

The iSearch Paper!

"The Possibilities are Endless!"

Research Guide!

Choosing a Topic!

Choose a Topic You're Interested in! Don't use Wikipedia as a Reference Source, but use it for Background Reading, Brainstorming & Topic Ideas!

Wikipedia: A great place to begin searching for a topic!

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portal:Contents/Portals>

<http://coolinterestingstuff.com/>

http://www.aquiziam.com/top_100_mysteries.html

<http://robjohnfrank.com/research-paper-topics/>

100 Research Paper Ideas!

<http://www.midway.edu/library/topics>



Use the Opposing Viewpoints database for topic ideas!:

<http://www.brunswick.k12.me.us/bhslibrary/databases-and-online-resources-2/>

Books: the heart of the Library!

The BHS Library Catalog...We have approximately 25,000 books!

<http://www.brunswick.k12.me.us/bhslibrary/>



MaineCat...Access to 4.6 million books in over 100 in libraries across the state, including the Portland Public Library, Bowdoin College Library, and the University of Maine Library System. We have a van delivery service coming to BHS every Friday, so let us know if there is an inter-library loan book you would like us to get for you!

<http://mainecat.maine.edu/search/>

Google Books! If you *still* can't find what you're looking for, or want more information, try Google Books! Google has scanned more than 30 million books as of January, 2014!

<http://books.google.com>

Hint: Use keywords and phrases in quotes!



Websites!

<http://www.google.com>

Fun Fact: There are 100 Billion Google Searches performed each month and Google has indexed over 30 trillion webpages!

Search Google like a Pro!

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Google_Search
(Look half-way down the page under "search options")



<http://www.howtogeek.com/106718/how-to-search-google-like-a-pro-11-tricks-you-have-to-know/>

Tips for Evaluating Websites!

<http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/TeachingLib/Guides/Internet/Evaluate.html>

	Popular	Scholarly
Who writes the articles?	Professional journalists	Researchers or scholars in a field
Who is the primary audience?	The general public	Other researchers and scholars
Do the authors cite their sources?	Maybe in passing, but you usually won't find formal references	Always - look for a reference list or footnotes/endnotes
Are there ads?	Always	Rarely
Are current events covered?	Yes	No - the peer review process process is long

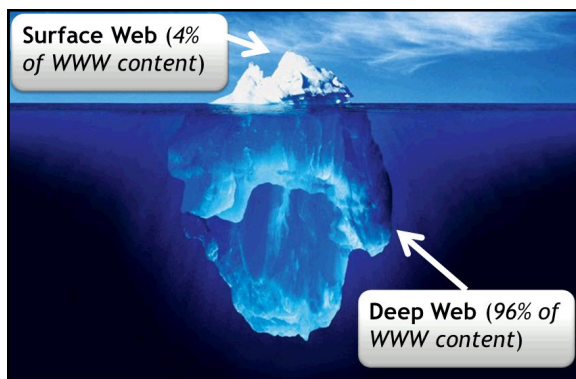
<http://rythospital.com/> Sample of a Hoax Site

Use these Search options to Search Google like a Pro!

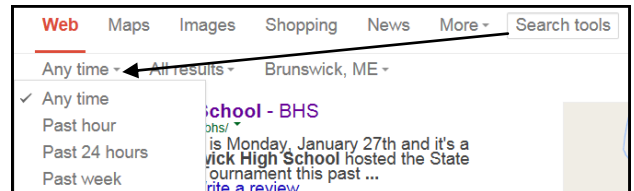
intext: – To search within the FULL TEXT of a webpage, example: intext:"Lennon was the greatest" (no space after "intext:"). This is a great way to search for your thesis idea!

allintitle: – Only the PAGE TITLES are searched (not the full text on each webpage), example: allintitle:"assassination of John Lennon"

Google Tip: pair your topic with phrases or words like "most interesting" "top 10", "top 10 reasons", greatest, fascinating, shocking, etc.



Tip: Use Google's Search Tools to search for web sites published "Any Time" within the last year or last month.



Tip: Use Google News to search over 4,500 News Sites including The New York Times and Washington Post.

<http://www.news.google.com>

The Deep Web or Invisible Web!

Fact: 85% of web searchers use only search engines to find information.

The Deep Web is content that you can't access through a search engine like Google because it is not indexed on the web.

Databases!

Marvel! A collection of dozens of databases giving full-text access to magazines and newspaper articles. It would cost \$700,000 to purchase all of these databases!

<http://libraries.maine.edu/mainedatabases/>



Cite your Sources!

EasyBib!

Avoid plagiarism and cite your sources! EasyBib shows you how to cite **59 different types of resources**, and you can put in a book's ISBN # to quickly create a citation!

<http://www.easybib.com/>

Tip: You can sign in at Easybib and SAVE your Citations by using your Google Drive login!



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<http://inventionmachine.com/the-Invention-Machine-Blog/bid/90626/>

<http://www.mobilemarketingwatch.com/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Online-Gambling-Google-Searches-Fall.jpg>