More Ways to Search on Infotopia, Virtual LRC, or Infotrek Using Google Operators and Advanced Search Tips

We'll use "endangered animals" for our search term in the following examples. Be sure to space it exactly as shown below.

*Looking for a PowerPoint?
Enter the following into the *Infotopia, Virtual LRC or Infotrek* search box:
filetype:ppt endangered animals

*Looking for a great image?
Go to:
http://www.google.com/advanced_image_search
and enter your keyword. You can also select the type of image, the color, the usage rights and more! *This is an amazing resource!*

*Looking for a handout (PDF)?
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*Looking for information within a specific web site?
Enter the following into the *Infotopia, Virtual LRC or Infotrek* search box:
site:cnn.com endangered animals
site:infotopia.info endangered animals
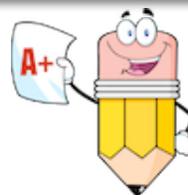
*Looking for one topic OR another related topic?
Enter the following into the *Infotopia, Virtual LRC or Infotrek* search box:
"endangered species" OR "endangered animals"

(Note: Be sure to use a capital OR and put any exact words or phrase search terms in quotation marks as shown.)
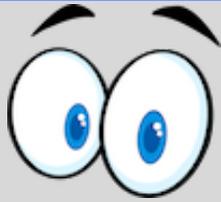
Cite Your Work...

Don't forget to require your students to cite their resources in their work. It's important to get them started at a young age to realize that they can't copy everything off the Internet (or from a book or magazine) and claim it as their own work. **Even AI sources must be cited.** Here's an article that discusses how to cite an AI source.
https://apastyle.apa.org/blog/how-to-cite-chatgpt

Many resources on the Internet now have the correct citation included on the web page. Students just need to include that citation with their work as a footnote or as a list of citations at the end of the work.

If the citation isn't included, just have your students use one of our free citation creators. They just enter the type of resource (book, encyclopedia, magazine, website, etc.) fill in the blanks, and click "submit." The citation is now ready to be pasted into a "list of resources" page. Try it! Which of our citation creators is your favorite?
http://www.infotopia.info/citations.html

Online Course?

Have you ever wanted to sign up for an online course in a subject that interests you? There are several online college web sites that include free courses from the top universities. If you just want to audit the course, it is usually free. If you want credit for the course, you must pay for it. (Financial aid may be available.)

As an example, I found a free Classical Music course from Yale at **www.Coursera.com**. Coursera features courses from MIT, the University of Pennsylvania, Johns Hopkins, the University of Michigan, Stanford, UC San Diego, Duke, The Museum of Modern Art, and more.

Another source of online classes is the Open Education Database **http://oedb.org/** , offering courses from MIT, the University of Michigan, Johns Hopkins, and many more.

You might also check out Khan Academy, which includes K-12 courses for free, plus ACT and SAT preparation classes.
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https://www.virtualLRC.com

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