

SOLID SOURCES FOR FACT-CHECKING:

GEOGRAPHY:

National Geographic Atlas –

<http://maps.nationalgeographic.com/maps>

Zoomable version of NG Atlas (also available as an app)

U.S. Place Names –

[http://geonames.usgs.gov/apex/f?p=136:1:0:::~:](http://geonames.usgs.gov/apex/f?p=136:1:0:::)

Board of Geographic Names (BGN) - USGS Geographic Names Information System (GNIS)

Foreign Place Names –

<http://geonames.nga.mil/namesgaz/>

NGA GEONames Server (GNS)

Country Information –

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/>

CIA Factbook

SOCIAL STATISTICS/POPULATION:

United Nations Statistics Division -

<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/default.htm>

UN Data -

<https://data.un.org/>

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations -

<http://faostat3.fao.org/home/E>

Population Reference Bureau -

<http://www.prb.org/>

US Census Bureau -

<http://www.census.gov/>

ANIMALS:

Endangered Species –

<http://www.iucnredlist.org/>

International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources

Birds -

<http://www.birdlife.org/datazone/species/search>

BirdLife International search page

North and Middle American Birds –

<http://checklist.aou.org/>

The American Ornithologists' Union checklist

Fish –

<http://www.fishbase.org/>

FishBase

<http://researcharchive.calacademy.org/research/ichthyology/catalog/fishcatmain.asp>

Catalog of Fishes

Animals, General –

<http://animaldiversity.org/>

Animal Diversity Web (from Univ. of Michigan Museum of Zoology)

<http://www.gale.cengage.com/pdf/facts/Grzimek.pdf>

Grzimek's *Encyclopedia of Life* (not online, but available for purchase as an e-book)

Hoofed Mammals –

<http://www.ultimateungulate.com/>

Ultimate Ungulate

ANCIENT HISTORY:

Lacus Curtius -

Greek and Roman authors/texts (good for quote sources) –

<http://penelope.uchicago.edu/Thayer/E/Roman/Texts/home.html>

Ancient History (General info) -

<http://www.livius.org/>

Livius - not an academic source, but good for fairly detailed, accurate info

Radiocarbon Web-info -

<https://c14.arch.ox.ac.uk/embed.php?File=calibration.html>

Reporting radiocarbon dates

Radiocarbon dates should always be reported either as 'percent modern' or years 'before present' (BP). The first indicates the proportion of radiocarbon atoms in the sample as compared to samples modern in 1950. The second is directly derived from this on the assumption that the half-life of radiocarbon is 5568 years and the amount of radiocarbon in the atmosphere has been constant.

The calibrated time scales

Once calibrated a radiocarbon date should be expressed in terms of cal BC, cal AD or cal BP. The cal prefix indicates that the dates are the result of radiocarbon calibration using tree ring data. These values should correspond exactly to normal historical years BC and AD. The term cal BP means the number of years before 1950 and can be directly compared to calendar years.

RELIGION:

The Catholic Encyclopedia –

<http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/>

The Jewish Virtual Library –

<http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/index.html>

Searchable Quran –

<http://www.alislam.org/quran/>

OTHER:

National Geographic Style Manual –

<http://stylemanual.ngs.org/>

Foreign Currency Exchange Rates –

www.oanda.com

With adjustable dates

Weights/lengths/measures Conversion –

www.onlineconversion.com

Pronunciation of Foreign Words –

www.forvo.com

Publisher Locations for Citations (AP)

<http://www.apsstylemanual.org/oldmanual/resources/publishers.htm>

Google Ngram

<https://books.google.com/ngrams>

WorldCat for book information

<https://www.worldcat.org/>

FUN STUFF:

National Geographic GeoBee daily quiz –

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee/quiz/today/>

Online Fill-in-the-Map countries and capitals quiz –

<http://online.seterra.net/en>

Seterra Online