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RESEARCHING USING PUBLIC DOCUMENTS

WHAT ARE PUBLIC DOCUMENTS?

- These are generally documents that are accessible to the public and in which the person has no expectation of privacy.
- These documents are typically collected and stored by government institutions.
- Turn to your partner and brainstorm what types of documents might fall in this category.

SOME TYPES OF PUBLIC DOCUMENTS

- Birth Certificates
- Marriage Licenses
- Death Certificates
- Census Reports
- Military Enlistment Papers
- Driver's Licenses
- Voter Registration Cards
- Newspaper articles