

Informational Essay Research Expectations and Examples

- Students will research to find at least 8 facts, statistics, quotations from an expert, or specific details about their topic.
- Students must record the information in their OWN WORDS, or **use quotation marks** if it is an exact copy of what the resource said/wrote.
- Students must record the source information for each section, but may use a single source for more than one piece of information.
- Students should use *at least 3 different resources*. (Different encyclopedia entries count as different resources. Different web sites count as different resources.) Websites should be "reputable", not some random person's blog, etc.

GATHERING

Name Sample



Information

Source: Book

Title: Vulcanodon: A Dinosaur from the Jurassic Period

Information: Vulcanodon walked on four legs most of the time, but it might have stood on its back two legs at times so it could reach food high up, or fight using its front legs.

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Source: Worldbook Encyclopedia A

Title: Alexander the Great

Information: Alexander lived 356-323 B.C. and is famous for conquering Greece, Egypt, and Persia. He used weapons such as catapults and battering rams to attack fortified cities.

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Source: website at <https://explainthatstuff.com/quartzclockwatch.html>

Title: Quartz Clocks and Watches

Information: Quartz clocks have gears to count time and move the clock hands. The gears are controlled by a crystal of quartz. "Gravity doesn't figure in the workings at all so a quartz clock tells the time just as well when you're climbing Mount Everest as when you're at sea."

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