

NHD Bibliography Matrix

You need a wide variety of high quality sources to understand your topic. This means going to a variety of places for information. You need to locate sources that fulfill the boxes below. (One source *can* count for more than one box).

Be sure to keep track of each source in your Annotated Bibliography.
LABEL EACH BOX WITH THE SOURCE YOU FOUND IN THAT LOCATION.

MSU-B or Rocky Library Source	Primary Source 1 2 3 4	Online WorldBook Encyclopedia
Artifact	Weecat (for SD2 materials) yes, we can borrow!	Newspaper or Periodical Archives (Access through Library of Congress)
Smithsonian Museums Digital collections	Living Expert	Billings Public Library Source
Library of Congress / American Memory Collections	ARC National Archives	Secondary Source 1 2 3 4
Montana (or other) State Historical Society	National Park Service or other Historic Preservation Organization	Online database or collection

Your responsibility is to explore a variety of resources. Check the boxes As you use them. Find something useful? Write it in, or make the citation in your Google Doc or NoodleTools notecards now!

The Librarians can help if you are having difficulty

What are those things on the other side?

(Your very own “cheat sheet” through The Bibliography Matrix)

What is a University Library Source?

Something you obtained from a college library like you’d find at the MSU-B, Rocky or any number of colleges around the country.

What is a Primary Source?

A source written or produced in the time period that are directly related to a topic by time or participation. Can include letters, speeches, diaries, newspaper articles from the time, oral history interviews, documents, photographs, artifacts or anything else that provides first-hand accounts about a person or event.

What is an Online Encyclopedia?

WorldBook, Online is examples of this.
lewisscouts discovery

What is an artifact?

A item from or directly related to your topic. It can be a photo of an artifact as well.

What is Webcat?

This is the online catalog for all the libraries in the school district. We can borrow books from any of them.

What’s a living expert?

Somebody who has either firsthand experience or has conducted extensive research (like a professor or as a career) related to your topic. Your Mom who read a book or your Dad who saw a television show about it are NOT experts.

What’s a periodical or newspaper archive?

Library of Congress provides access to Chronicling America and the MT Historical Society has regional newspapers...but most

every newspaper and magazine have online archives of past publications. These are great primary sources.

What’s a neighborhood library source?

Ready? It’s a source.....from.....a librarywithin 50 miles of your home (or closer). Yes, you could actually go to the new library.

What’s a Reliable Internet Source?

On the Lewis Library happenings Weebly there are a ton of links to a wide variety of sources. If you don’t check them all out you are missing out!

What is an Online Database or Collection?

Go to the links on the Lewis NHD Weebly for specific topics featured at Universities, Libraries and Museums.

What’s a secondary source?

A published book or article by an author who was not an eyewitness or participant but is basing their interpretation of history on primary sources, research and study. Things like textbooks, biographies, newspapers, history books are secondary sources. NOT ALL websites are even good enough to be secondary sources.

What’s ARC (National Archives) website?

Follow the link on the Weebly page. Search by collection or topic. Remember to search “by relevance” and not by date for the best results.

What’s a periodical source?

A periodical is a newspaper, magazine or newsletter that is published “periodically.”