sources.
 - c. **Biographical Resources** – There is no limit on the number of articles from these sources.
 - d. **Ready-Reference** – There is no limit on the number of articles from these sources.
 - e. **Dictionaries** - You may use one article from a dictionary

3. **Create an Annotated Works Cited.**

Use Noodle Tools to complete an annotated Works Cited for the books you selected. Your annotation should include the call number and a brief description of the article and why it is a valuable source for a research project. Remember, your audience is other students NOT Mrs. Carroll. A sample entry is provided below.

"World War II." World Book Encyclopedia. 2009. Print.

Call Number: REF 031 WOR V.29

This article is well organized, and provides information that is easy to understand. Includes a list of major battles, maps, and charts.

4. **Submit Your Works Cited.** Share your Noodle Tools project with Mrs. Carroll.
5. **Evaluation.** Click here for the self-evaluation form.