

STEP #2: Get to the Source

Brainstorm all possible resources – select the best. Use this chart for ideas:

Resource Print/Elec Use?	What is it?	Where is it?	
DICTIONARY	word definition/pronunciation	Reference 423 or http://www.merriam-webster.com/	Print & electronic
GENERAL ENCYCLOPEDIAS	ABC order articles on all topics	Reference 031 or Encyclopedia Britannica at http://edweb.tusd.k12.az.us/Sahuaro/Library/	Print & electronic
SUBJECT ENCYCLOPEDIAS	articles on topics in special subject areas	Reference area	Print
REFERENCE & NON-FICTION BOOKS	books giving facts on specific subjects	Use library catalog to locate call # http://edweb.tusd.k12.az.us/Sahuaro/Library/	Print
MAGAZINES & NEWSPAPERS	info source for recent world and national events	EBSCO Host http://edweb.tusd.k12.az.us/Sahuaro/Library/	Electronic
AUDIO VISUAL	video/tape on topic	Use library catalog to locate call #, OR IDEAL/DE Streaming http://edweb.tusd.k12.az.us/Sahuaro/Library/	A/V
eBOOKS	Multi-volume reference book sets in electronic format, all subjects	Gale eBooks http://edweb.tusd.k12.az.us/Sahuaro/Library/	Electronic
REFERENCE BOOKS, BIOGRAPHIES, PRIMARY SOURCES, PHOTOS	searchable database that can be narrowed to resource types listed	EBSCO Host http://edweb.tusd.k12.az.us/Sahuaro/Library/	Electronic
AP PHOTO ARCHIVE	photos, sound bytes, and graphics from the world's largest news organization	Associated Press Multimedia Archives http://www.library.pima.gov/research/databases/ (Public library card needed for access.)	Electronic
POINTS OF VIEW Debatable Social Issues	searchable database of controversial issues	Points of View http://edweb.tusd.k12.az.us/Sahuaro/Library/	Electronic
HISTORY REFERENCE	searchable database of American, world,	History Reference Center http://edweb.tusd.k12.az.us/Sahuaro/Library/	Electronic

CENTER Articles, Media, Primary Sources, Documents	& ancient history, and American government	ary/		
IDEAL Video	videos & segments on academic topics, AIMS support resources	IDEAL/Arizona Department of Education http://edweb.tusd.k12.az.us/Sahuaro/Library/	Electron ic	
SPEEDY SEARCH, DATABASES and ONLINE COLLECTIONS	search ALL Pima County Public Library databases at once or individually, all subjects	Pima County Public Library http://edweb.tusd.k12.az.us/Sahuaro/Library/ (Public library card needed for access.)	Electron ic	
INTERVIEW	arrange to interview an expert in the field	Phone book	Print	
INTERNET	index to all sites on the worldwide web	Yahoo (directory); Google Advanced (search engine); Dogpile (metacrawler)	Electron ic	

*Special reference books to consider: atlas, almanac, biographical dictionary, geographical dictionary, book of world records, phone book.

*Remember that the electronic resources are available both from home and school at any time. The passwords are listed on the library web page.