DO RESEARCH

You do research to find information. Use a variety of sources when doing research. Types of sources could include:

- The World Book Multimedia Encyclopedia
- Books
- Magazines
- Websites

Finding Good Sources

When you find a potential resource, review it quickly to decide if it has information you can use. Ask yourself:

- How much information about your topic does it have?
- When was it published? Does it have up-to-date information if you need it?
- Does it have special features you can use?
- Is it written at a level you can understand?
- Is the author an expert, or someone with special knowledge?

Here are some sources of information you can find at your library, in your home, and in your community.

- 1. Reference materials
- Print encyclopedias and yearbooks such as The World Book Encyclopedia
- Magazine indexes such as the Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature
- Newspaper indexes such as the New York Times Index
- Special files for pamphlets and other materials
- 2. Electronic reference materials
- CD-ROM encyclopedias and references
- CD-ROM periodical (magazine) indexes such as InfoTrac
- Websites on the Internet

3. Local library system card catalogue or computer catalogue for books

4. Other sources such as:

- Local, state, and national government offices
- Personal interviews
- Educational software, videos or television programmes

The librarian can help you find any of these resources.