Library Reference Collection Activity:  
**Locating Background Information on your Topic**

**Instructions:**  
Name: _____________________________

1. List your proposed topic area (in its broadest sense)

2. Refer to the Library of Congress (LC) classification handout / link  
http://library.aus.edu/research-help/call-number-outline/  
Determine the LC letter(s) corresponding closest to your broad topic area.  
A keyword search using Summon will help you identify a call number range  
http://library.aus.edu/  
Write these LC letter(s) and call number ranges down.

3. Go to the Reference Collection, 1st floor of the AUS Library.  
**BROWSE** the shelves for your call number range.  
Select one reference source / book

4. What type of source did you find?  

5. List the **title** of your selected source of Information

6. Use the index or the table of contents to select an article or entry to read about your topic.  
List the **title of your selected article/entry**

7. List at least 5 words or phrases that you think constitute terminology specific to the topic you are researching:  
   a) ____________________  
   b) ____________________  
   c) ____________________  
   d) ____________________  
   e) ____________________  
   f) ____________________

8. Why or why not is this book useful?