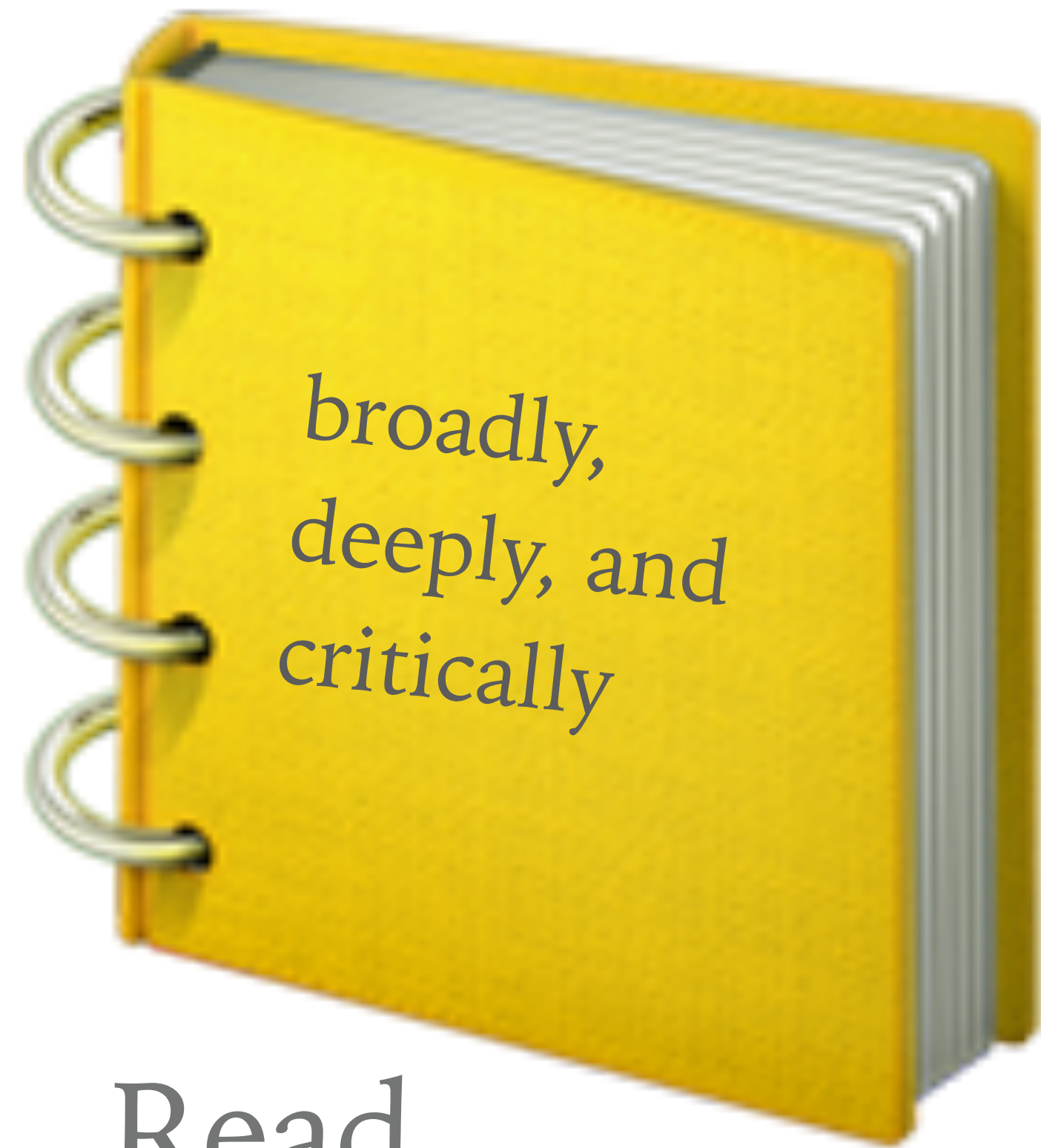




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Practice writing

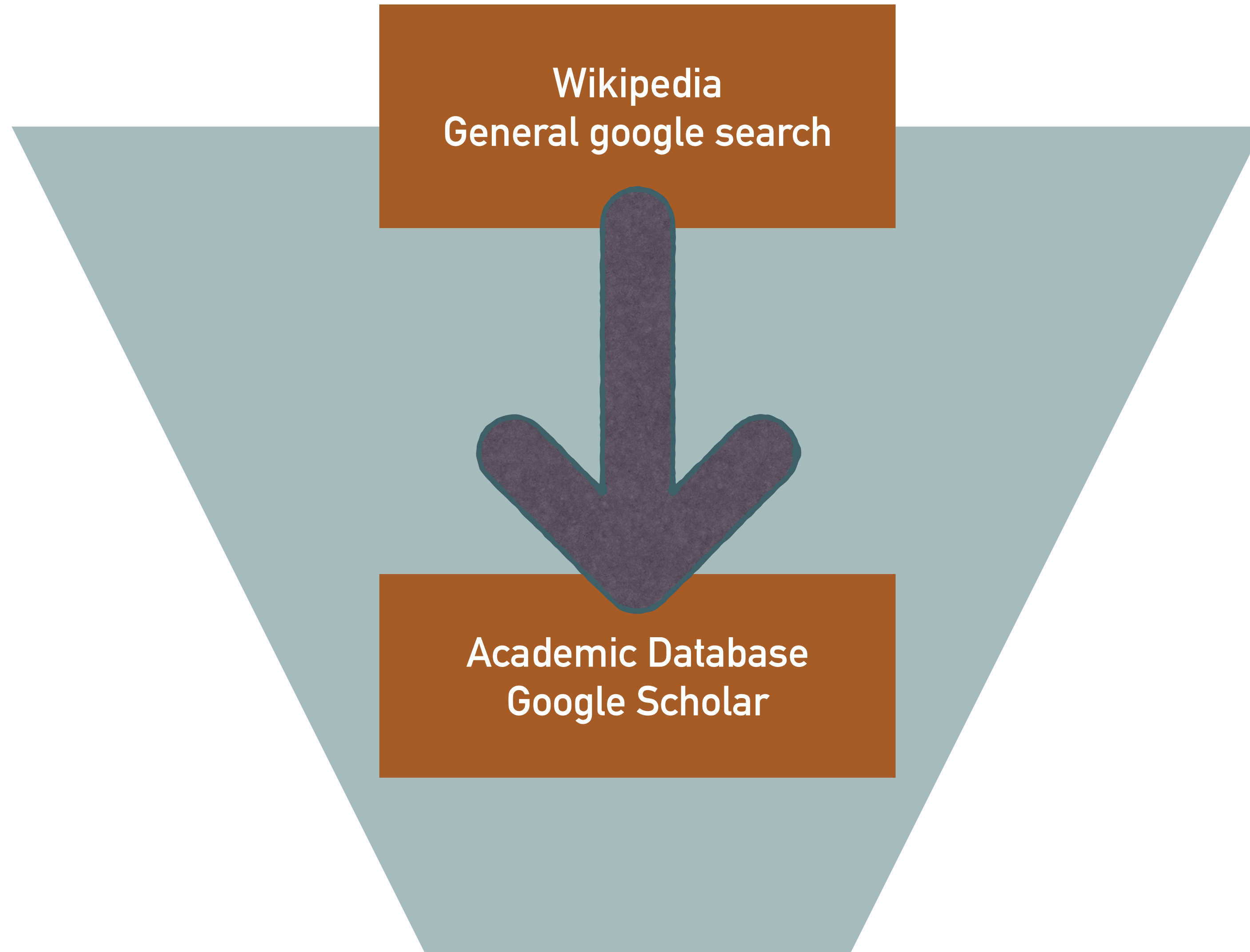


Read



Have Courage

START BROAD



Primary

The original materials on which other research is based

- Original written works (i.e. poems, diaries, court records, interviews, surveys, and original research/fieldwork)
- Research published in scholarly/academic journals.



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Secondary

Sources are those that describe or analyze primary sources

- Reference materials (i.e. dictionaries, encyclopedias, textbooks)
- Books and articles that interpret, review, or synthesize original research/fieldwork.



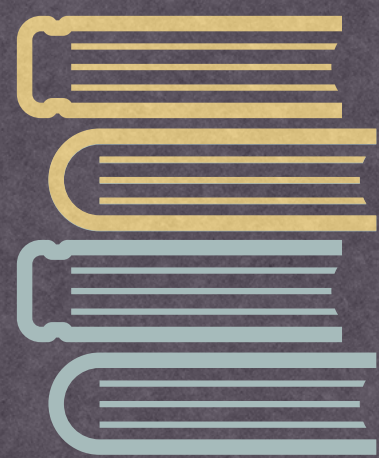
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Tertiary

Used to organize and locate secondary and primary sources

- Indexes (provide citations that fully identify a work)
- Abstracts (summarize the primary or secondary sources)
- Databases (usually include abstracts and resources)



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HIERARCHY OF SOURCES

- Personal opinions
- Information from an individual
- Information from crowdsourced information (i.e. Wikipedia)
- Information from an organization
- Information from a governmental organization
- Information from a scholarly source
- Laws or other such primary sources
- Peer-reviewed sources



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