When you are given a list of questions that you have to find answers in the library, analyze each question to determine the nature of the answer. What clues are present: dates, names, places, events? Watch for questions which seem to ask for an opinion, you may have to back up your answer but most questions ask you to locate facts, quotations, biographies, or statistics. The most important point is to be patient and not give up if the first place you look does not yield the answer.

Like any good detective, you will need to do the following:
- Write down clues within the question
- Write down where you looked and your results
- Note answers that seem close but not quite correct—that resource may be worth a second look
- Check tables of contents and indexes
- Browse in the same area—the book you selected might not have the answer, but the one next to it could
- Ask for help from the reference staff and your teacher

Where to Look First—use your handout on Basic Resources and Current Events to find call numbers and locations.

Factual Resources:
- Almanacs: World Almanac and Book of Facts
- Biography: Biography Resource Center (Electronic Resource)
- Encyclopedias: World Book
- Military: any encyclopedia of military history appropriate to the war
- Quotations: Bartletts Familiar Quotations
- Religious Questions: Call numbers starting with BL; For books on Saints check BX
- Statistics: Statistical Abstract of the United States

Current Events:
- Academic Search Complete: Electronic Resource
- CQ Almanac
- CQ Researcher: Behind the Reference Desk
- CQ Weekly Report
- Facts on File
- Lexis Nexis Academic Universe (newspapers): Electronic Resource