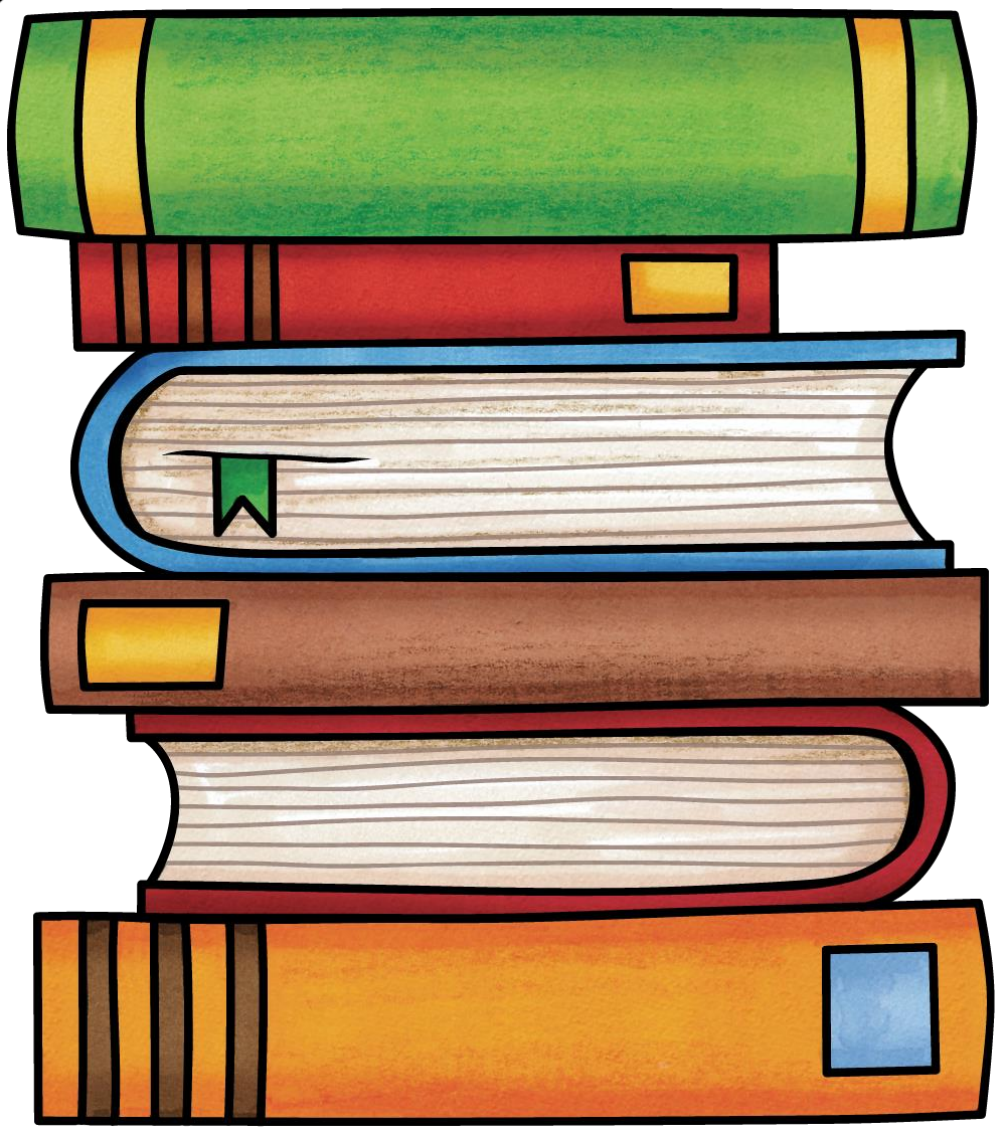


Reference Sources



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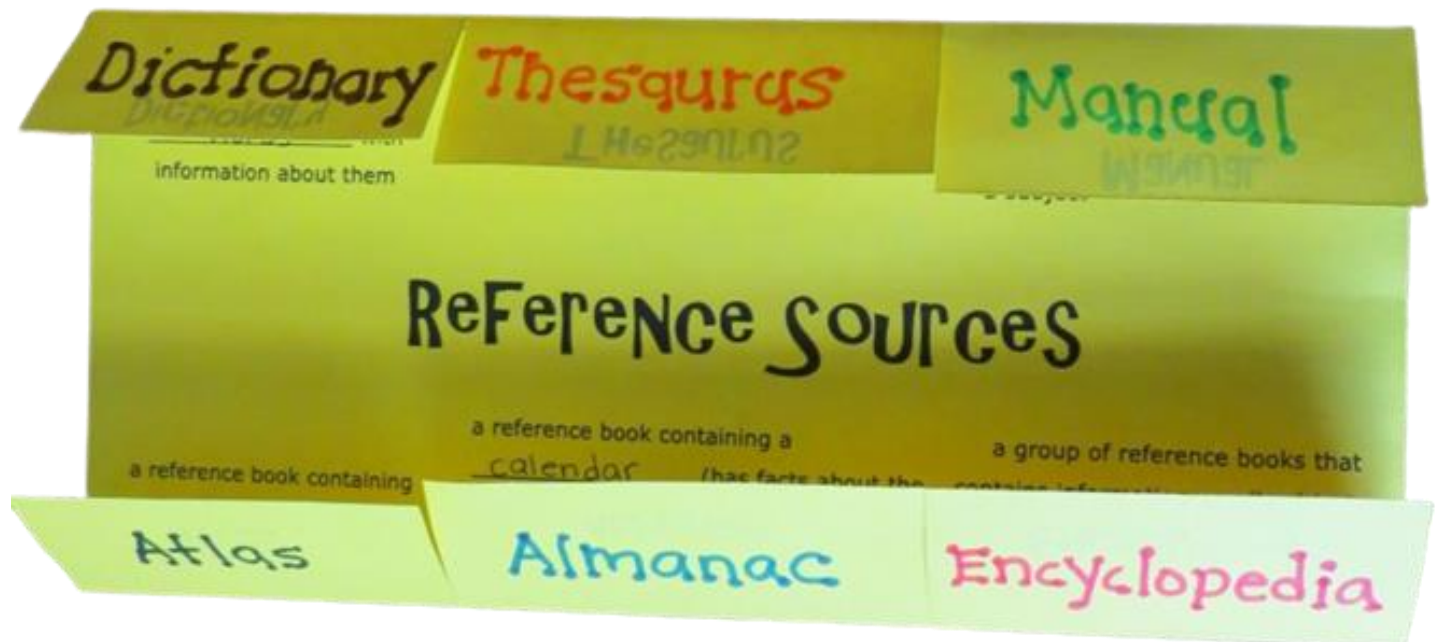
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Activity 1 – Graphic Organizer

Go over the definitions of each reference book while students fill in key words on the organizer.

Answer Key

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| a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words with information about them | a reference book containing words and their synonyms | a reference book containing instructions, esp. for operating a machine or learning a subject |
| a reference book containing maps | a reference book containing a calendar (has facts about the rising and setting of the sun and moon, changes in the tides, and information of general interest for a particular year) | a group of reference books that contains information on all subjects or one that covers a certain subject thoroughly usually with articles arranged alphabetically |



DICTIONARY

a reference book containing an _____ list of _____ with information about them

THE SAURUS

a reference book containing words and their _____

MANUAL

a reference book containing _____, esp. for operating a machine or learning a subject

REFERENCE SOURCES

a reference book containing _____

a reference book containing a _____ (has facts about the rising and setting of the sun and moon, changes in the tides, and information of general interest for a particular _____)

a group of reference books that contains information on all subjects or one that covers a certain subject thoroughly usually with _____ arranged alphabetically

ATLAS

ALMANAC

ENCYCLOPEDIA

Dictionary

Thesaurus

Atlas

Manual

Almanac

Encyclopedia

Dictionary

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ONLINE REFERENCES

| DICTIONARIES | THE SAURUS | ENCYCLOPEDIAS | ATLASES | ALMANACS |
|---|---|---|--|---|
| Dictionary.com Meanings & Definitions of English Words | Synonyms and Antonyms of Words Thesaurus.com | Encyclopedia Britannica Britannica | World Atlas: Maps, Geography, Flags & Facts of Every Country in the World (factmonster.com) | Information Please Almanacs (factmonster.com) |
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Activity 2 – Response Cards

Make a set of response cards for each student. I often make copies of response cards using light colored construction paper. Construction paper is heavy weight making the cards easy for students to manipulate.

Questions to Use with Response Cards

- Which source would you use to find the meaning of the word distraught? (dictionary)
- Which source would you use to find information on Benjamin Franklin? (encyclopedia)
- Which source would you use to find when the next full tide is going to be? (almanac)
- Which source would you use to find a more interesting word for good when writing an essay? (thesaurus)
- Which source would you use to find if empathetic should be used as an adjective or adverb? (dictionary)
- Which source would you use to find where a country is located? (atlas)
- Which source would you use to find statistics on the latest World Series games? (almanac)
- Which source would you use to find farmers' planting dates? (almanac)
- Which source would you use to find how to operate your new iPhone? (manual)
- Which source would you use to know how to install a new program on your computer? (manual)
- Which source would you use to find how to pronounce the word despicable? (dictionary)
- Which source would you use to find the best way to travel on your next vacation? (atlas)
- Which source would you use to find who became the queen of Great Britain in 1952? (encyclopedia – possibly almanac if you had one for 1952)
- Which source would you use to find which country in Africa is the largest? (atlas)
- Which source would you use to find the top story for the year of 2012? (almanac)
- Which source would you use to find words that mean the same as conventional? (thesaurus)
- Which source would you use to find the times of the rising and setting of the sun and moon? (almanac)
- Which source would you use to keep from using the same word over and over again when writing a story? (thesaurus)
- Which source would you use to find predictions? (almanac)
- Which source would you use to find information on the Middle Ages? (encyclopedia)
- Which source would you use to find stated festivals of churches? (almanac)

Activity 3 – Task Cards

Students answer the questions on the task cards by writing which source: dictionary, thesaurus, manual, atlas, almanac, or encyclopedia would be used to locate the information needed.

Reference Materials Answer Key

| | |
|------------------------|------------------|
| 1. atlas | 2. thesaurus |
| 3. almanac | 4. thesaurus |
| 5. dictionary | 6. atlas |
| 7. encyclopedia | 8. almanac |
| 9. encyclopedia | 10. almanac |
| 11. atlas | 12. encyclopedia |
| 13. thesaurus | 14. almanac |
| 15. manual | 16. encyclopedia |
| 17. dictionary (idiom) | 18. manual |
| 19. encyclopedia | 20. dictionary |
| 21. almanac | 22. atlas |
| 23. encyclopedia | 24. manual |

Which source would you use to find where is Italy located?



#1

Which source would you use to find synonyms for loud?



#2

Which source would you use to find if the next Super Bowl is going to have a stormy or sunny forecast?



#3

Which source would you use to find adjectives that describe Jackie Robinson's talent?



#4

Which source would you use to learn how to pronounce Rio de Janeiro?



Which source would you use to learn if Oklahoma is north or south of where you are?



Which source would you use to find information on World War I gas masks?



Which source would you use to know the best time for planting crops?





Which source would you use to find a list of all United States presidents?

#9

Which source would you use to find how much snow is predicted for this coming winter?



#10

Which source would you use to find which country is south of Mongolia and northeast of India?

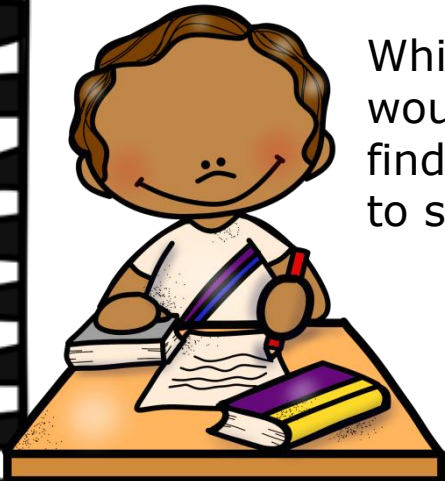


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Which source would you use to find how long it takes a penguin egg to hatch?

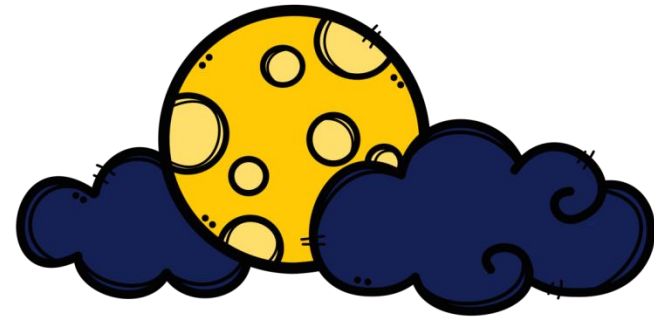
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Which source would you use to find a better way to say walk?

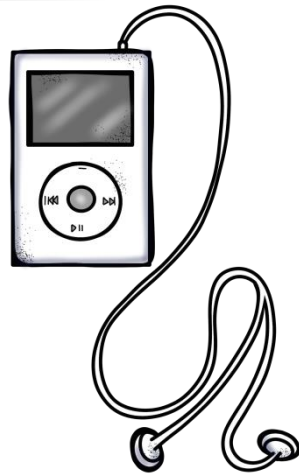
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Which source would you use to find when the next full moon is going to be?



#14

Which source would you use to learn how to download new songs on your iPod?



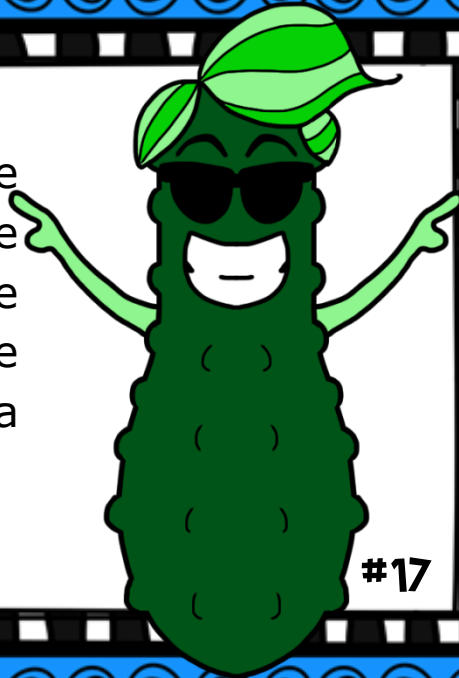
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Which source would you use to find how many home runs Babe Ruth had in his career?

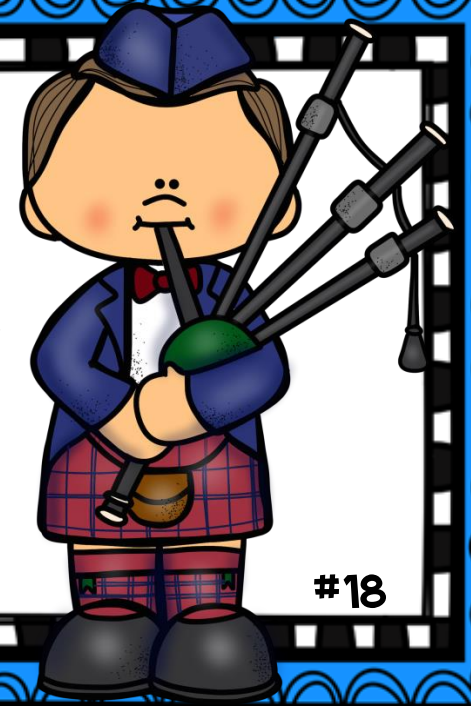
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Which source would you use to find the meaning of the phrase cool as a cucumber?



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Which source would you use to find how to play bagpipes?



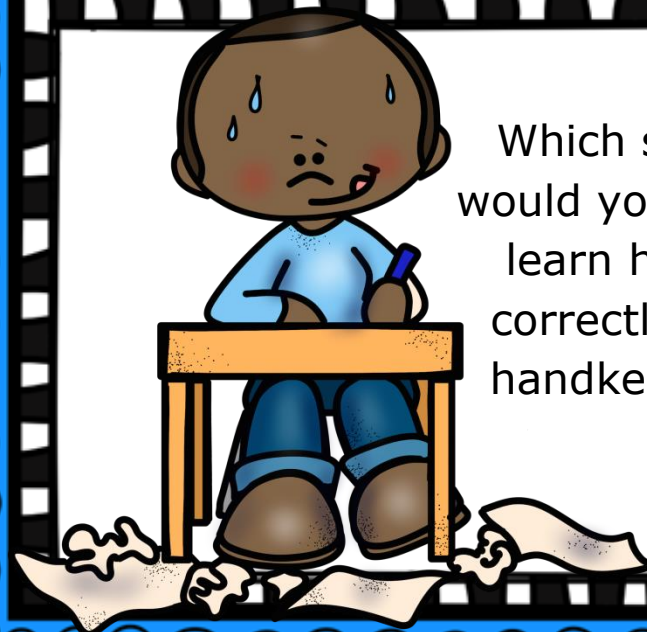
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Which source would you use to find information on Cleopatra?



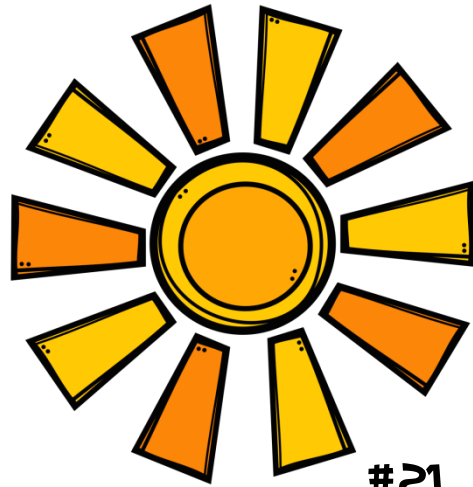
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Which source would you use to learn how to correctly spell handkerchief?



#20

Which source would you use to find what time the sun is going to set tonight?



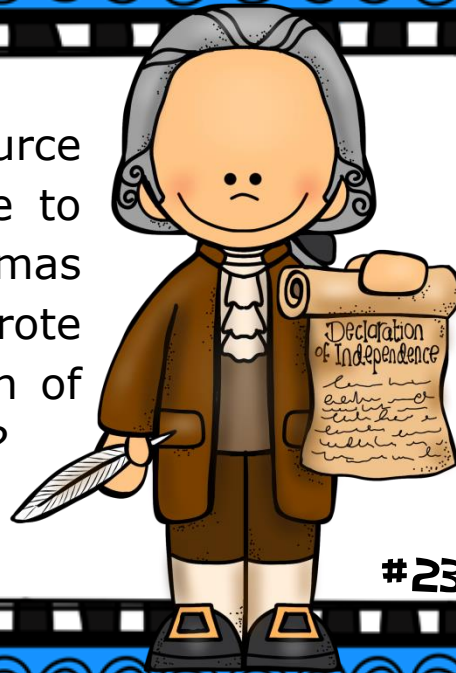
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Which source would you use to find which country in North America the Tropic of Cancer crosses?



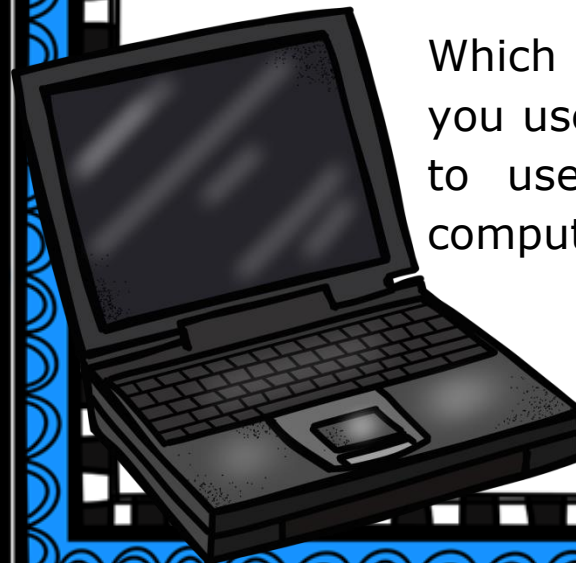
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Which source would you use to find when Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence?



#23

Which source would you use to learn how to use your laptop computer?



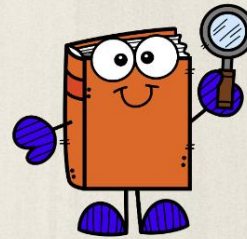
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Reference Materials

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| 23. | 24. |

The digital version is now available on [Boom Learning](#).

Which source would you use to find the meaning of the word distraught?



atlas

almanac

manual

thesaurus

encyclopedia

dictionary

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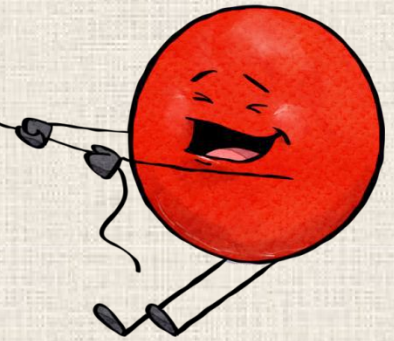
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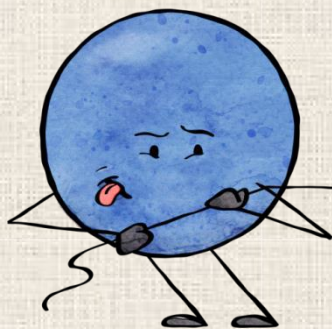


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