

Gathering and Presenting Information – Year 8 Homework

1. Copy and complete the table below using a word Processor

	Author	How to search	Advantages	Disadvantages
Encyclopaedia Britannica				
The Times Newspaper				
News at Ten				
BBC Website				
Internet				

2. Answer the following questions:

- i. Which source of information would be most suitable for finding out the daily news and why?
- ii. Which source of information would be most suitable for finding out what happened in World War II and why?
- iii. Why can't you believe everything you read?

Creating a publication

When you are producing your work it is important to consider:

- Who is the audience? (who is going to read what you do)
- What does the audience know already?
- What do you want the audience to find out?

You also need to consider the presentation of your work:

- Think about the size and style of your text
- Use images to enhance the text
- Use a clear layout

Use the spell check

Investigating a topic and presenting your findings

You will be selecting a topic to research and then using Word to create an information booklet for year 6 students.

Choose one of the topics from the table

	Fox Hunting	Animal Testing	Global Warming
Questions	Why do people hunt foxes? Is fox hunting cruel? Do we need to control the fox population? What would happen if fox hunting was banned?	Why do some scientists use animals for testing? What are the benefits of animal testing? It is morally right to test on animals? Are there alternatives to animal testing?	What causes Global Warming? What, if anything should be done about Global Warming? If Global Warming happens, how will it affect people? What are the drawbacks of trying to stop Global Warming?
For	http://www.countryside-alliance.org/	http://www.mrc.ac.uk/	http://www.greenpeace.org.uk
Against	http://www.league.uk.com/	http://www.animalaid.org.uk/	http://www.john-daly.com/

1. You need to choose your topic for research from the list above (or agree a different topic with your teacher). You will need to collect information for the following web pages:

- To describe the topic that you are looking at
- The arguments **for** the topic
- The arguments against the topic

Use the Internet to search for the information that you need and paste your findings (and images) into a word document.

Remember to RECORD YOUR SOURCES

2. Use the help guide on the following page to create your web pages in FrontPage 2000:

- Page 1 – Background to your chosen topic
- Page 2 – The arguments for your chosen topic
- Page 3 – The arguments against your chosen topic
- Page 4 – The view of you and your family on your chosen topic

3. Use a word processor to briefly explain:

- What you have done in this unit
- Any problems that you encountered
- How you would improve your work if you did it again

4. Print out your booklet and question answers ready to hand in.