## **HOW TO RESEARCH WITHOUT A COMPUTER**

Research is so easy in this day and age. Google, Wiki, you name it, plus a keyword and in a few clicks you'll have more results than you can comfortably shake a stick at. But a Cragsman needs to be able to research when the power goes out or to look at materials that maybe never made it into the digital world. That's all part of being a Trekker.

## **FLIP OVER FOR YOUR NEXT CHALLENGE**



- Pick an up-and-coming school subject. Start your research without the use of any electronics. See how far you can get and what information you are able to overturn with a traditional approach.
- If you don't have an up-and-coming research project, do some research about the domination of the British longbow in the Middle Ages and see what you can uncover there.

- To get an overview of a subject, an encyclopedia is a good place to start. There may be volumes of books in your local library, but an encyclopedia will give you an overview and get you on the right track.
- In a library, use the Dewey Decimal system to locate the books that are in your area of interest.
- Speak to the librarian and get recommendations concerning other resources that might contain pertinent information.
- If the books you need are not held at your library, they can generally be ordered with a library book exchange program. Of course, it will take a few days for books to get to you.
- Don't discount museums and other specialty institutions that exist around the area of interest that you have.



Frankly, all this will likely increase your love for the internet. But the fact remains that sometimes you need to get outside of the electronics. And when that happens, to be a Trekker, you need to be able to survive in that environment too.

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