



BIG IDEAS

Locating and evaluating a variety of information sources can help to substantiate research.

The State Library of South Australia provides access to electronic resources online and collections available onsite to can give students the edge on research.

LEARNING INTENT

INFORMATION LITERACY + CRITICAL AND CREATIVE THINKING

Information and communication technology

Learning to manage and manipulate, electronic sources of data, databases, and software applications

Critical and creative thinking

Accessing, organising, using, and evaluating information.

Defining and planning information searches of a range of primary and secondary sources.

Ethical understanding

Respecting the rights and work of others and acknowledging sources.

GENERAL CAPABILITY | Literacy

Examine, compare, and contrast information.

Locate, analyse, organise, and document information.

KEY INQUIRY QUESTIONS

- What are some of the different types of information sources available?
- What makes a credible information source and why?
- What are the benefits and limitations of a google search?
- What credible sources of information could you use for your research?

POSSIBLE LEARNING PROCESS AND RESOURCES

This resource can be found on the State Library of South Australia website on the [SENIOR YEARS 10-12](#) page.

SEARCH THE CATALOGUE

The State Library catalogue brings together published, archival, pictorial, and ephemeral collections in the one search. The catalogue contains titles and details of books, periodicals, magazines, newspapers, business, society and personal archives, film and video, sound recordings including oral history, maps, electronic resources, photographs and artworks selected theatre programs leaflets, flyers and advertising material for a variety of organisations, societies, clubs and other groups, menus and calendars references to articles and illustrations from selected South Australian periodicals and newspapers, and to chapters and sections of selected books and pamphlets.

These materials are held by or are accessible from the State Library. The catalogue gives information about collection locations within the building, or off-site, and item call numbers. It also indicates the issues and dates of periodical and newspaper titles held by the State Library.

Searches can be done across the entire catalogue or can be refined using the grey refine box on the left of screen. Searches can be refined in many including Publish Date, Format type such as photographs and Maps/Charts or Collection type such as Pictorial, eBook or on Open Shelves.

While much of the material listed in the catalogue is available on the open access shelves in the general reading areas, items in other parts of the collection need to be requested from the library's storage areas via:

- 'Request it' button in the catalogue
- asking our staff at the Information Desk when you see 'Ask at Desk'

Heritage materials are delivered to the [SOMERVILLE READING ROOM](#). To enter this room you'll need to [JOIN THE STATE LIBRARY](#) to receive a State Library card or apply for a temporary card. Temporary cards are issued at the Information Desk on presentation of proof of identity including your current address.

The catalogue also offers the opportunity to expand searches to resources available in full-text, especially full-text articles from over 13,000 magazine and newspaper titles. Click on the tab, 'Articles'.

To access full-text articles outside of the State Library you will need to be registered for [HOME ACCESS TO eRESOURCES](#).