Transcript for Information Timeline & Types of Sources

Scroll through this timeline on "Hurricane Sandy" to learn how information gets published in different types of sources, and matures over time. As information matures, notice how target audience shifts from general readers to scholars/specialists. It is helpful to understand the information timeline when deciding what types of sources would best meet your information needs or what types of sources would be available at the time of your research.

10/29/2012 Hurricane Sandy Hits New York City
Hurricane Sandy hits New York City on October 29, 2012. Eyewitnesses, local responders, and reporters break the news on social media, online news sites, television and radio broadcasts. At this time, the information may be incomplete, biased, or unreliable.

10/30/2012 Immediate Aftermath
Eyewitnesses, local responders, and reporters continue to update information about damages and current conditions on social media, online news sites, television and radio broadcasts. Daily print newspapers also report the Hurricane. More information is added to the initial reports, and opinions emerge from specialists or eyewitnesses.

11/3/2012 Coverage in Weekly Magazines
Weekly magazines report the Hurricane with more insight and context for a general audience. Articles may include opinions, interviews, and reflection on past hurricanes.

12/2012 Coverage in Monthly Magazines
Laps of additional time allows for more confirmed and in-depth information.

02/2013 Experts and Specialists Publish Scholarly Articles
Scholars and specialists in different subject fields, such as public health, natural disaster, and climate change, publish articles in specialized professional or scholarly sources. Government reports are also beginning to be disseminated.

2014 Books on Hurricane Sandy Hit Bookstores
Full-length books with in-depth coverage are published for popular or scholarly reading.

2016 Full-length documentary film is released
The film portrays devastating weather events such as Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Sandy through interviews with scientists, experts, nonprofits, homeowners, and government officials.
2017 More Scholarly Sources are published
Scholars and specialists continue to publish more in-depth articles for scholarly reading.

04/2018 Scholarly Books on Hurricane Sandy are published
Scholarly books are written by experts in specific fields and intended to share research findings and contribute to the ongoing scholarly conversation. For example, this book *Governing Disaster in Urban Environments: Climate Change Preparation and Adaption after Hurricane Sandy* is written by a scholar in the field of Environmental Psychology who uses the example of Hurricane Sandy to analyze the complex phenomenon of climate change and its effects on flood-prone areas.

2019 "Hurricane Sandy" as an entry in an encyclopedia?
At this point, an entry about "Hurricane Sandy" has not yet been created in dictionaries or encyclopedias, while Hurricane Katrina (2005) has in-depth entries already.