Slide 1: Background Research.

Slide 2: Why do background research?

Slide 3: It gives you important information about an event's important people, places, events, and dates.

Slide 4: It gives you an indication if your topic is too broad or too narrow.

Slide 5: It can lead you to sources that will be useful for you later.

Slide 6: How to do background research.

Slide 7: Look in general encyclopedias, such as *World Book Encyclopedia* and the *Encyclopedia Britannica*.

Slide 8: Look in subject specific encyclopedias. Examples of subject specific encyclopedias are the *Encyclopedia of Social Work*, and the *Greenwood Encyclopedia of Women's Issues Worldwide*.

Slide 9: When using subject encyclopedias pay special attention to the bibliographic entries at the end of each article.

Slide 10: Look in subject handbooks. Examples of handbooks include the *Handbook of Chemistry and Physics* and the *Handbook of American Women’s History*.

Slide 11: There are several databases that are good to use for background research.

Slide 12: CQ Researcher Online

Slide 13: Credo Reference

Slide 14: Gale Cross-Search, this is especially useful for literature papers

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