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**Information Literacy Guide**

A Time Line of Information Propagation from the Day of an Event Onward

Time	Source(s)	Type of Information	Authors	Audience	Location
Day of the event	Radio, TV, WWW	General: who, what and where (usually not why)	Journalists	General public	WWW search tools
Days Later	Newspapers, Radio TV, WWW	Varies: some articles include analysis, statistics, photographs, editorial opinions	Journalists	General public	WWW search tools, newspapers, periodical databases
Week(s) Later	Popular and mass market news magazines (i.e., <i>Time</i> , <i>Newsweek</i> )	Still in reporting stage (who, what, where and why); general; editorial and opinions; statistics; photographs; usually no bibliography available at this stage	Journalists (usually not specialists in the field)	General public to knowledgeable layperson	WWW search tools, newspapers, periodical databases
Months Later	Trade magazines and scholarly journals	Research results, detailed and theoretical discussion; bibliography available at this stage	Specialists and scholars in the field	Scholars, specialists, students	Periodical indexes and databases
One Year to Years Later	Scholarly journals; books; conference proceedings	In-depth coverage of a topic; edited compilations of scholarly articles relating to a topic; bibliography available	Specialists and scholars in the field	General public to specialists	Library catalogs, periodical indexes and databases
	Reference sources such as encyclopedias, handbooks, etc.	General overview giving factual information; bibliography usually available		Scholars, students, layperson	Library's reference collection