



Becoming Better Online Researchers

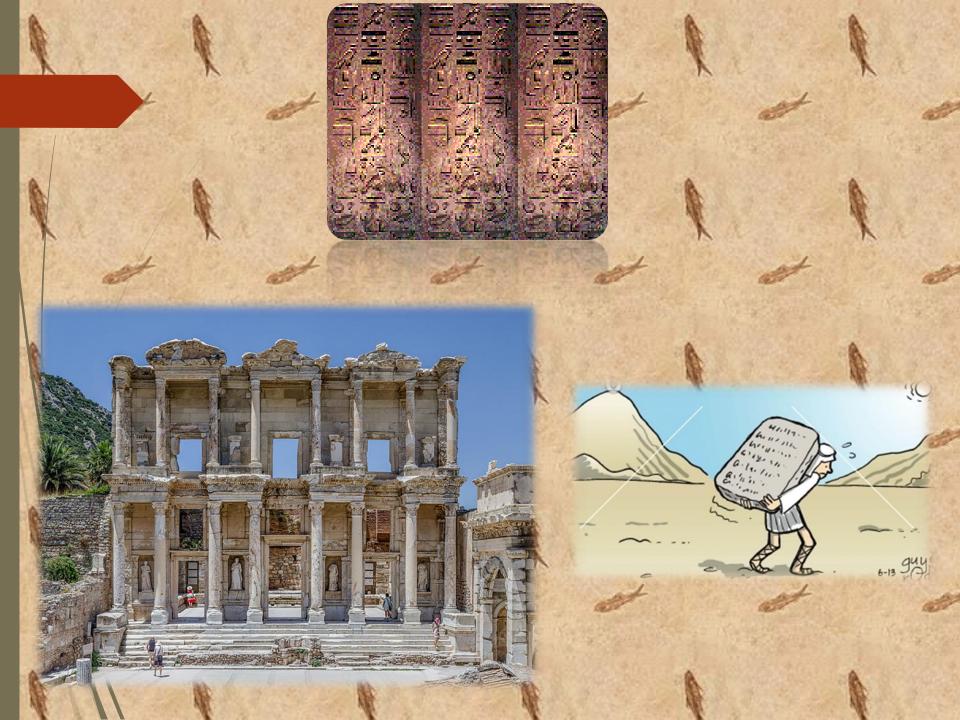
Finding valid, credible, useful resources online – (for yourself and your students)

A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people. It is a never failing spring in the desert.

- Andrew Carnegie

Remember the Good Ole Days

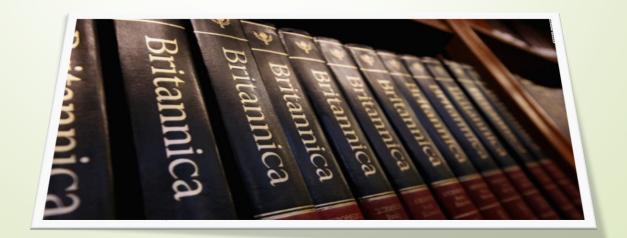




Who's Your Daddy?

Gone are the days of consulting the ever-trustworthy Encyclopedia Britannica;

There used to be an inherent trust we had that the information we found was the most relevant to our query, was presented in a (relatively) unbiased way, and was accurate



"Digital media have changed almost everything about reading—from multimodal complexity and the fluid nature of text, to the role of social media and–perhaps most importantly–how we find the information we're looking for."

"As we shift from a culture that passively receives newspapers and magazines and piece-meal selects books form bookshelves, to one that actively sets-up personalized reading lists through RSS feeds and Google Reader, and sifts not through hundreds of books on shelf, but from millions of books, journals, blog posts, and video transcriptions, the mechanisms for search must adapt as well."



"The most overarching need is likely personalization—to empower people with the ability find what they're looking for in lieu of what might be the most popular results."

www.teachthought.com/technology/how-to-google-search-by-reading-level/

News Literacy

emerging field of news literacy



Interesting Quote

What does that mean to you?



Today, all professionals must become media





Finding information on the Internet may seem easy, but finding the information you need and can trust on the Internet is much harder

Internet research can be risky and lead to poor results unless you have a solid grasp of web research

The Role of Research in the Digital Age

sharp increase in use of digital tools has involved a completely new set of digital literacies that not all students necessarily possess

When students search for information about a topic, they are met with a plethora of articles, from both credible and non-credible resources

The nature of research itself has been rapidly changing as the Internet develops and our society becomes less dependent on paper-bound books

Digital Natives? Or...Digital Naiveté

When someone trusts a source of information that is obviously unreliable.



Even though they know how easy it is to create and distribute information online, many people believe -- sometimes passionately -- the most dubious rumors and tempting implausible theories



Concerns



overdependence on search engines;



difficulty judging the quality of online information;



general level of literacy of today's students;



increasing distractions pulling at students and poor time management skills;



ease with which today's students can borrow from the work of others.

Research & the CCRS

WRITING

- Writing CCR.7 conduct short as well as more sustained research projects based on focused questions, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation
- CCR.8
 Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism

READING

 CCR.7 – Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats

Evidence, Forms of Inquiry, Research Standards



Become selfdirected learners:



Value evidence:



Use technology and digital media strategically and capably:

Diverse Media



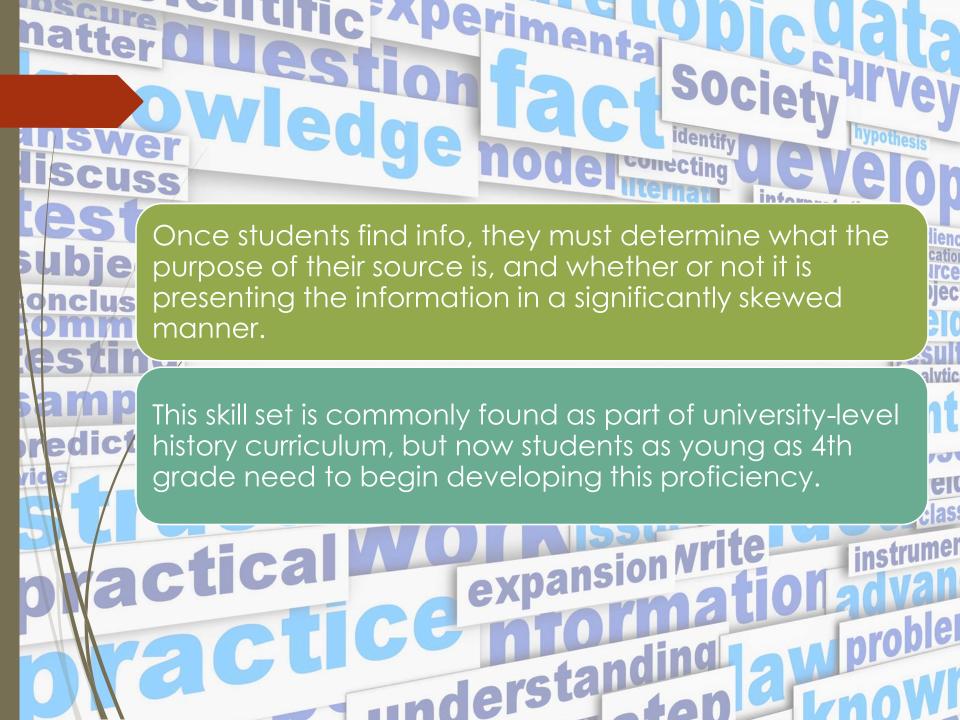
Typical Searching

Why do so many people choose <u>Wikipedia</u> or Google when asked to find information on the Internet?

Fast, easy to find, easy to use

Wikipedia actually is a good starting point for research

Can develop their own method of research by using the links at the bottom to find more information

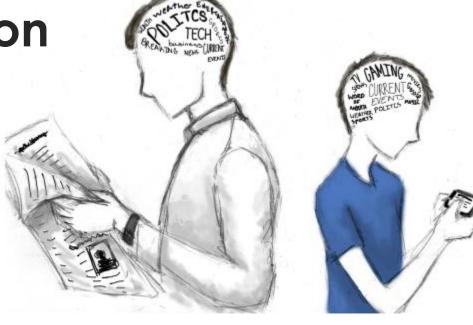


What Today's "Research" Typically Looks Like

Teachers and students alike report that for today's students, "research" means "Googling."

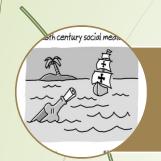
As a result, some teachers report that for their students "doing research" has shifted from a relatively slow process of intellectual curiosity and discovery to a fast-paced, short-term exercise aimed at locating just enough information to complete an assignment





One of the most important skills of the 21st century is determining whether the website you're looking at is reliable or not.

Many Kinds of Literacies



There are many kinds of "literacies"



An ever more important one that ALL teachers need to be aware of is digital literacy



Many forms of reference are no longer used, as they (or incarnations much like them) are all now available to us on the internet

Digital Literacy (good site)

"The ability to use info and communication tech to find, evaluate, create, & communicate info, requiring both cognitive &technical skills." Includes basic skills such as typing and using a mouse on a computer, or evaluating the legitimacy of information on the Internet

Digital Literacy

Does not replace traditional forms of literacy - It builds upon the foundation of traditional forms of literacy...

<u>Digital</u> information is a symbolic representation of data, and <u>literacy</u> refers to the ability to read for knowledge, write coherently, and think critically about the written word

Our Model

Digital Information Fluency (DIF) is the ability to find, evaluate and use digital information effectively, efficiently and ethically. DIF involves Internet search skills that start with understanding how digital information is different from print information, knowing how to use specialized tools for finding digital information and strengthening the dispositions needed in the digital information environment. As teachers and librarians develop these skills and teach them to students, students will become better equipped to achieve their information needs.

More....

Digital Information Fluency Model



The Digital Literacy Skill of "Proper Searching" - Tactics

Narrow focus to a specific idea, then selecting key terms &some alternatives that will help them

Utilize the various
"search help" tools
that many search
engines offer –
Google - search by
time, type (images,
news, dictionary,
reading level)

Critically sorting through the results



"Critically" sorting through the results



Is the top result always the best? Often the answer is no.



Google sorts its results based on the amount of hits a URL gets and sorts that way



It's not so much academic as it is a popularity contest

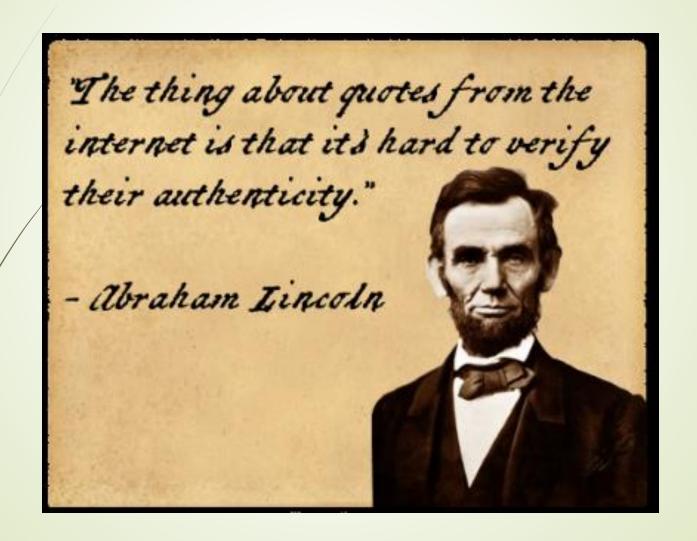
Avoid Asking Questions

People often search by typing a question into the search bar

Top results yield links to Answers.com, Yahoo Answers, and other equally useless (academically speaking) results

Anyone – can post an answer on these sites

Intelligent Search (powtoon)





Searching on Google

Are you looking for a specific file type?

Do you want to find PDFs, PPTs, or XLS? Refine your search by adding filetype:[insert 3 letter file abbreviation]

example: [tips google search filetype:PPT] = yields results for PPTs only

Did you find a great website and want to find others like it?

Search for related pages. example: [related: insertURL]



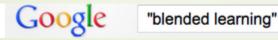
- Have you found a great site but want to search within that site for specific information?
 - If so, begin with your key words + site:[URL]

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Google education+site:nytimes.com
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- Looking for a specific type of site, like .edu, .gov or .org?
 - | Google site:org students social media of site]+key words
- Put an asterisk * in a phrase or question you want completed and Google will fill in the blanks.

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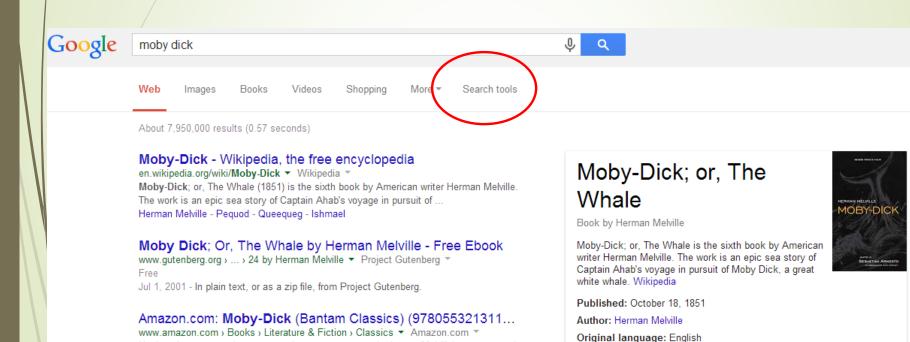
Looking for an exact word, phrase or sentence? Put your query in quotes to search for exact matches or enter your query, click related searches in left sidebar and click "verbatim" for exact matches without using quotations. This can limit the results you get, so make sure you know exactly what you are looking for when you use it.



Search by Reading Level

- Media consumption is first a matter of simply, read and understand
- If you are having students in your class do research and want to make sure they will be able to read the information they find - Search by Reading Level
- First do a regular search
- Then Click "Search Tools" on the top
- Click on "All Results"
- Click Reading level You'll now see results with reading levels and percentage breakdown of results by reading level
- To filter your results by a specific reading level, select your desired level (Basic, Intermediate, or Advanced)

Do a Regular Search



Characters: Ishmael, Queequeg, Captain Ahab, Starbuck, Captain

Adaptations: Moby Dick (2010), Moby Dick (2010), More

Boomer, Stubb, Elijah, Moby Dick

Genres: Fiction, Sea story, Adventure fiction

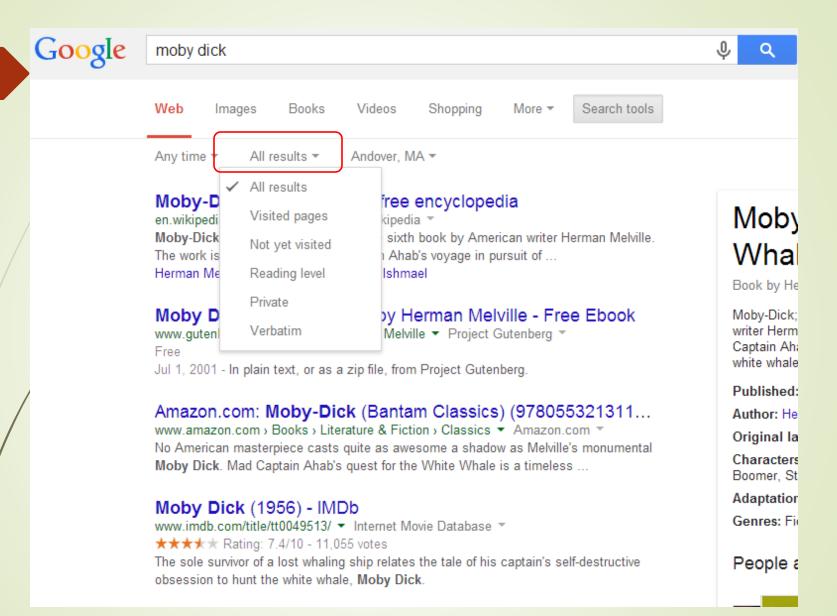
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Moby Dick. Mad Captain Ahab's quest for the White Whale is a timeless ...

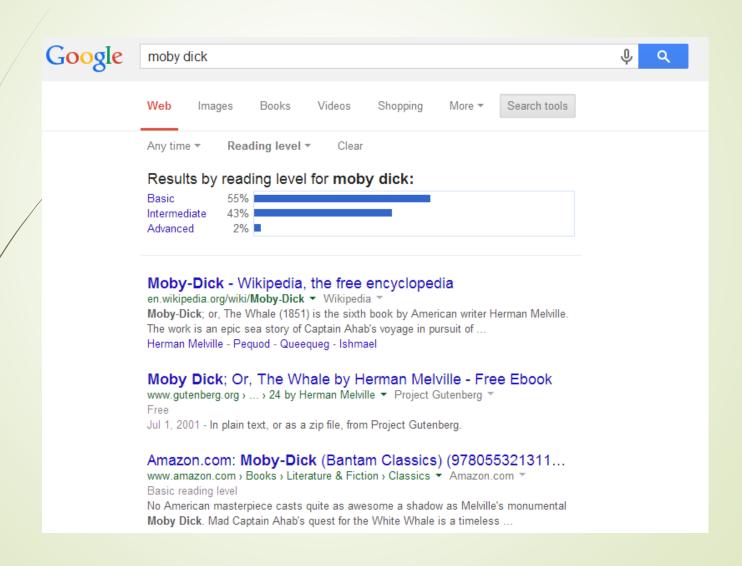
www.imdb.com/title/tt0049513/ ▼ Internet Movie Database ▼

Moby Dick (1956) - IMDb

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Results by Reading Level



Click on Advanced Search

(top right)



Advanced Search

Web History

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| | none of these words: | | Put a minus sign just before words you don't want: -rodent, -"Jack Russell" |
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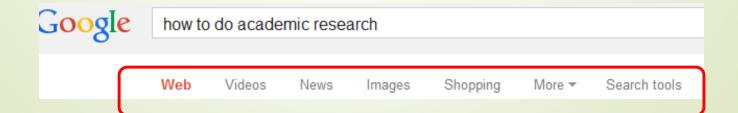
- For many searches, Google will do the work for you and show an answer to your question on the search results. Some features, like information about sports teams, aren't available in all regions.
- Weather. Search [weather] to see the weather in your location or add a city name after weather to find weather for a certain place.
- Dictionary. Put [define] in front of any word to see its definition.
- Calculations. Enter a math equation like [3*9123], or solve complex graphing equations.
- Unit conversions. Enter any conversion, like [3 dollars in euros].
- Sports. Search for the name of your team to see a schedule, game scores and more.
- Quick facts. Search for the name of a celebrity, location, movie, or song to find important information.

Google Filters

You can filter and customize your results by using the options at the top of the results page.

You can choose to just see sites updated within the last 24 hours, or photos of a certain color.

Some filtering options are not available in all languages or only show if you're signed in to your Google Account.



Add or remove filters



Select a filtering option - Images or News. Click More to see extra choices.



Click Search tools to see more filters you can apply to your search

• Since your options will be different based on your search and the filters you've already used, you won't see all the options every time.



Select one or more filters to narrow down your search results.

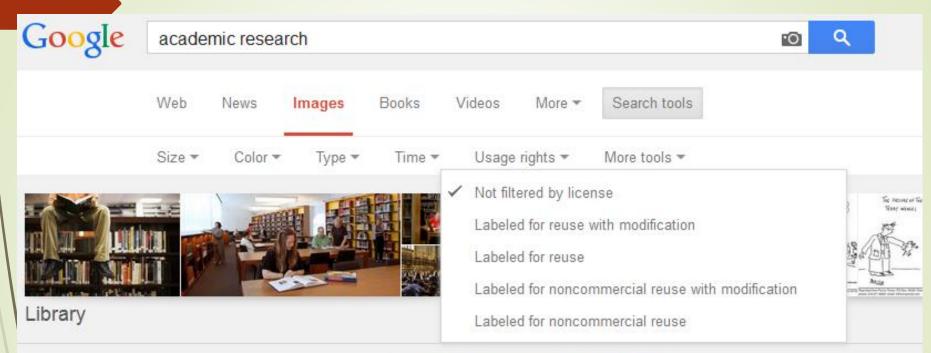


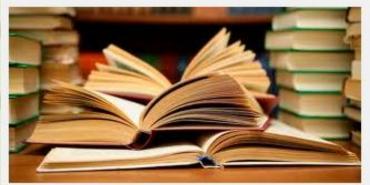
To go back to unfiltered results, click Web at the top of the search results page



To remove any filters you've added through Search tools, click Clear

Image Search – Filters











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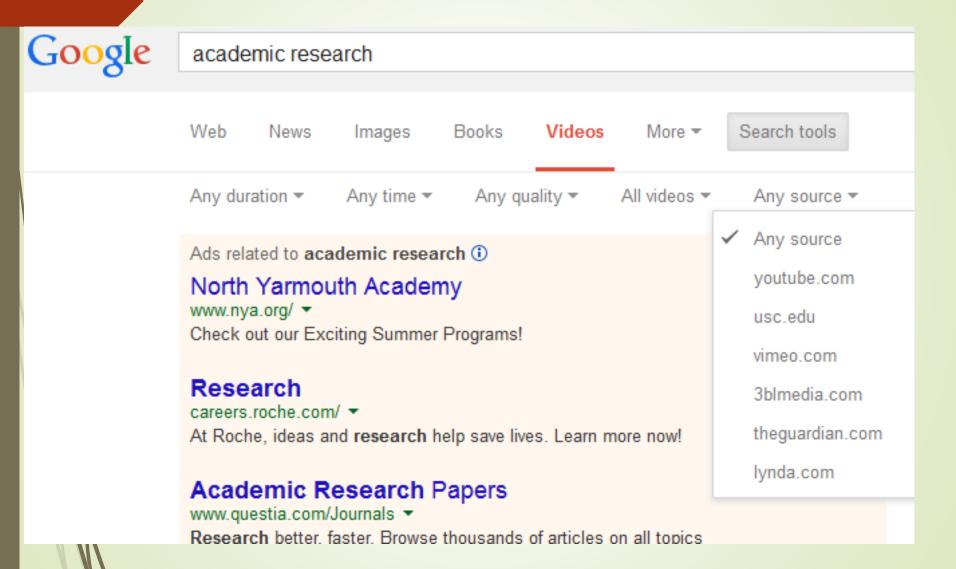
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Search for Videos



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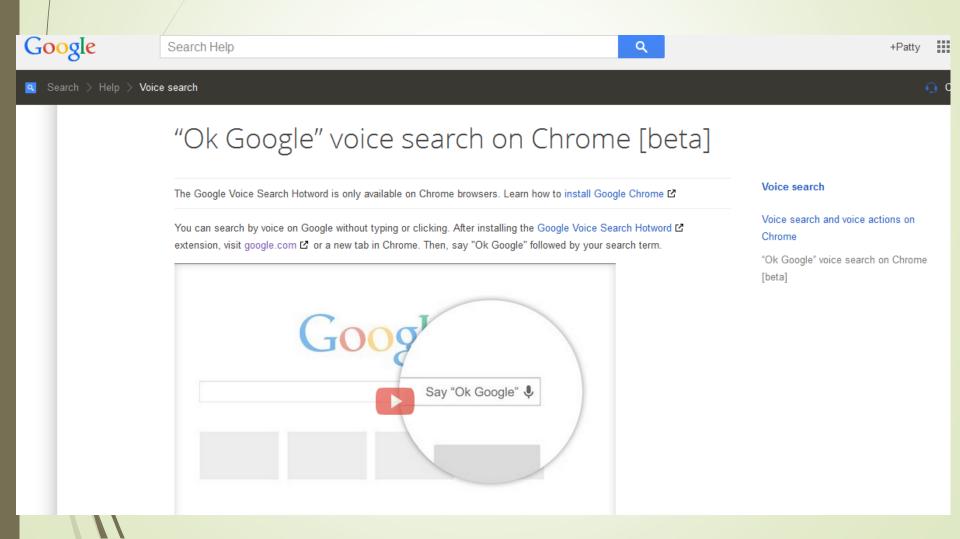


Search using your voice



Tired of typing? Click the microphone icon in Chrome's search box to search by voice

Ok Google



My Research Topics

Your research topics

Researched in the last day





Explore 10 articles

Common Core State Standards Initiative











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Researched in the last week

Academic Research





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Digital literacy











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Annotation













Closed captioning







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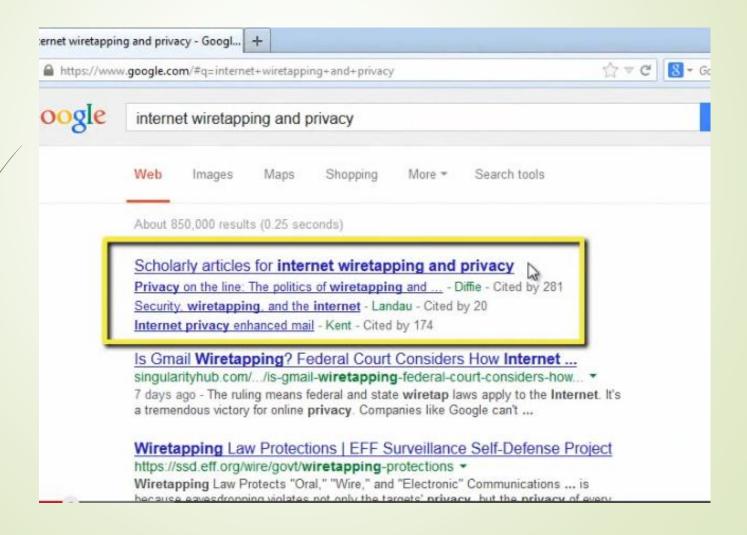
Google and Google Scholar

Is there a difference?

- Google
 - □ Free/Open Websites
 - □ Current News Sources
 - □ Government Websites/Documents

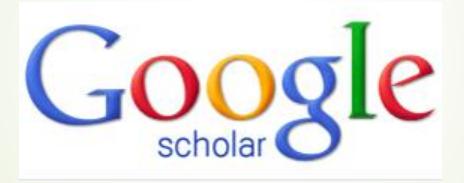
- Google Scholar
 - Publisher Indexes to Scholarly Articles
 - □ Google Books

Sometimes



Google Scholar

How scholarly is Google Scholar?



Google Scholar

A useful research tool often overlooked

Not like searching on Google.co m or searching in any other public search engine

Indexes scholarly, peerreviewed academic papers, journals, theses, books, & court opinions These are materials that students usually won't find through Google.com, Bing, or Yahoo search

Just as they can do for Google.co m searches, students can create Google Scholar alerts.

Google Scholar alerts notify students when new materials related to their search queries appear on Google Scholar

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To create a Google Scholar Library sign into your Google account before searching on Scholar.Google.com

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See an example

Google Lesson Plans

These are some of the Common Core standards addressed in <u>Google's search</u> <u>lesson plans.</u>

Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects based on focused questions, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.

Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.

Interpret words
and phrases as
they are used in a
text, including
determining
technical,
connotative, and
figurative
meanings, and
analyze how
specific word
choices shape
meaning or tone.

Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse formats and media, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.

Google Search Education



Home Lesson Plans Live Trainings

Help your students become better searchers

Web search can be a remarkable tool for students, and a bit of instruction in how to search for academic sources will help your students become critical thinkers and independent learners.

With the materials on this site, you can help your students become skilled searchers- whether they're just starting out with search, or ready for more advanced training.





Lesson Plans & Activities



Power Searching



A Google a Day Challenges



Live Trainings

Google Search Lesson Plans

Picking the right search terms

Beginner

Pick the best words to use in academic searching, whether students are beginning with a full question or a topic of just a few words

View lesson

Intermediate

Identify unique search terms to locate targeted sources and to use "context terms" to uncover appropriate evidence.

View lesson

Advanced

Explore "firm" and "soft" search terms, and practice using context terms to locate subject-specific collections of information on the web.

View lesson

Understanding search results

Beginner

Learn about the different parts of the results page, and about how to evaluate individual results based on cues like web addresses and snippets.

View lesson

Intermediate

Use the results page to check the quality of a search process, and explore specific strategies students can use to improve their searches and their results.

View lesson

Advanced

Engage additional search strategies, such as generalization and specialization.

View lesson

Narrowing a search to get the best results

Beginner

Apply filtering tools and basic "operators" to narrow search results.

View lesson

Intermediate

Explore filters and additional operators to find new ways to narrow their results.

View lesson

Advanced

Compare results for basic searches with ones that use operators to discover the impact the right operator has at the right time.

View lesson

Searching for evidence for research tasks

Reginner

Draw stronger terms from preliminary search results, identify evidence, and explore using various media to locate specific types of evidence.

View lesson

Intermediat

Investigate different page formats (blogs, news articles, wikis, etc), and how to identify the right format for the type of information students are seeking.

View lesson

Advanced

Examine Google Scholar, and learn how to find specific collections of information that will contain the best evidence for students' research task.

View lesson

Image Search

Google's Image search is awesome.

If you're looking for a picture, piece of art, or something else similar to something you see, you can upload/take a photo and search via that, rather than typing in a silly description "photo of a girl playing in grass".

This is exceptional for when you're looking for something really specific that you don't know the name of, or you'd have to make a really long-winded description with words to find it.

Microsoft Academic Search



All Fields of Study

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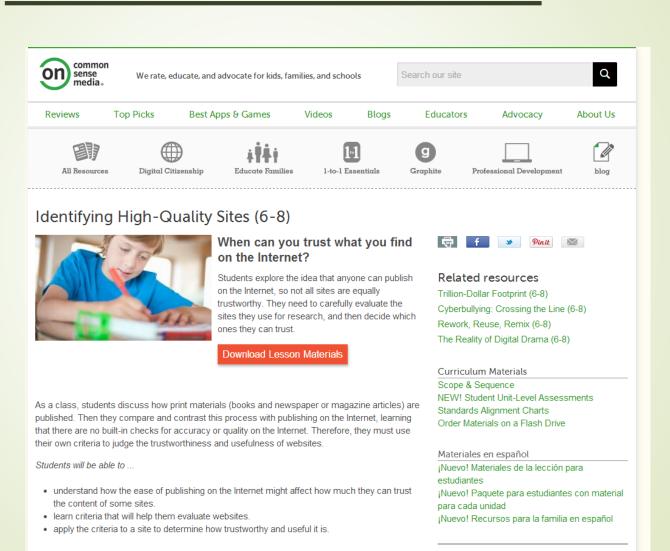
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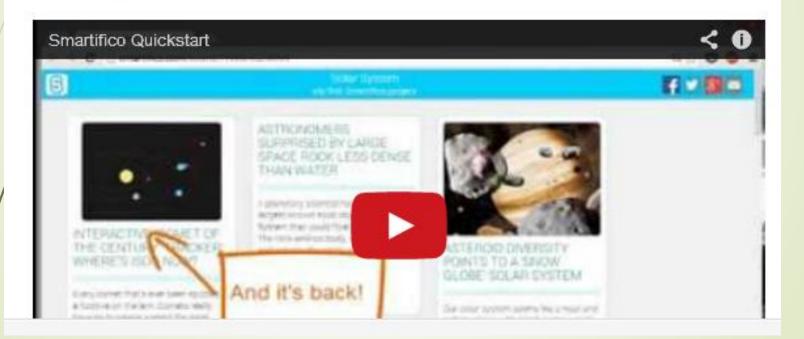
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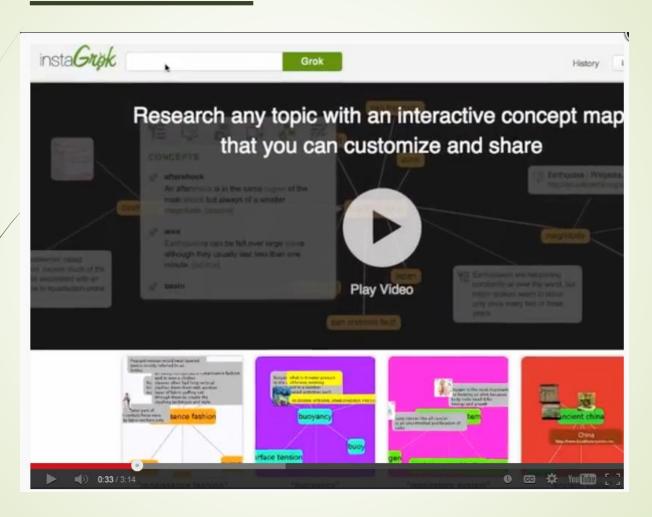
Greetings!

Smartifico is a content discovery and recommendation platform for educators. Sounds very serious, doesn't it? Well, it is powerful, but in fact it is very easy to use. Here is a quick explainer video to get you started in less than 2 minutes.

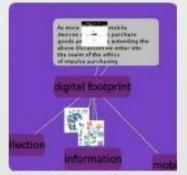




InstaGrok







"digital footprint" by 8d860675d

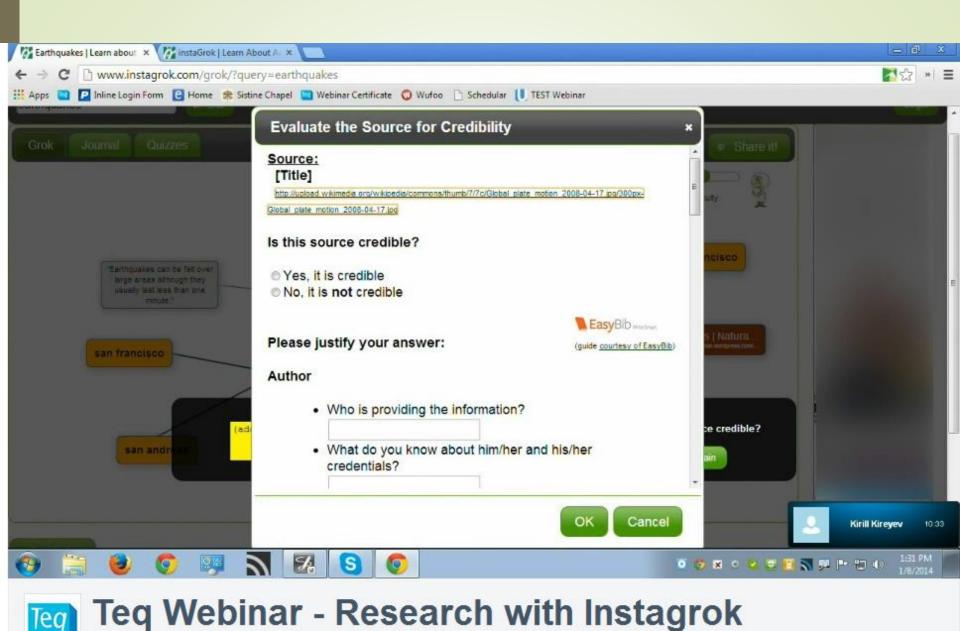


"bullying" by ae7d8045d

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- Research a topic with an interactive map
- Customize it with facts, links, and videos
- Share it to show what you've learned

instaGrok for Classroom



Give it the CRAP Test

"Every man should have a built-in automatic crap detector operating inside him." (Hemingway 1954)

<u>C</u> is for Currency –

• Is the info current? When was the website updated? Can you find the necessary dates on the information you find?

R is for Reliability

• Is it primarily opinion? Is is balanced?

A is for Authority

 Question not only the identity and credentials of the author or creator, but also the publisher

<u>P</u> is for Purpose/Point of View

 Is this fact or opinion? Is it biased? Is the creator/author trying to sell you something?

Howard Rheingold

Sweet Search



A Search Engine for Students



Every Web site in SweetSearch has been evaluated by our research experts.

Teaching Web Research Skills teaches Web research skills to educators and students

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Zotero

Zotero

Free Firefox extension that helps manage documents found online through the browser. It collects citation information and stores PDFs, files, images, links, and web pages.

Mendeley

Free reference manager and academic social network that can help you organize your research, collaborate with others online, and discover the latest research.

Resources

- Information Literacy Resources
- Tips to make Students Better Researchers
- Google for Education
- Google Inside Search

Resources

- How to Spot a Fake Website
- Great Tech Expectations: What Should Elementary Students be Able to do and When?
- Boolify Project: An Educational Boolean Web Search Tool (very visual)
- Boolean Searching on the Internet
- Rockwell Schrock's Boolean Machine

- Web Search Strategies in Plain English
- Finding Dulcinea
- Infomine
- Academic Info
- Directory of Open Access Journals
- Research Beyond Google
- Common Sense Media's Test Before You Trust materials

Presentation Links

- <u>LiveBinders Link to Research</u>
- Box link

