Preliminary Research on *To Kill a Mockingbird* Pathfinder

*Introduction:*

The type of research you are conducting today is called a reference search. Reference searches are about locating short tertiary articles for answers to simple basic questions. No one expects you to read a 600 page book to analyze answers to these questions. Even a 10 page encyclopedia articles are usually too long to digest into a single paragraph. Use the below reference sources to answer all these questions. Remember – you are expected to use multiple mediums to answer these questions (e.g., reference, books, periodicals, Internet and oral histories). A major part of this short research assignment is to learn to how to use multiple mediums in conducting research. If any of these short articles doesn't make sense to you, then find a second source to read.

Mindlessly writing short paragraphs won't help you understand *To Kill a Mockingbird*. In order to write any English paper on a novel you must understand the context of the subjects in the book as well as the themes the writer is addressing throughout their book.

*References:*

Reference sources are where you’ll locate all of the information you are looking for. GPHS has the *World Book Encyclopedia* (R 031 WOR) in paper form. Besides these paper encyclopedias you can use the following resources:

- Answers.com
- Encyclopedia.com
- *Columbia Encyclopedia* on Yahoo!
- Wikipedia
- R031 WOR World Book Encyclopedia
- R 920 WEB Webster’s Biographical Dictionary
- R 920.073 DIC *Dictionary of American History*
- R 973 MAN *Encyclopedia of American History*

*Books:*

There are many books covering these topics. Use GPHS’s electronic catalog, [http://destiny.sno.wednet.edu/](http://destiny.sno.wednet.edu/), to locate information on these topics. Just click on the *Glacier Peak High School* link and select the *Catalog tab* to search this database. Use a *Keyword* search when looking up these topics. Some of these topics are covered in short chapters within books.
**Database:**

The Sno-Isle Public Library subscribes to The History Resource Center: U.S. You'll need your public library card to access this database. This database can be found under their Research Tools - Databases and eBooks, A-Z.

**Periodicals:**

To locate articles on these topics use ProQuest, http://search.proquest.com/login. Get the username and password from Mr. Mohn or Mrs. Waltz.

**Internet:**

See References for sites to use.

The 1940 U.S. Census for Population and Housing has the data for the 1920 and 1930 census in it. So when you are looking for population of whites and blacks in Alabama make sure you are looking at the correct decade.