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Searching Google is easy fun and routine. Most people think the more hits they get the better off they are. simply is not true. Reality says do you really want millions of things to look through or just 200? Sure the to all you may want but is it good enough and is it what you are really looking for?

Start here (Try this "Quiz" ) to understand WHY you should not believe everything on the internet or fro
 Check your Sources carefully. Or, to find out where velcro comes from do a search for "Velcro farm

There are basically 3 types of Search Engines

1. **Directories** like Yahoo. Some one (a human being) actually goes out and finds websites and categorizes them into a "directory" So they are as what some else finds. Sure google hires a lot of people to do this.
2. **Crawlers or spiders** (google) which rely on software to "go out" and find things based on your queries.
3. And a **combination** of the two!

Other things to know.

- **Metacrawlers** like Dogpile. These crawl into a few search engines. DogPile searches 4 other search engines - Google, Yahoo, Bing and Ask compiles it into one list.
- Google invented something called **PageRank** the number of times a website has been viewed is determined where it ends up on googles sea They are also in the process of **downloading "the whole web"** to it's own computers. That is why sometimes a picture shows in your search try to go the site the picture may not be found or is blocked!. The picture is now on one of Google's computers NOT the one where it was origi
- While Google is a crawler/spider it also has a [Directory Search engine !\[\]\(fbea698cdd18bad28d8e6b87acf959be_img.jpg\)](#) As well as many others types of searches. (See below.)
- Most search engines have **advanced features** to narrow down your search. Please use them.
- [Wikipedia !\[\]\(a65c8b450e4c61cdf4380ee7012e3c10_img.jpg\)](#) is now a hot topic too. **It is not a search engine.** It is a user (normal everyday people like you) generated wikispace. Anyone ca to it and is sometime sabotaged with wrong or crude information.
- There are literally hundreds (and hundreds?) of **specialized search engines** out there. Many of them actually use Google's search processin
- Search engines normally look for **Meta-tag** information in web pages to find a "hit". You may know **tagging from places like Facebook an** like sticking a post-it note on the back of something or maybe a tag in your shirt. Most people do not see it but **search engines DO.** This is best way because I could put a tag in the code of this website as "baseball" and when someone does a search for baseball, Olympus High S show up! Now-a-days search engines are fast enough to look at the actual page NOT the meta-tags.
- **Don't confuse search with Find.** In web browsers there is a find (or find on page) command (usually under the edit menu) that will search th **page** you are on. LEARN THIS! Not an option. You will use it instead of reading all 'x' number of pages.

Suggestions for your searches.

- **Be specific** you do not want 75,231 random hits. You want 75 accurate hits.
- Using "quotation marks" keeps words together. If you search for **death penalty** you will get hits with both words **NOT** related to each other. you may get a hit for some one who recently died and you may get a hit for a hockey player who got a penalty.
- Using quotation marks in "death penalty" will look for the two words **together** on a page.
- **Boolean Terms** are AND, OR, & NOT. Here is some [more information in a movie !\[\]\(fc5de26bc3c421a729ce6cbad0a9ee4e_img.jpg\)](#) (Boolean terms must be capitalized)
 - **AND** will look for all words (somewhere on the same page but maybe not together) You mostly do NOT need to use this function. Goog support "AND". It is built into their engine.
 - **OR** (also '|' known as a tube) will look for either word (OR gives you more!)
 - **NOT** will give you results. (think Montana NOT Hannah)
 - ~ in front of word will pull up synonyms (~cancer) this will NOT work - cancer - notice the space
 - ~ try it at the end of the term and see what you get (canc~)
 - .. will give you numbers in a range. 1999..2009
 - * **Wild Card** will fill in the blanks for you. ("To * and * in LA" returns different results than "to and in LA")
 - Try **combinations** of the above. "lung cancer" +opinion -death by *
- Google uses +, - instead of and (+) and not (-) the have to be next to the word (no space) to add Death +penalty. Hannah -Montana.
- **Search "The Deep Web" too** - Most of what you find on "The Web" is soft news or current information. It is not always "real research". **Tha**

found in the deep web. The deep web consists of sites that are not indexed or searched by google, yahoo and the like. The deep web is m university and/or databases that are not generally public information. There are few deep web search engines on the **bottom of this page.**

Citing your sources.

There are quite a few ways to cite your sources. Either of these two links will help you. Fill out the form and it will create a correct text for you to cop into your document.

- [Son of Citation Machine](#)
- [Easy bib\(liography\)](#)
- Many of these sites will tell you how cite right on the page.

Be Careful

- The links below will take you far far away into a new learning curve other than Google.
- Give the search engines TIME to search.
- Links open up in new windows so that you still have access to this page.
- You will need lots of time to surf these because there are a lot here and many of them go to a a lot of others!
- STAY focused on your topic!

(Obviously I do not have every search engine below but it is a good sampling to get you going away from Google generic. If you know of any others I here please let me know.)

Instructional Links (Good tutorials on how to search) I know you think you know how but these tips will give you new ideas to the world.

Instructional Links

- [What are you looking for](#) - Noodle Tools
- [Too much information!](#) about searching. Lots of details - be careful here.
- [Comparing Search Engines](#) at UC Berkeley
- [A great tutorial on searching](#) but you could also do the whole tutorial.
- [Problems with Google boolean searches](#)
- [Pandia Help](#) Don't know much about Pandia but there is a lot here!
- [Google Guide](#) * A fantastic guide to you know what...
- [Google's Help Page](#) Straight from the pros.
- [About . com](#) Stay away from the ads!

Advanced database links These site are either "Advanced" or go to more re-searchable database sites

Advanced/databased Links

- [Pioneer Library](#) Home Access is pioneer/time (EBSCO SIRS...)
- [ERIC](#) Education Resource Information Center
- [ELIE](#) - Click on Library Resources and then Popular databases ([or click here!](#)) SLCC students only
- [Google Scholar](#) To get there on your own. Go to Google click on More click on Scholar.
- [Google Advanced search](#) or click on Advanced!
- [Google Government](#) Yes, search government documents
- [Google News](#) Searches only the news and includes a timeline.
- [American Memories](#) From the LLC. there are more data bases there if you click around
- [What are you looking for](#) - Noodle Tools

Multiple Perspectives (point and counterpoints and pro/con or social issue links)

Multiple Perspective Links

- [Current Events](#) and controversial issues links page.
- [Pro Con . org](#) The name says it all!
- [Best Information on the net](#) Links to many controversial or debatable topics
- [Social Issues](#) from Google's Directory
- [Social Issues](#) from Yahoo's Directory [Social Issues](#) With Pro and Con sides
- [What are you looking for](#) - Noodle Tools

Primary Source Documents (Documents created at or near the time of the event. Original Sources and the likes.)

Primary Sources Links

- [Links page](#) ↗ to US History and World History
- [More Links](#) ↗ to cool Primary Source Documents
- [ALA's page of links](#) ↗
- [Repositories of Primary Source Documents](#) ↗
- [Tudor England Eyewitness Accounts](#) ↗
- [The Letter](#) ↗ Letters from mostly wars to back home.
- [Google Primary Source Search](#) ↗ Yet another Google tool
- [Learn-gasm](#) ↗ Educational and Exciting tools / links
- [Ready Net Go](#) ↗ - Archival info
- [What are you looking for](#) ↗? - Noodle Tools
- [American Rhetoric 100 Speeches](#) ↗ - just what it says!

Links to many Search Engines (On these pages are... Yep, many more links.)

Search engine Page Links

- [Pandia PowerSearch](#) ↗ Soon to become my new favorite!
- [Academic Search](#) ↗ Quite the list from Wikipedia.
- [A list of search engines](#) ↗ by categories and specialization
- [Internet Librarian Search](#) ↗ "Websites you can trust"
- [On-line College blog](#) ↗ A lot of specialized search engines. (Might be blocked at school)
- [Web Search Engines](#) ↗ - As boring as it sounds but more links!
- [Cool Tools For Schools](#) - Stay on the search engine page!
- [What are you looking for](#) ↗? - Noodle Tools

Biographies

- [Fagen finder](#) ↗ not sure about the name!
- [Freality](#) ↗ Stay away from the ads and you'll be fine. There are many search functions on this one site.
- [Search Engine .com](#) ↗ More links to more biography search engines.
- [PolySearch - Biography](#) ↗ Careful. this search pulls up separate windows and some ads.
- [Biography Crawler](#) ↗ - A search engine crawler made just for biographies (I do not like this but maybe you will!)
- [Who2](#) ↗ "Find famous people fast"
- [Biography Websites](#) ↗ - Links from Cambridge University
- [Library Spot](#) ↗ Biographies Library Spot link is found elsewhere too.
- [ALA - Biography](#) ↗ - American Library Association Biography page
- [Times 100](#) ↗ Yes, Time Magazine
- [PBS](#) ↗ Biography pages
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- [What are you looking for](#) ↗? - Noodle Tools
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Deep Web (invisible) Search engines (Stuff not normally found with regular (visible) search engines)

Deep Web Links

- [What is the Deep Web?](#) ↗
- [Complete Planet](#) ↗
- [Turbo 10](#) ↗
- [Internet Librarian](#) ↗
- [Infomine](#) ↗

Google is just too cool to ignore!

[Sets](#) ↗

Type 5 games google will you ten more

- **Many More Search Engines of all varieties.**

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