## Welcome!

Welcome to the students and teachers of **Salinas, California**! We're happy you are using Infotopia.info, Infotrek.info and Kidtopia.info for your research needs!

**Health Resources on Infotopia**
http://www.infotopia.info/health.html

If you or your students need to research a health condition or a disease, try **WebMD**, the **Mayo Clinic** or our favorite, **Medscape**. (You'll need to set up an email and password to read the full articles on Medscape, but the detailed information is worth it.) Also, Medscape is available in English, German, Spanish, French and Portuguese.

https://www.webmd.com/

https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions

https://www.medscape.com/today

For quick facts about health topics, with statistics by topic as well, try the **CDC's FastStats.** Be sure to use the menu at the left to go to diseases/conditions and much more.

https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/default.htm

For a global look at world health, check out the World Health Organization.

https://www.who.int/

As always, you or your students can do a keyword search for any health/disease topic on Infotopia.info and the results are reliable.

**Some of our Favorite Blogs for Teachers/Librarians**

### Free Technology for Teachers
Written by Richard Byrne

Richard Byrne is a Google certified educator and a winner of numerous Edublogs Award for Best Resource Sharing Blog. He has amazing articles about easy ways to use free technology in the classroom.

https://www.freetech4teachers.com/

### Cool Tools for Schools

This site includes cool tools for teaching and learning as well as cool resources for teachers and students.

https://sites.google.com/view/cool-tools-for-schools/

### A Media Specialist's Guide to the Internet

Julie Greller has been blogging since 2006 and her site includes resources for all grades and subjects, as well as links to web tools, infographics, authors, and information for new teachers.

https://mediaspecialistsguide.blogspot.com/

# Kidtopia

Do your K-3 students love pets? Be sure to check out Kidtopia's Pets resources page, with links to coloring pages, quotes from pets, videos and pictures of pets, and a funny video about dogs, all at the appropriate age level.

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

Are you looking for more information about pets? You and your students can do a custom Google search in the search box on Kidtopia. I searched for "unusual pets" on Kidtopia and found all of the following resources:

- Special care needs for unusual pets from Wonderopolis
- Fun animal facts from ScienceKids from New Zealand
- Presidential pets from National Geographic
- A video and recommended picture books about pets from ReadWriteThink.

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Our search engines/web directories include:

*https://www.infotopia.info*

*https://www.kidtopia.info*

*https://www.kidtopiagames.com*

*https://www.infotrek.info*

*https://www.virtualLRC.com*

*https://www.teachertopia.info*

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

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## Citymapper

We have always used Google Maps to find our way around a tourist destination or just to find our way around an unfamiliar city. Recently, we went to New York City and needed to use the bus system instead of the subway because one member of our group wasn't able to manage the stairs (and the heat) in and out of the subway. We discovered a free little app called **Citymapper** that is so amazing that I needed to write about it. You can simply click on your location and enter where you want to go. It will walk you to the closest subway or bus, estimate the departure and arrival time, and show you an estimate of the cost of a taxi or Uber. It will then walk you to your destination after you have taken your bus or subway. It even suggests walking or bicycle routes (and calories burned) if you want to use those.

It's now available for Apple or Android for 36 cities around the world, with more to be added in the future.

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## Did You Know?

**Dr. Michael Bell** researches and selects every photo that is placed on the front page of Infotopia.info! Just scroll over the "**About Photo**" link in the menu at the bottom and a white box pops up with information about the photo. If you want even more information, click on the "**About Photo**" link and you can watch a detailed video about the topic. What an amazing way to learn about the world!