Print Reference Collection Exercise

Library 1, Assignment #4

Name _______________________

Learning Goals: Become familiar with the purpose, characteristics, basic types and use of print reference-type resources. Understand the difference between subject-specific and general reference sources. Cite articles from reference sources in MLA format.

Instructions: In this assignment you will use both print and online reference resources and both general and subject-specific resources. You can use the library catalog to identify reference books, or browse the Reference shelves in the call numbers you already identified for your research topic or ask for help at the reference desk.

Please use the same topic for the entire assignment. Please do not use books that are located on the circulating bookshelves in the library.

Part 1: Using General Reference Resources

Use the World Book Encyclopedia (In Print), located on the Reference shelves.

Call number AE5 .W55.

Use the index volume to find the volume and page numbers for the information on your research topic. Note: You can compare the information you find in the World Book Encyclopedia (general encyclopedia) to the information you find later in this assignment on subject specific encyclopedias.

a. What is the arrangement of this encyclopedia?
   Circle one: Alphabetical Topical Chronological

b. What topic(s) did you look up in this book? ______________________________________________________

c. Under what heading did you find information on your topic? (It may be different than what you originally looked up). ______________________________________________________

d. Complete an MLA Format citation for the article you found in the World Book Encyclopedia.

Here is an example citation for a World Book Encyclopedia entry (notice the indentation from the second line down).

Part 2: Exploring Subject Reference Sources

Instructions: Locate three different Subject Reference Sources for your topic. You do not need to find all types and you can use more than one example of the same type if they are on different subjects. Examine the summary of descriptions of the different types (examples: dictionaries, directories, encyclopedias, gazetteers, guidebooks, handbooks, manuals or yearbooks).

To accomplish this you can:

Use call numbers that can be identified in previous LIB 1 assignments.

- Search the Library Catalog (example Subject or Keyword Search: history encyclopedia).
- Browse (walk around and look) the Reference book shelves by LC call number.
- Or ask the Reference Librarian on duty for assistance.

Remember to consider the broader subjects related to your topic. Use the index located in the back of your encyclopedia to look up a specific section of your topic.

Locate Three Different Subject Reference Sources For Your Topic

Subject Reference Book 1:

Title: ________________________________

Author / Editor: _______________ Pub. Date: _______ Publisher: ______________

Call Number: ________________

Describe how and why you selected this book.

Describe the book: Type of Reference Book: _______________How Many volumes?___

What subjects are covered in the book?

How is the book arranged? (by topic. Alphabetical order, by date, etc.)

Describe the part of the book that was relevant: Give the author of the article (if listed), article title and page numbers of an article or selection on your topic.
Subject Reference Book 2:

Title: ______________________________________

Author / Editor: ______________ Pub. Date: _______ Publisher: ______________

Call Number: _______________

Describe how and why you selected this book.

Describe the book: Type of Reference Book: ______________ How Many volumes? ___

What subjects are covered in the book?

How is the book arranged? (by topic. Alphabetical order, by date, etc.)

Describe the part of the book that was relevant: Give the author of the article (if listed), article title and page numbers of an article or selection on your topic.

Subject Reference Book 3:

Title: ______________________________________

Author / Editor: ______________ Pub. Date: _______ Publisher: ______________

Call Number: _______________

Describe how and why you selected this book.

Describe the book: Type of Reference Book: ______________ How Many volumes? ___

What subjects are covered in the book?

How is the book arranged? (by topic. Alphabetical order, by date, etc.)

Describe the part of the book that was relevant: Give the author of the article (if listed), article title and page numbers of an article or selection on your topic.
### Part 3: Types of Reference Books Exercise

Information can be obtained from various types of reference resources. After reviewing the basic types of reference sources chart, name the type of reference source in which you would probably find the information listed below. The same type may be used more than once, and the information can be found in more than one type of source.

Please refer to your reference handout for a list of reference sources. Write the type of Reference Source in the boxes below.

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