Information Resources and Research Strategies

1. Using either a paper dictionary or an online dictionary such as dictionary.com, look up the following words. Write the word, the definition, and an example of each on a separate sheet.
   a. Almanac
   b. Encyclopedia
   c. Biography
   d. Autobiography
   e. Atlas
   f. Dictionary
   g. Directory
   h. Gazetteer
   i. Periodical
   j. Textbook
   k. Documentary

2. If you are confused, now is a good time to STOP and visit an instructor or a tutor to get some help. Write your questions down below before you go.

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Once you are ready, go on to #3.

3. Below, respond to this question for the following items: In which information resource would you find the following?
   a. When did the Revolutionary War begin and end? ________________________________
   b. What is the latitude and longitude of Madrid, Spain? ___________________________
   c. What is the proper pronunciation of the word “pottery”? _________________________
   d. What are the major museums in New York, New York? __________________________
   e. What is the population of Hawaii? ____________________________________________
   f. What was the score of last night’s NBA game? _________________________________
   g. What was Shakespeare’s early childhood like? _________________________________
4. Review your answers with an instructor or tutor, and ask that person the following questions. Write their answers on a separate sheet:
   a. What kinds of resources—paper or online—are better? Is there an advantage to using paper resources over online resources or online over paper?
   b. How will knowing how to use the resources above help me write my papers?
   c. Are there any resources not listed above that you think I should know about? If so, what are they and why are they important?

5. Have the person you consulted sign and date this sheet.

Instructor/Tutor signature __________________________ Date __________________________

6. Return this completed, signed sheet to your instructor.