



Source type	Description
Books	<p>Pros:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good for in-depth information on a particular topic • Scholarly books contain cited sources and bibliographies/reference lists which you can use to check the information or find more sources <p>Con:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information can be dated; need to check the publication date
Popular Magazines	<p>Pros:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good for brief information on a variety of broad general-interest topics • Good for general entertainment or leisure reading • Little technical language or jargon <p>Cons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide little in-depth information (articles are usually brief, generally 1-7 pages) • Contain few or no cited sources • Contain no bibliographies/reference lists
Newspapers	<p>Pros:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good for current events information • Good for overview analyses of trends or issues • Good primary source material <p>Cons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not provide in-depth information • Contain few or no cited sources • Contains no bibliographies/reference lists
Scholarly (Peer-Reviewed) Journals	<p>Pros:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good for in-depth original research • Good for overviews and/or analyses of research • Good for cited sources/bibliographies/reference lists • Good for studying narrow and specific subjects • Articles are reviewed/evaluated/critiqued by other experts in the field prior to publication acceptance <p>Con:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uses technical or discipline-specific jargon geared to scholars and students in the field
Government Publications	<p>Pros:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good for research and data published by government offices, which often have access to data that other organizations do not have (such as census data or taxation data) • Good for research and data on controversial topics • Good primary source material <p>Cons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vary in quality and currency • Possible political-interest biases