

HOW TO USE A PRINT ENCYCLOPEDIA

So, RockHopper, I'm guessing that you do a lot of your research these days on the computer. Ever heard of Wikipedia, for instance? It's a great source of information, but it does have its limitations as the so-called facts are not always accurate. The fact checking is not as complete as a traditional encyclopedia and the writers may be biased in their opinions. So be careful what you read.

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EARN THIS NUGGET

Research a subject at your local library using a print encyclopedia. Make copies as needed and mark up those copies with a highlighter.

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A traditional print encyclopedia is typically more reliable. However, they may not be as update as an online version. So you have to be careful of that too. The bottom line, it's important to learn to use both.

- Encyclopedias often come in many volumes. If you are to look up a subject such as helicopters, you would look for the volume that covers the H's.
- You will find the subjects within the encyclopedia in alphabetical order.
- Find the reference for helicopter and see the amount of information contained on that subject. Now let's say during that research, you discovered that Leonardo da Vinci created the first helicopter sketch. Now perhaps for your study, you'll pull out the volume that contains "D" for da Vinci and look him up, and so on you go.
- As a rule, if you are in a library, you will not be allowed to check out an encyclopedia. However, you can photocopy pages and then mark up your copies for your own benefit.



And that's how we do old school research. Trust me, it still has its place, not everything in the world is electronic. As you continue your education, there will be times you need to go old school.