## Publication Timeline

If an event occurs …

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<th>Today</th>
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| **Television**  
  **Radio**  
  **WWW**  
  Useful for gathering facts and immediate response to an event. | **Newspapers**  
  Same as broadcast media and a source of editorial opinion. | **Newsmagazines**  
  Weekly overviews with a more comprehensive picture of events. | **Professional and Trade Journals**  
  More in-depth research; more context.  
  **Popular Books**  
  BEWARE of sensational accounts. | **Scholarly and Peer-Reviewed Journals**  
  Research methodology, findings, conclusions.  
  **Scholarly and Disciplinary Reference Books**  
  Compilations of different viewpoints and context. | **General Reference books**  
  Places event in general context of all knowledge. |

*Publication format may be print or online for any of these sources.*