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Resource Types

Scholarly Journals
- Authors are scholars.
- Written for a scholarly community.
- Reviewed by peers before publication.
- Contain few advertisements.

Example: Chronicle of Higher Education.

Popular Magazines
- Widely available, can be found at retail stores.
- Frequently illustrated with glossy or color photographs.
- Not peer-reviewed.
- Contain many advertisements.

Examples: Time, People, Newsweek.

Primary Sources
- Document first-hand experience.
- Original Documents.
- Creative Works.
- Relics/Artifacts.

Examples include: Diaries, Speeches.

Secondary Sources
- Discussing first-hand experience or original documents.
- Analyzes and interprets first-hand experience or documents.
- Publications.

Examples include: Textbooks, Magazine Articles, Commentaries, and Encyclopedias.

General Database
- Articles cover a broad range of topics.

Example: Academic Search Premier.

Specific Database
- Content is within a specific discipline.

Examples: ProQuest, CINAHL.

Keyword Search
- Search shows articles that have the search term in the document.
- Results may be unrelated to main research focus.

Subject Search
- Search shows articles that have the search term as the topic.
- Results are more related to main research focus.

Booleans
Booleans help refine a search in a database by combining or limiting you search terms.

Booleans are:
- AND (shows articles that contain both search terms: Coffee AND Tea)
- OR (shows articles that contain either search term: Coffee OR Tea)
- NOT (shows articles that contain only one search term: Coffee NOT Tea)