

South Africa - finding information

We will now try to find some information about South Africa using different sources.

1. Answer the questions using the book *Wings Black*.
2. Answer the same questions using digital sources. Google “information South Africa” and choose one or two sources for all of your questions. The first time you use the source you write down the entire URL. If you switch between two sources, you just need to write a short form of the name of the websites for the rest of the questions.
3. Answer the follow-up questions to reflect on your sources and their reliability.

Question	Answer from <i>Wings Black</i>	Answer from digital source	Digital source
How large is the population of RSA?			www.
What is the name of the capital(s) of RSA? <i>Explain the situation.</i>			
Which are the official languages of RSA?			
What currency is used in RSA?			

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Which are the largest cities and what are their population?			
Write three sentences commenting on the geography and climate of RSA.			
What food is typical for RSA?			
What about sports in RSA?			
Name three famous people from RSA and what they are famous for.			

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HISTORY			
Who were the first people to live in what is today RSA?			
When did the Europeans arrive and who were they? Write 2-4 sentences.			
What does <i>apartheid</i> mean?			
Who was Nelson Mandela?			

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1. What different types of websites (genres) did you use? Note which of your sources belong in which group.

Online newspapers and magazines	
Blogs	
Websites with public information	
Commercial websites	
Websites with a political agenda	
Films produced for an educational purpose	
Films produced for a commercial purpose	
Other films	
Others:	

2. In which was was is different to find information in the book from finding information online?

Pros: _____

Cons: _____

3. Which different types of media formats could you choose from on the web pages?

- a. Texts, articles
- b. Fact files, lists, columns
- c. Diagrams, charts, maps
- d. Pictures, photos, images
- e. Video sources
- f. Audio sources (sound)
- g. Other formats, such as _____

4. In what way was the language different on the websites vs the book? Give examples.

5. Which source did you think was the easiest to use? Why?



6. Did the sources present similar information in different ways? Explain.

7. Which of your sources do you think is most reliable? Why?

8. Rate the reliability of your sources on a scale of 1-10, where 10 is the most trustworthy.

Source	Reliability	Pros	Cons
<i>Wings Black</i>			



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