reference

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Main Entry: ˈrefər-əns
Pronunciation: ˈre-fərn(t)s, ˈre-f(ə-)rən(t)s
Function: noun
Date: 1589

1: the act of referring or consulting
2: a bearing on a matter: RELATION <in reference to your recent letter>
3: something that refers: as a: ALLUSION, MENTION
   b: something (as a sign or indication) that refers a reader or consulter to another source of information (as a book or passage)
   c: consultation of sources of information
4: one referred to or consulted: as a: a person to whom inquiries as to character or ability can be made b: a statement of the qualifications of a person seeking employment or appointment given by someone familiar with
the person c (1) : a source of information (as a book or passage) to which a reader or consulter is referred (2) : a work (as a dictionary or encyclopedia) containing useful facts or information d : DENOTATION, MEANING

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