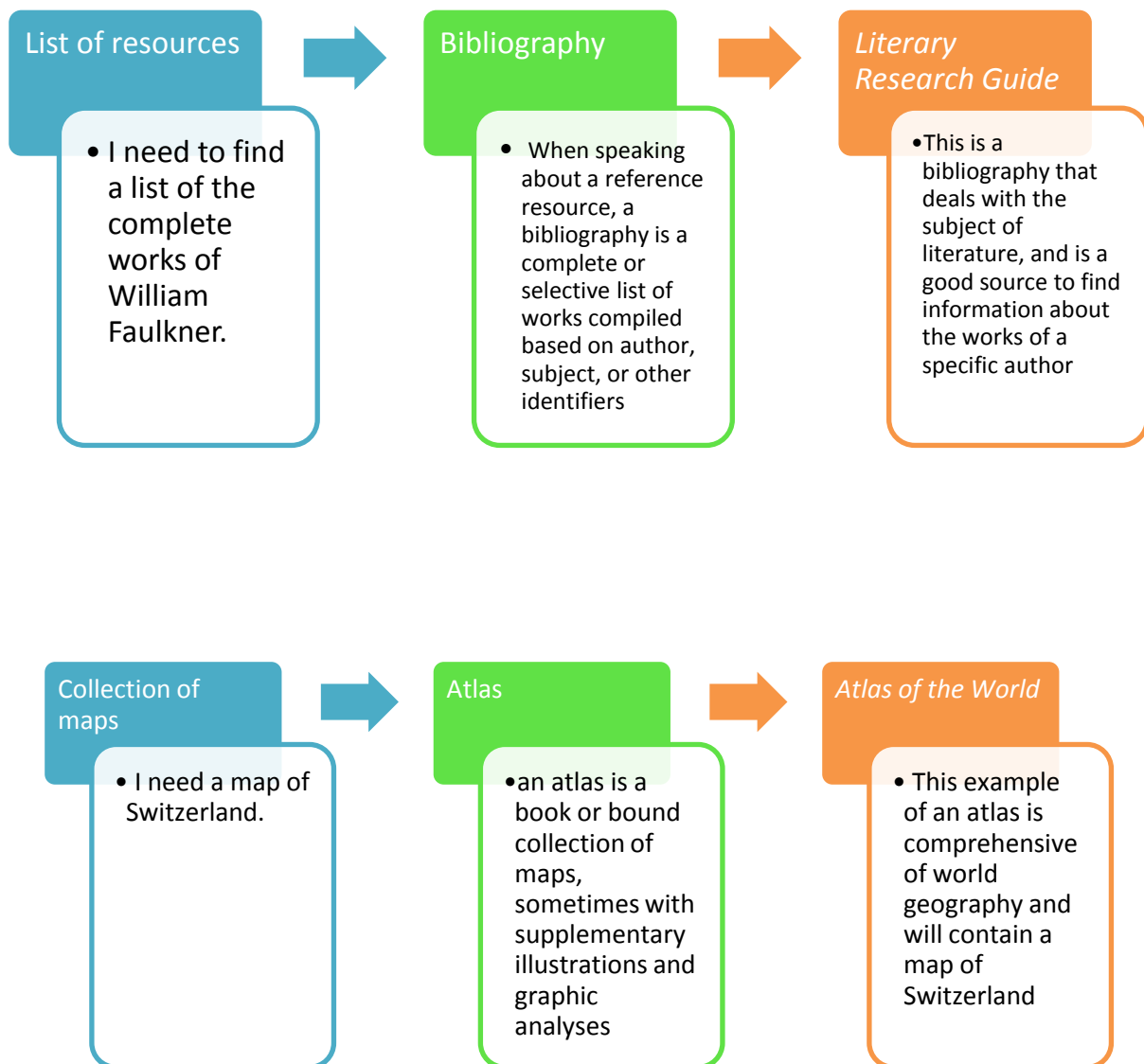
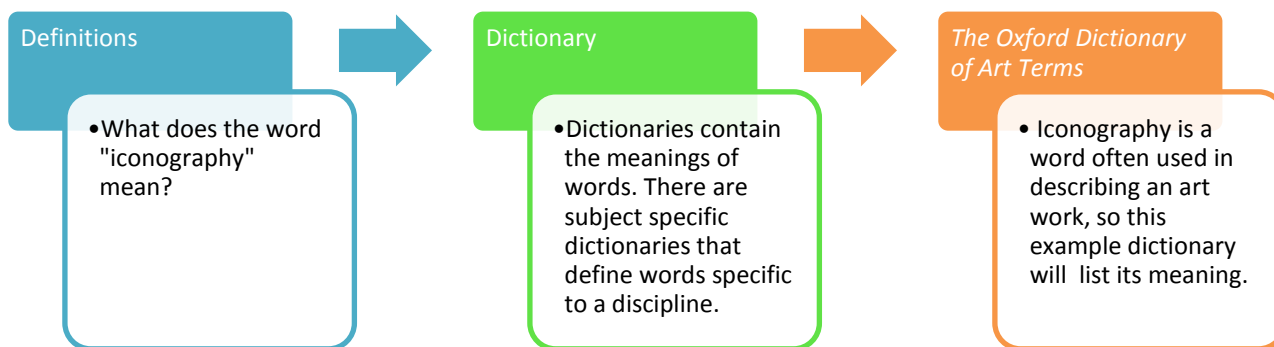
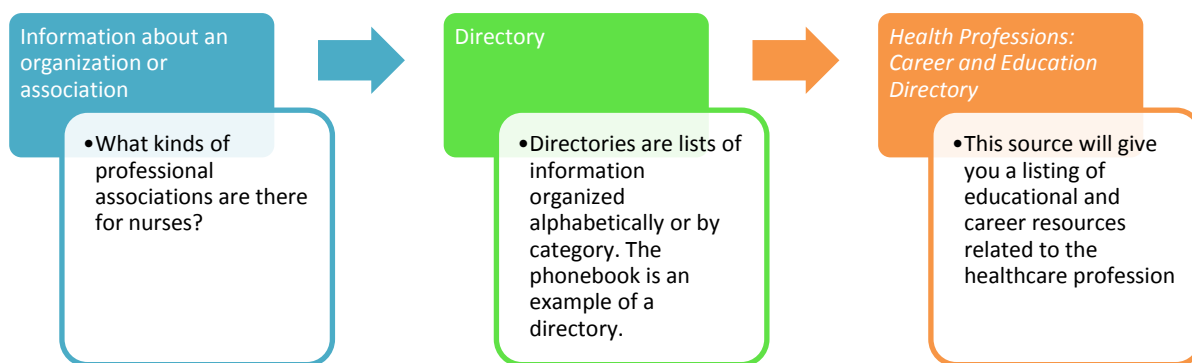
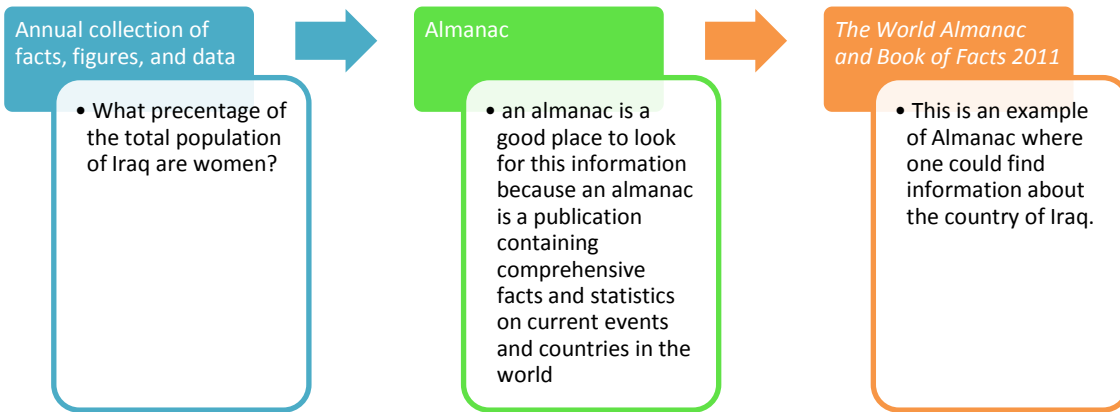


Using Reference Materials

Knowing which type of reference material to find answers to your research questions can be tricky. Below are helpful examples of research questions and the correct type of reference material to use to find the information. The blue box represents the kind of information needed, the green box shows you the type of reference material to use, and the orange box gives an example of that particular type of resource.





Geographical definitions and information

- I would like to know how long the Caloosahatchee River is.



Gazetteer

- A Gazetteer is a book or a list arranged in alphabetical order that gives information about places



Florida Atlas and Gazetteer

- This Gazetteer is regionally specific to Florida and will contain information about geographically important subjects like rivers.

vital statistics and profiles of people

- When did Charlotte Brontë die and did she have any sisters?



Biographical Resource

- A biographical resource will supply you with information about a specific person's life.



The Brontës A to Z: The Essential Reference to Their Lives and Work

- In this example, you will find information about Charlotte Brontë's life as well as the lives of her sisters.

short articles and overviews

- I'm looking for a short overview of the Catholic Church and television



Encyclopedia

- An encyclopedia can contain information on all branches of knowledge in a multivolume set, or cover one subject in more comprehensive articles



The New Catholic Encyclopedia

- This source is an example of a single subject encyclopedia, covering many different people, places, and issues related to Catholicism.

