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\* Useful Links



## Useful Links For Your Assignments

POWER Library	This online database is the <b>BEST</b> place to start researching!
School Access	Click on the PL link, <i>bookmark</i> the site, and start by choosing <b>Student Research Center</b> , or any of the many online databases for you to choose from. <b>POWER Library Home Access:</b> you will need your library card to access Power Library resources from <i>home</i> .
Access PA	By choosing "Search the Database," from the blue tab at the top of the AccessPA page, you can search across the state of Pennsylvania for Library materials. If you find an item of interest, please ask one of the media center staff and we will attempt to order the item by means of Inter-Library Loan.
Animal Diversity Web	The University of Michigan Museum of Zoology has created a site that allows searching of Amphibians, Anthropods, Birds, Bony Fishes, Echinoderms and others, Insects, Mammals, Mollusks, Reptiles, and Sharks.
Animal Planet	Animal Planet provides information for various birds, animals and reptiles. For specific mammal information use the <a href="#">Mammal guide</a> to identify body basics, senses, social behaviors and more.
Atalapedia	Contains information about countries around the world such as population, system of government, area, capital, climate and many other fact and pictures.
Biograhry.com	Read <i>biographies</i> , play games, watch interviews and video clips at <i>Biography.com</i> . Check out Born On This Day, Deathiversary, and Black History sections.
C-SPAN	Includes articles and short video clips pertaining to the Principals of Government, US Constitution, Legislative, Executive & Judicial Branches as well as Political Participation. C-SPAN FOR TEACHERS
Cable in the Classroom	(CIC) is the U.S. cable industry's education foundation. Its mission is to foster the use of cable content and technology to expand and enhance learning for children and youth nationwide. These publications from Cable in the Classroom are designed to inform and inspire educators, parents, opinion leaders, and policymakers with visionary thinking and educationally powerful video and broadband resources. ( <i>Magazine Also Found In The Media Center</i> )
Channel One	Updated world-news geared toward young people featuring current events and interesting stories on breaking news and in-depth issues that affect the world, the nation and specifically, America's teens. Includes news articles, photos, and videos.
Congress for Kids	Just for kids, this is a way to learn American Government. Topics span from independence to the consitution, describe the legislative, executive and judicial branches and more!
CultureGrams	Online reference tool containing up-to-date inforamtion on dozens of countries, as well as the U.S. CultureGrams allows you to research countries, cultures, or regions.
Dewey Browse	Compliation of great web sites classified by the Dewey Decimal Classification System for Grades K-12.
Exploring Earth	Map with links to photograph examples of climate (Click on Visualizations : Climate)

Edgar Allan Poe:EAP Society of Baltimore	Multitudes of information all about the famous author, Edgar Allan Poe. Includes a subject index of the web site.
Encyclopedia Britannica	One of the world's most trusted sources of information on every topic imaginable - from the origins of the universe to current events and everything in between.
Fact Monster	Fact Monster and its Homework Center have received national recognition for their unbeatable reference materials, fun facts and features, and individualized homework help.
Free Rice	FreeRice is a non-profit website run by the United Nations World Food Program. FreeRice has two goals: to provide education to everyone for free, and to help end world hunger by providing rice to hungry people for free.
Geography World	Brad Bowerman's website includes various educational links pertaining to science, history, and specifically geography. Includes teacher resources, classroom aids, maps, photos, homework help, and much more.
Google Book Search	A way for you to search and view many digital books on the web.
Google Scholar	Google Scholar provides a simple way to broadly search for scholarly literature. Google Scholar helps you identify the most relevant research across the world of scholarly research.
L-S Online Catalog	Choose a school and search among books, magazines and other sources of information. Students may create and save booklists, view current checkouts and fines, read and write book reviews, and more!
Lancaster Newspaper (NIE)	Explore the LancasterNewspaper Website where you can find free newspapers, information on newspaper contests, summer reading challenges, holiday greeting card contests, and LNP Science and Engineering Fair information, and more...
Languages for Travelers	Wanting to expand your language? This website will help you learn a new language online; includes Latin and other languages.
Library System of Lancaster County	Follow this link to locate libraries within the Lancaster Public Library System. Check It Out!
Life in Photos	Search millions of photographs from the LIFE photo archive, stretching from the 1750s to today. Most were never published and are now available for the first time through the joint work of LIFE and Google.
MSN Encarta	A free online Encyclopedia, Dictionary, Atlas, and Homework help published by Microsoft. Simple tab's allow for easy navigation and efficient research.
My Pyramid	Published by the government, this website gives everyone in the family personal ideas on how to eat better and exercise more.
National Geographic Online	Contains online maps, photographs, travel and more. A spectacular display of information in text and photograph. National Geographic is a wonderful source of information. <i>(Magazine Also Found In The Media Center)</i>
National Geographic Videos	View National Geographic video's of animals, weather, and much more!
NetLibrary	Search this online database for digital ebooks and journals.
Nettrekker	Explore this online search database for quality web links including elementary, middle and high school search options. State standards are also available including assessment anchors, academic standards, and early learning standards as well as national ISTE NETS for Students, Administrators and Teachers.
North American Mammals	Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History presents North American Mammals. Includes species, family names, family tree, conservation status, field guides, and more.
Pennsylvania Game News	Includes hunting applications, wildlife programs, statistics and more for the state of Pennsylvania. <i>(Magazine Also Found In The Media Center)</i>
POWER Library	This online database is the BEST place to start researching because, unlike Google, POWER Library provides current AND credible information. Try starting with... <b>Kids Search, Student Research Center</b> , or any of the many online databases for you to choose from.
School Access	<b>POWER Library Home Access:</b> you will need your library card to access Power

Library resources from home.

ProCon.org

Promoting critical thinking, education, and informed citizenship by presenting controversial issues in a straightforward, nonpartisan primarily pro-con format. *Looking for ideas to start your persuasive research paper? This is a great starting place!*

Smithsonian National Zoological Park

The Smithsonian National Zoological Park provides an index of zoo animals. Each species contains general information as well as their scientific name.

Top 100 People

Here is the LIFE magazine list of the "Top" 100 People who had a major impact on the Second Millennium, ranked in order of importance.

United Nations Cyber Schoolbus

**A fantastic resource for government studies. This site includes virtual tours of the UN, history and work of the United Nations, UN Countries at a glance with major statistical data in an appropriate format for middle schoolers!**

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Search amidst the US Fish and Wildlife Service site for Fish and Wildlife Species such as endangered species, birds, invasive species, and more.

Web MD

WebMD provides valuable health information, tools for managing your health, and support to those who seek medical, health & wellness information.

Wordle

Wordle is a toy for generating "word clouds" from text that you provide. The clouds give greater prominence to words that appear more frequently in the source text. You can tweak your clouds with different fonts, layouts, and color schemes. The images you create with Wordle are yours to use however you like. You can print them out, or save them to the [Wordle gallery to share with your friends](#).

World Almanac For Kids

**Contains general information and statistics which is updated each year. This web site includes games, and is an interesting place for research or just to explore for fun. Topics cover sports stats, mythology, books, birthdays, holidays, governments around the world, and much much more!**

World Book Online

This online database offers encyclopedia, dictionary, atlas, homework help , study aids, and curriculum guide reference facts.

World Climates

**Map of world climate zones. Climate facts. Koppen Climate classification system. Climate Groups.**

Yahooligans!

A comprehensive online database boasting safe surfing, games, homework help, and many kid friendly activities.

2007-2008 PA's YRCA

Pennsylvania's Young Reader's Choice Award Nominations: Booktalks of fantastic middle-school age books nominated for this award.



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