

Take a look at this real entry from a 13th century Iranian encyclopaedia. This is a copy made in the 1570s.

It depicts a sea dragon.

What does it tell you about the culture that created the encyclopaedia and about the accuracy and reliability of encyclopaedias in general?



Now take a look at this image from a 1970s encyclopaedia.

What does it tell you about the accuracy and usefulness of printed encyclopaedias?

