Information Creation as a Process

Consider the characteristics of information resources that indicate how and for whom they were created. Understand that information may be perceived differently based on the format in which it is presented.

How might the process influence the kind of sources you will use?

Why did the author(s) select this format for the publication of their work?

How and for whom was the information produced?

A Cycle of Revolving Research

Basic facts and overview of topic
Reference Material
Newspapers and Magazines
Interviews and details from time of event. Editorials or opinion-based analysis.
Background and in-depth information.
Books
Academic Articles
Scholarly research and analysis

Information in any format is produced to convey a message and is shared via a selected delivery method. The iterative processes of researching, creating, revising, and disseminating information vary, and the resulting product reflects these differences.

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