Five Themes of Geography Research Guide

Research guide is located online at Http://www.vvschools.org. Click on "Media Centers" on the top bar, "Middle School Media Center", "Research guides for projects and homework". Click on your subject.

Remember the 5 Themes of Geography:
Location, Place, Interaction between people and their environment, Movement, and Region

Print Resources:

Encyclopedia- World Book Encyclopedia is behind the librarian’s desks or available online (see the back of your student planner)- this would be good for geography and economy of a state

Reference books- they do not check out, but you can get a photocopy. Some helpful titles are:
- Merriam Webster’s Geographical Dictionary REF MER 910
- The Blackbirch Kid’s Visual Reference of the United States REF 973 BLA
- The 50 States REF 973 FIF
- Encyclopedia of Biomes REF 577.8 WEI

Atlases: Most atlases have latitude and longitude information
- Rand McNally Atlas of the United States REF 912 RAN
- World Book Atlas REF 912 WOR
- The Great World Atlas REF 912 GRE
Digital Resources:

Web Sites:
- **The Weather Channel: Hurricane Central** - To the right side of the webpage, in the red bar search for storms from 2017. This will give you the path of the hurricane, where it hit, and its strength. [https://weather.com/storms/hurricane-central](https://weather.com/storms/hurricane-central)
- **The National Hurricane Center** - Provided by the national weather service. Click on Archives, and Atlantic Current Season. Or use the search box is at the top right of the website. [http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/)
- **City-Data.com** - Has a search box. Search your city and get some facts. Provides elevation, rainfall, climate, population, size of the city, etc. [http://www.city-data.com/](http://www.city-data.com/)
- **50 States and Capitals** - Facts on all the fifty states, such as geography and economy, with links to more information and directories. [http://www.50states.com/](http://www.50states.com/)

Online databases: Available through the School Library Systems Database website at [http://www.moboces.org/Page/181](http://www.moboces.org/Page/181). Or, from our school website [Http://www.vvsschools.org](http://www.vvsschools.org) click on Media Centers, Middle School Media Center, then click on Databases. See your librarian for ID and passwords, or the back of your student planner. You can search a database by subject. Use an advanced search to limit by date.
- **WorldBook** - once you are in the database use “Student”. You can get articles on states to find out natural resources, economy, geography, land regions, climate, etc.
- **Newsbank** - newspaper articles from over 500 titles, with some periodical articles (you can search your hurricane and see what was in the newspapers about it). Once you are in Newsbank choose the “Access World News” link. In the drop down box change your search from “All text” to “Lead/First Paragraph”. Type in the name of your hurricane and “hurricane”. This will create a specific search for your hurricane and weed out a lot of other articles. If you have chosen a city, try a search for your city and the name of your hurricane. Or, under Special Reports, click on National Disasters.

Also use Search engines such as:
- Google.com click on advanced search (do an "exact phrase" search or an "all of the words" search)
  - Search using the name of your hurricane and the word “hurricane”
  - Try the place name where your hurricane hit and “official website” to find city information

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