**Identifying the best source of information**

**Work sheet**

Purpose

Knowing the purpose of your assignment my help you determine what source of information to use. Is your project to \_\_\_\_\_persuade? \_\_\_\_\_defend? \_\_\_\_explain? \_\_\_\_ compare? \_\_\_\_amuse? \_\_\_\_\_analyze? \_\_\_\_describe?

Outline

Preparing an outline of your project will also help you focus and direct your search for information.

**The environment**

* 1. Ecology –Definition
	2. Environmental abuses
		1. Examples
		2. Causes
		3. Solutions
	3. Responsibility

Now that you have a good understanding of your topic and its purpose, it is time to determine the best source of information.

Will it be:

\_\_\_\_\_\_Books => search the School Library Catalog or the Public Library Catalog

\_\_\_\_\_\_Online Database => Use the Online databases handout and read the description of the online

 databases that best suit your purpose

\_\_\_\_\_\_Internet => You must evaluate the websites used.

The handout provided by the T-L can be useful.

Check the following link to the University of Alberta on Critically Analyzing Websites.

<http://guides.library.ualberta.ca/content.php?pid=51536&sid=392879>

\_\_\_\_\_\_Article in a periodical => Check CPIQ, Middle Search Plus, Canadian Reference Centre on the

District Online Databases

\_\_\_\_\_\_Encyclopedia online=> Worldbook, Encyclopedia of BC, Funk & Wagnalls New World

Encyclopedia,

 Country Reports or Gale Virtual Reference Library.

\_\_\_\_\_\_Government site => <http://www.canada.gc.ca/home.html>

\_\_\_\_\_\_Statistics => go on:

BC Stats <http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/Home.aspx>

Stats Canada <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/>

Census Canada <http://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/index-eng.cfm>

\_\_\_\_\_\_Maps =>

MapQuest <http://www.mapquest.ca/>

Google Maps

\_\_\_\_\_\_World Atlas <http://www.worldatlas.com/webimage/countrys/africa/bw.htm>

\_\_\_\_\_\_Images =>

Flickr <http://www.flickr.com/>

Google Images <http://www.google.ca/imghp?hl=en&tab=wi>

\_\_\_\_\_\_Video streaming => Go to SD36 Online databases and select Video Streaming

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_The Surrey Public Library will also have print and non-print material as well as online databases

 that are different from what we have. Check what they have at:

<http://www.surreylibraries.ca/>