

REFERENCE BOOK KNOW-HOW

The key to making good use of your time in the library is to know exactly which reference book to use for which research. Familiarizing yourself with books on the reference shelves can give you a head start on all types of school assignments. Here are the references you're most likely to need:

- A. **ENCYCLOPEDIAS**. Brief, general information on all branches of knowledge. Good summary articles, but not ver current.
- B. **ALMANACS AND YEARBOOKS**. Up-to-date facts and figures on subjects of general interest, including sports, news events, celebrities, and politics.
- C. **BIOGRAPHICAL DICTIONARIES**. Short summaries of the lives of famous people.
- D. **ATLASES**. Maps of countries plus charts and factual information about their people and products.
- E. **DICTIONARIES**. Primary sources for spelling, pronunciation, syllable division, and of words.
- F. **READERS' GUIDE TO PERIODICAL LITERATURE**. Lists of current and past magazine articles pertinent to many specific subjects.

Test your reference book know-how. Choose one or more of the sources listed above where you're most likely to find the following pieces of information:

- 1. Recent information on the 1980 Olympics. _____
- 2. General history of the Girl Scouts. _____
- 3. 1976 Census figures. _____
- 4. Birthdate of Muhammad Ali. _____
- 5. Recent research on the effects of vitamin C. _____
- 6. Information about insects. _____
- 7. The pronunciation and spelling of the word "fortuitous". _____
- 8. The climate of Perth, Australia. _____
- 9. John Travolta's hometown. _____
- 10. The seating capacity of the Houston Astrodome sports arena. _____
- 11. The nearest body of water to Entebbe, Uganda. _____
- 12. Another acceptable spelling for the word: ketchup". _____