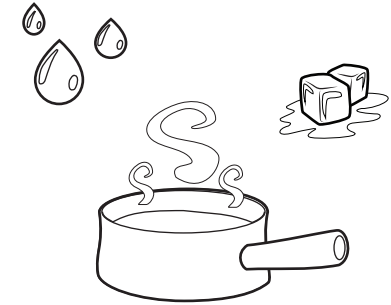


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## Get Smart about Resources



It's time to do a little research. Pick a topic that interests you and find three different resources about that topic (like books, magazines, or websites). Use this template to compare and contrast the information you find. This will help you understand the differences between various resources.

	Source 1: _____	Source 2: _____	Source 3: _____
What kind of resource is it? (Book? Magazine?) If it's a website, what kind of website is it? See box below.			
How many paragraphs or pages are written specifically about the topic? (Label paragraphs or pages.)			
Is there information that indicates whether the author of the information has any expertise in this area?			
List the basic information that this site provides about your topic. Tip: Use bullet points and phrases, not complete sentences.			

## Reflections and Conclusions

Now, compare and contrast the information across the three resources. Discuss the following questions:

What did you notice?

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What questions arose for you?

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Was there any conflicting information?

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Was there information provided on one site that wasn't addressed in another?

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Why do you think this happens?

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How would you handle conflicting information if you were writing a report on this topic?

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### What kind of website is it?

The end of the domain name can provide a clue.

**.edu** : education sites

**.gov** : government sites

**.org** : organization sites

**.com** : commercial sites

**.net** : network infrastructures