Five Themes of Geography Research Guide

Research guide is located online at [Http://www.vvsschools.org](http://www.vvsschools.org). Click on “Media Centers” on the top bar, “Middle School Media Center”, “Research guides for projects and homework”. Click on your subject.

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

**Print Resources:**

**Encyclopedias**- Two different sets behind the librarian’s desks.

**Reference books**- they do not check out, but you can get a photocopy. Some helpful titles are:
- *Encyclopedia of Hurricanes, Typhoons, and Cyclones* REF 551.55
- *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
- *World Book Atlas* REF 912 WOR
- *The Great World Atlas* REF 912 GRE

**Books:** Other books that are pulled and on the reserve cart.

**Digital Resources:**

**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. 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 Hurricane Katrina, Hurricane Irene, and Hurricane Sandy here. Also, you can look up 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.
Web Sites:

- **Wikipedia** - Collective wiki written by anyone around the world. A place for some information to get you started, but BEWARE not all of it is reliable and trustworthy. Use it as a jumping off point for your research. Verify your facts elsewhere. [http://www.wikipedia.org](http://www.wikipedia.org)

- **The National Hurricane Center** - Provided by the national weather service. Search box is at the top right of the website. [http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/)

- **The Disaster Center** - Listing of hurricanes at [http://disastercenter.com/hurricane/](http://disastercenter.com/hurricane/) and provides information for some of them.

- **City-Data.com** - Has a search box. Search your city and get some facts. Provides temperature, rainfall, climate, etc. [http://www.city-data.com/](http://www.city-data.com/)

- **50 States and Capitals** - Facts on all the fifty states with links to more information and directories. [http://www.50states.com/](http://www.50states.com/)

- **World Biomes** - Published by Blue Planet. [http://blueplanetbiomes.org/world_biomes.htm](http://blueplanetbiomes.org/world_biomes.htm)

Also use Search engines such as:

- ![Google.com click on advanced search (do an "exact phrase" search or an "all of the words" search)](http://www.google.com)
  - 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
- ![Yahoo.com click on advanced search (do an "exact phrase" search or an "all these words" search)](http://www.yahoo.com)

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