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American Association of School Librarians



https://standards.aasl.org/project/bw18/

More recommendations from the American Association of School Librarians' **Best Websites for Teaching and Learning for 2018**:

NEWSEUM

- NewseumED contains primary sources, historical videos, and other resources. Grades 3+
- https://newseumed.org/

SCIENCE FRIDAY

- Science Friday partners with educators and scientists to create free STEM activities, lessons, and resources for all learners.
- https://www.sciencefriday.com/educate/



- Stanford History Education Group offers history lessons and assessments using primary sources. Grades 6+
- https://sheg.stanford.edu/



Welcome!

Welcome to the students and teachers of West Palm Beach, Florida! We're happy you are using Infotopia.info, Infotrek.info and Kidtopia.info for your research needs!



60 Ideas for Using Google MyMaps

https://bit.ly/2uJp58o

Can your students effectively use maps in any subject? Matt Miller, a former Spanish teacher and Google-Certified Innovator, has developed a web site called *Ditch the Textbook* and he has included ways for students to use MyMaps from Google Maps to enhance learning in many subjects. MyMaps allows students (and teachers) to create a customized map that plots historical events, the settings of fictional works, to locate regions where endangered species live, and much, much more.

Need more help using MyMaps? Check out Matt's YouTube video here.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bz2Ohi16ED8











Kidtopja

Are your elementary students interested in drawing or painting? What about creating their own comics? Check out our resources below.

Did you know that Dav Pilkey's teachers used to send him out into the hallway because he was so disruptive in class? He loved to draw and make up stories, and when he was in the second grade, he created a comic book about a superhero named "Captain Underpants"!

https://www.kidtopia.info/drawing painting.html



https://www.kidtopia.info/comics.html





Do you have a "Hot" Topic for next school year? We need ideas for new subject areas and/or resources for Infotopia or Kidtopia.

Just send us an email (<u>bell@infotopia.info</u>) and we will identify websites that meet our criteria and include them in our web directories and search engines.

In the meantime, check out our "Hot Topics" for Infotopia, including: Citing Your Resources, ESL, Fairy Tales and Folktales, Earth Day, Primary Sources, Colleges, Careers, Mythology, and much more!

http://www.infotopia.info/popular topics.html

Our search engines/web directories include:

http://www.infotopia.info
http://www.kidtopia.info
http://www.kidtopiagames.com
http://www.infotrek.info
http://www.virtuallrc.com
http://www.teachertopia.info

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We appreciate your feedback and we love to hear from you!

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Google

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Improve your Google search skills with a free selfpaced online class on "Power Searching" or "Advanced Power Searching." Taught by a Senior Research Scientist from Google, you will improve your research skills, including all of the following areas:

- How to interpret your results
- How to find facts faster
- How to search by image
- How to find conversions and calculator
- How to search for translations
- How to check your facts
- And more.....

Of course, because Infotopia and Kidtopia are custom Google search engines, you can use all of the above techniques here as well.