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Culinary Techniques for Healthy School Meals

Click on "Culinary Techniques for Healthy School Meals" for information that addresses childhood obesity and describes ways to make school meals more nutritious and delicious

Kitchen Companion: Your Safe Food Handbook
www.fsis.usda.gov/Factsheets/Kitchen_Companion/

This online publication from the USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service provides important updated information about safe food handling practices and food-borne illnesses

USDA Complete Guide to Home Canning
www.uga.edu/nchfp/publications/publications_usda.html

Seven PDF instruction guides that describe the processes of selecting, preparing, and canning fruit, vegetables, meat, and jams and jellies, from the National Center for Home Food Preservation

National Agricultural Library
www.nal.usda.gov

Information and resources from the USDA on a variety of subjects, including animals and livestock, food and nutrition, laws and regulations, plants and crops, natural resources, and the environment
USDA-NRCS Plants Database
http://plants.usda.gov

Information about U.S. vascular plants, mosses, liverworts, hornworts, and lichens; includes hundreds of free, downloadable fact sheets and plant guides

USDA Living Science
www.agriculture.purdue.edu/USDA/careers/

Descriptions about a range of careers related to food, agriculture, and natural resources, with a color poster for each to download

USDA Office of Communications, Radio Features Archive
http://audioarchives.oc.usda.gov/radnewsfeat.asp

Free podcasts on a variety of topics related to agriculture

Energy Kids
www.eia.doe.gov/kids/

An engaging, kid-friendly site that describes almost every aspect of energy and energy sources, gives a history of energy, and offers challenging puzzles and quizzes

NRCS The Twelve Orders of Soil Taxonomy Posters
http://soils.usda.gov/technical/soil_orders/

Free color posters, in PDF format, including one combined poster and 12 individual posters (one for each Order)

USDA-ARS Ideas for Science Fair Projects
www.ars.usda.gov/is/kids/AgSciProjects/ideas.htm

Science fair project ideas, plus an explanation of the parts of a science project: research question, hypothesis, procedure, results, and conclusion
FoodSafety.gov
www.foodsafety.gov

Gateway to government food safety information, including safety alerts, consumer advice, national food safety programs, and more

Food and Drug Administration—Food Information
www.fda.gov/Food/

Recent news, national food safety programs, special interest areas, and other information from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration

FightBAC.org
www.fightbac.org

Website of the Partnership for Food Safety Education, featuring information about food safety and safe food handling

MyPyramid.gov
www.pyramid.gov

Interactive tools to help you assess your food and physical activity choices

DietaryGuidelines.gov
www.cnpp.usda.gov/dietaryguidelines.htm

Resources related to the USDA’s Dietary Guidelines for Americans, including current and previous guidelines

Sunkist Lesson Plans
www.sunkist.com/kids/pandt/

Lesson plans and activities for kids, parents, and teachers to promote healthy eating
International Food Information Council  
www.foodinsight.org  

Includes educational booklets and brochures for educators, students, and consumers

Breeds of Livestock  
www.ansi.okstate.edu/breeds/  

Descriptions and color photos of breeds of cattle, horses, goats, sheep, swine, poultry, and other species

American Livestock Breeds Conservancy  
http://albc-usa.org/  

An organization dedicated to preserving endangered breeds of livestock and poultry

National Swine Registry  
www.nationalswine.com  

Information about swine breeds, shows and events, youth development activities, and teacher resources

NOAH—Network of Animal Health  
www.avma.org  

Journal articles and news from the American Veterinary Medical Association

Growing the Next Generation  
www.growingthentargetgeneration.com  

Soil and plant nutrient teacher materials, student activities, games, videos, and career information
NIOSH Safety and Health: Agriculture
www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/agriculture/
Agriculture safety and health publications and links from the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, including information on ergonomics, grain handling, machinery, young workers, and other safety and health topics

Yahoo! Agriculture Directory
http://dir.yahoo.com/Science/agriculture/
Hundreds of links by categories

Made in Oklahoma
www.madeinoklahoma.net
A great way to locate products made in the State of Oklahoma

The Accidental Scientist: Science of Cooking
www.exploratorium.edu/cooking/
Explore recipes, activities, and webcasts that will enhance your understanding of the science behind food and cooking

University of Vermont, Food and Nutrition: Eating What We Grow
www.uvm.edu/extension/food/?page=grow.html
Profiles and recipes for fruits and vegetables A-Z, including a brief history of each

Smithsonian National Zoological Park
http://nationalzoo.si.edu/
Information about a variety of animals, including farm animals, such as distribution, habitat, lifespan, conservation status, and more
**Farm Tech Trek—GPS**  
www.campsilos.org/mod4/students/farmtrek.shtml  
*Information for students about GPS for farmers and other farming-related activities*

**Growing A Nation: The Story of American Agriculture**  
www.agclassroom.org/gan/  
*A history of American agriculture by decade or by topic category*

**Forestry Images**  
www.forestryimages.org  
*More than 137,000 images relating to forest health, natural resources, and silviculture*

**Wilderness Education Curriculum**  
http://carhart.wilderness.net  
*A K-12 wilderness education curriculum from the Arthur Carhart National Wilderness Training Center, free to download*

**Soil Biology Movies**  
www.agron.iastate.edu/~loynachan/mov/  
*A series of 18 movies on life in the soil, to view online or to download*

**Dairy Max**  
www.dairymax.org  
*Promotes the lifelong health benefits of dairy products, with information for health professionals, educators, and consumers*
Got Milk?
www.whymilk.com
Videos, recipes, research studies, and other information for all ages about the health benefits of milk

Nebraska Corn Board: Corn Curriculum
www.nebraskacorn.org
Click on “Education & Youth” to access the National Corn Growers Association’s corn curriculum, which includes lesson plans across curriculum areas

Utah Education Network
www.uen.org
K-12 lesson plans for a wide variety of subjects and grade levels

KidWind Project
www.kidwind.org
Teachers, engineers, and scientists “committed to innovative energy education,” featuring free lessons and plans to download on a variety of wind energy topics

Idaho National Laboratory’s Energy for Educators
www.energyforeducators.org
Free renewable energy curriculum resources

Adventures in Renewable Energy Technology
www.re-energy.ca
Renewable energy project plans to build working models, free to download, on topics including solar electricity, solar heat, wind energy, water power, biomass energy, and other clean energy technologies
Green Living Tips
www.greenlivingtips.com

Hundreds of articles and tips on ways to help reduce your environmental impact

EarthEasy
http://eartheasy.com

Articles, blogs, resources, and products for living a sustainable lifestyle

Adventures in Renewable Energy Technology
www.re-energy.ca

Innovative teaching resources to inspire youth to participate in a sustainable world

Nature Conservancy—Oklahoma
www.nature.org/wherewework/northamerica/states/oklahoma/about/con_main.html

Conservation activities for students, funding opportunities for educators, and ways for parents to encourage their children to connect with nature

Key Ingredients: America By Food
www.keyingredients.org

The online educational companion to the Smithsonian Institution’s traveling exhibition, featuring “500 years of American food,” “the American cookbook project,” and “eating across America”
Science in Your Shopping Cart
www.ars.usda.gov/is/np/shopcart/shopcartintro.html

How agricultural research contributes to the abundance, variety, convenience, and healthfulness of the contents of your shopping cart

National Register of Big Trees
www.americanforests.org/resources/bigtrees/

Nominations for the largest of 826 species of trees in America, with color photos

Energy Statistics and Analysis
www.eia.doe.gov

Energy statistics from the Energy Information Administration
Regreen
www.regreenprogram.org

Best practice guidelines and resources from the American Society of Interior Designers’ Foundation and the U.S. Green Building Council, including the Regreen Guidelines booklet free to download

The Green Home Guide
www.greenhomeguide.org/

Information and resources for green building and remodeling from the U.S. Green Building Council

Cement & Concrete Basics
www.cement.org/basics/

How concrete is made, concrete components, production and construction, and more from the Portland Cement Association

Building Big
www.pbs.org/wgbh/buildingbig/educator/index.html

Activities to increase students’ awareness of the built environment and the impact of technology on society while teaching basic physical science concepts

ConcreteNetwork.com
www.concretenetwork.com/

Design ideas and tools, design videos, weekly features, and more
Paint & Decorating Retailers Association
www.pdra.org/

Association website that includes decorating advice

NIOSH Safety and Health: Construction
www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/construction/

Construction safety and health publications and links from the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, including publications on asphalt, confined spaces, drywall, electrocution, ergonomics, excavations, falls, silicosis, and other safety and health topics

3D Spatial Models of Great Buildings
www.greatbuildings.com/types/models/spatial_models.html

Presents 3D models of various buildings from around the world

Fatal Facts Accident Reports
www.osha.gov/OshDoc/toc_Fatalfacts.html

Case descriptions of actual fatal accidents in the workplace, by type of accident

Healthy Housing Reference Manual
www.cdc.gov/nceh/publications/books/housing/housing.htm

A complete, 14-chapter guide to healthy housing, free to download; chapter titles include:

• Housing History and Purpose
• Basic Principles of Healthy Housing
• Disease Vectors and Pests
• Environmental Barriers
• Energy Efficiency
• and More
Arts, A/V Technology & Communications

Aviary
http://aviary.com

*Image editing and screen capturing tools*

Color Wheel Tutorial
www.worqx.com/color/color_wheel.htm

*Illustrations and explanations of color wheel relationships*

CrocoDoc
http://crocodoc.com/

*Collaboratively highlight and comment on PDFs, Word documents and images*

CamStudio
http://camstudio.org

*Record all screen and audio activity on your computer and create industry-standard AVI video with this free version of Camtasia*

Wisconsin Online Resource Center
www.wisc-online.com

*Free registration provides access to thousands of learning objects*

Musicoverry
http://musicoverry.com

*Experience many different styles of music from all over the world*
Glogster
www.glogster.com

Use text, images, music, video, and hyperlinks to create an interactive poster

Picnik
www.picnik.com

Picnik is an online photo editor that allows you to create special effects with your photos

Big Huge Labs
http://bighugelabs.com

Create posters, cards, puzzles, and more for classroom projects, notes, letters, or programs

Audacity
http://audacity.sourceforge.net

A free, open-source, audio editing and recording program for use on Windows, Macs, and Linux operating systems, complete with tutorials

FudgeGraphics
www.fudgegraphics.com

An inspirational blog for graphic designers

Picture Correct
www.picturecorrect.com

Photography and photo manipulation tutorials

ZooBurst
www.zooburst.com

A digital storytelling tool to create your own 3D pop-up books
Your Fonts
www.yourfont.com
A low-cost way to turn your own handwriting into a font that you can use on your computer

Pixton
http://pixton.com
A web-based comic strip generation tool that allows you to create your own digital cartoons

Posterous
https://posterous.com
A blog and social network website

PowerPoint Digital Scrapbook
http://schoollibrary2point0.wikispaces.com/Digital+Scrapbooking
Encourage students how to create their own free digital scrapbook for a class project

Lulu
www.lulu.com
Self-publish your own e-book or calendar

Loggel
www.loggel.com
Create an online dairy that incorporates audio and video

National Gallery of Art Online Tours
www.nga.gov/onlinetours/
Online tours of the Gallery’s collections including paintings, sculpture, works on paper, photographs, and decorative arts, and in-depth study tours organized by artist, art works, and themes
Stitch Diva Studios
www.stitchdiva.com
  Step-by-step knitting instructions, free patterns, and sources for yarns and tools

Gimp (General Image Manipulation Program)
www.gimp.org
  Free photo retouching and manipulation software

Voki
www.voki.com
  Create a speaking avatar within minutes; also includes tips for educators for making learning activities more engaging

Be a Movie Director Game
http://americanhistory.si.edu/onthemove/games/game3/
  Select a vehicle for a new movie, and then watch the movie you created, from the National Museum of American History

Biography.com
www.biography.com
  Biographies of famous people, both contemporary and historical

Media Awareness Network
www.media-awareness.ca/english/
  Clearinghouse of ideas and resources for educators, including teaching units, handouts, reports, and background material for media and digital literacy
The Learning Network—New York Times  
http://learning.blogs.nytimes.com  
Articles and activities designed to help students understand the story behind today’s news events

LIFE Magazine’s Timeline  
www.life.com/timeline  
Tell a story of an event by creating a timeline using photos from the LIFE Magazine image archives

MediaCollege.com  
www.mediacollege.com  
Free resources for film and digital media production

Photoshop for Digital Photographers  
www.thedigitalphotographyconnection.com  
A wide-ranging collection of PhotoShop how-to videos

Grammar Girl  
http://grammar.quickanddirtytips.com  
Quick tips that can help anyone improve his or her writing

Editing with Movie Maker  
www.windowsmoviemakers.net/Tutorials/HowToEditVideo.aspx  
An easy to use tutorial that walks you step-by-step through the video editing process using Windows Movie Maker

PaperRater  
www.paperrater.com  
A free online proofreading, grammar checker, a plagiarism detection tool
Skype
www.skype.com
Send and receive text messages, talk, participate in video calls, and collaborate with other Skype users throughout the world

Animoto
http://animoto.com
A tool that makes web-based videos from still photos or videos

ToonDoo
www.toondoo.com
Allows you to create your own cool comic strips with just a few drag and drops with your mouse

Smilebox
http://smilebox.com
Create multimedia-based calendars, newsletters, collages, invitations, and photo albums

Kerpoof!
http://kerpoof.com
Make a movie, tell a story, and create a drawing, or browse lesson plans and teacher tools

Photoscape
http://www.photoscape.org
An easy-to-use program that enables you to enhance photos
Blender
www.blender.org

A free open-source 3D/Animation program; the site includes several tutorials and information about joining the developers' community

Wordle
www.wordle.net

Create word clouds based on term papers, poems, historical documents, and speeches

Fotobabble
http://fotobabble.com

Add an audio caption to your favorite photo

SoundzAbound
www.soundzabound.com

A relatively low cost, online source for royalty-free music and sound effects for schools

Beginners’ Latin
www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/latin/beginners/

Tutorials from the National Archives of the UK designed to help those interested learn basic Latin vocabulary

Read the Words
www.readthewords.com

Post a text document online and an avatar will read it back to you; a great resource for students who struggle with their reading
Essential Business Culture Guides
www.executiveplanet.com

A wiki filled with tips on business etiquette, customs, and protocol, organized by country

Coaching Practices for Managers
www.managers-gestionnaires.gc.ca/mtools-eng.asp

The eight practices included in this free PDF publication are practical, easy to use and can be implemented immediately by leaders at all levels, not only within your organization but in your personal life as well.

Videojug
www.videojug.com

More than 60,000 how-to videos—search on "etiquette" to find videos on business, party, dining and general etiquette

World Factbook
www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/

Detailed country profiles, updated annually, from the Central Intelligence Agency

Yahoo! Business and Economy Directory
http://dir.yahoo.com/Business_and_Economy/

Thousands of business-related links by categories

Better Business Bureau
http://us.bbb.org

Check out a business or charity, or file a complaint
FTC Bureau of Consumer Protection  
www.ftc.gov/bcp/  

*Consumer protection information from the Federal Trade Commission*

A Legal Guide to the Internet  
www.deed.state.mn.us/publications/  

*A publication available for download from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development that discusses ecommerce, copyright, and other topics*

Bank of America Small Business Resource Center  
www.va-interactive.com/bankofamerica/resourcemcenter/  

*Articles that explain topics such as developing a business plan, identifying a target market, building a brand, and more*
ThinkQuest—Library
www.thinkquest.org/en/

Learning resources for students of all ages on a wide range of subjects

Khan Academy
www.khanacademy.org

Thousands of videos, exercises, and assessments covering arithmetic to physics, finance and history

Toolkit for Youth with Disabilities Transitioning to Adulthood
www.ncwd-youth.info/PAS-Toolkit

A free toolkit to download in Word and PDF versions

New Teacher Survival
http://discoveryeducation.com/survival/

Resources for assisting new teachers; includes “technology 101” and “best of the web” features

WiZiQ
www.wiziq.com

A web-based virtual classroom for sharing educational content and tests

Teacher Tube
www1.teachertube.com

An online community for sharing instructional videos
Trust Magazine
www.pewtrusts.org/trust_magazine.aspx

A publication of The Pew Charitable Trusts, the Fall 2010 issue includes the feature article, “A Portrait of Generation Next,” free to download

Webspiration
www.mywebspiration.com

Organize information and brainstorm ideas anywhere or anytime

Exploratree
www.exploratree.org.uk

A useful mind-mapping tool and graphic organizer

Mind42
http://mind42.com

A collaborative mind mapping tool that allows you to easily organize your thoughts—a great tool for developing research papers

WebQuest
http://webquest.org

A WebQuest is an inquiry lesson format that use available information on the web as resources

Poll Everywhere
www.polleverywhere.com

Encourage more student participation in traditional lectures with this free classroom response system that works using cell phones or computers
Quizlet
http://quizlet.com/
A great online tool to help students practice vocabulary and language

Apple Podcasting in Education
www.apple.com/education/resources
Free videos and tutorials for teachers and administrators for using Apple products in an educational setting

SchoolTube
http://schooltube.com
A safe video sharing website for teachers and students

Thinkfinity
www.thinkfinity.org
Free resources for educators from the Verizon Foundation

CareerTech Testing Center Blog
www.careertechtesting.blogspot.com
Information on a variety of topics—some original, some inspired by the world around us, and some generated by others—that have application to testing and to career and technology education

The Futures Channel
www.thefutureschannel.com
Movies and activities demonstrating real-world applications of math and science

Prezi
http://prezi.com/
Create engaging, nonlinear, "zooming" presentations
WebCrosswords.com
http://webcrosswords.com

Play and create free crossword puzzles and other word games for use in your classroom

Voicethread
www.voicethread.com

Voicethread is a collaborative, multimedia tool for creating slide shows that incorporate images, documents, and videos

Blabberize
http://blabberize.com

Animate still photos to create talking pictures that can be used to spice up a presentation

Guides and Tutorials: Non-Linear PowerPoint
www.guidesandtutorials.com/non-linear-powerpoint.html

When used correctly, PowerPoint can be an engaging instructional tool; learn how to make your presentations more dynamic

The Spider's Apprentice
www.monash.com/spidap.html

Learn how web search engines work and find tips for locating exactly what you want on the web

Hot Potatoes
http://hotpot.uvic.ca/tutorials6.php

Applications that enable you to create interactive multiple-choice, short-answer, jumbled-sentence, crossword, matching/ordering and gap-fill exercises for use on the web
Discovery Classroom Resources
http://school.discoveryeducation.com

Lesson plans library, worksheets to go, and more from Discovery Education

Partnership for 21st Century Skills
www.21stcenturyskills.org

Advocacy organization for infusing 21st Century skills into education at all levels; links to state initiatives, resources, and frameworks

Distance Education and Training Council
www.detc.org

Nonprofit educational association that promotes excellence in distance education

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
www.gatesfoundation.org

Website about the Foundation and its programs and efforts on a range of subjects, including education

FREE—Federal Resources for Educational Excellence
www.free.ed.gov

Links to hundreds of teaching and learning resources from federal agencies, on topics such as arts and music, health and physical education, language arts, math, science, and U.S. history

FutureLab
www.futurelab.org.uk

A comprehensive website for contemporary educational research, school development projects, and related resources
**NationalAtlas.gov**
www.nationalatlas.gov

A wide range of printable, dynamic, and interactive maps and articles that illustrate dozens of trends and topics about America

**America.gov**
www.america.gov

Information about American life, culture, and current foreign policy, from the State Department's Bureau of International Information Programs

**Education Planet**
www.educationplanet.com

Thousands of online educational resources, including lesson plans for art, music, education, health and nutrition, language arts, geography, math, science and technology, and social studies

**Martindale’s—The Reference Desk**
www.martindalecenter.com

Online calculators and other resources relating to mathematics, agriculture, engineering, home, chemistry, food, and more

**Sweet Search**
www.sweetsearch.com

A search engine designed especially for students that links to sites approved by research experts, teachers, and librarians

**ProQuest K12**
www.proquestk12.com/educatortools.shtml

Archives of lesson plans on hundreds of topics, by category
U.S. Copyright Office
www.copyright.gov
Information about copyright, how to register a work, law and policy, and more

Prologue Magazine
http://archives.gov/publications/prologue/
Stories based on the holdings and programs of the National Archives, including current and archived issues

Civil War Battle Summaries
www.nps.gov/history/hps/abpp/battles/bystate.htm
Civil War battle summaries, by state, from the American Battlefield Protection Program

History.com
www.history.com
Educational videos and television programming

USDA Cooperative Extension Service
www.csrees.usda.gov/qlinks/partners/state_partners.html
Links to Cooperative Extension Service partners in every state

Career and Technical Education Resources
www.khake.com/page50.html
Dozens of links to resources on topics related to career and technical education

CIMC
www.okcimc.com
The source for CareerTech curriculum made in Oklahoma
MAVCC
www.mavcc.org
A multi-state curriculum consortium

CareerTech Testing Center
www.careertechtesting.com
Oklahoma’s premier source for competency assessments, skill standards, and online testing

We Shall Overcome
www.nps.gov/history/nr/travel/civilrights/
Links to, and explanations of, historic places in the civil rights movement in America, by state

Today in History
http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/today/today.html
Memorable events for each day of the year, from the Library of Congress

EDSITEment
http://edsitement.neh.gov/calendar/
Historic events calendar, with lesson plans, from the National Endowment for the Humanities

LibrarySpot.com
www.libraryspot.com
Encyclopedias, maps, online libraries, quotations, dictionaries, and more

The College Board's Net Price Calculator
www.collegeboard.com/html/npc/
This calculator gives parents and students a realistic estimate of future college expenses
Consumer World
www.consumerworld.org

Everything consumer—bargains, ploys, price checkers, you name it

Federal Citizen Information Center
www.pueblo.gsa.gov

Free publications on a range of consumer topics, including cars, computers, education, employment, family, food, health, housing, and money

Federal Reserve Education
www.federalreserveeducation.org

Instructional materials from the Federal Reserve System

Great Depression Curriculum
www.stlouisfed.org/greatdepression/curriculum.html

Complete curriculum, including text and PowerPoints, free to download from the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

FDIC Consumer News
www.fdic.gov/consumers/consumer/news/

This site promises “…practical guidance on how to become a smarter, safer user of financial services”

MyMoney.gov
www.mymoney.gov/

Website of the U.S. Financial Literacy and Education Commission, including calculators and information on budgeting, credit, home ownership, paying for education, and saving and investing
**Financial Calculators**
www.ace.uiuc.edu/cfe/calculators.html

Calculators from the University of Illinois Extension

**Getting Through Tough Financial Times**
http://web.extension.illinois.edu/toughtimes/

A website providing confidential help for families in need, including free educational resources to download, states’ contact information, and more

**Consumer Action**
www.consumeraction.gov

Download the free Consumer Action Handbook, covering what to do before and after you buy almost anything

**FTC Consumer Information**
www.ftc.gov/bcp/consumer.shtm

Advice from the Federal Trade Commission on a variety of consumer topics, from automobiles to telemarketing

**Economic Education Resources, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston**
www.bos.frb.org/education/econedpubs.htm

Free publications to download from the Boston Fed, including The Ledger, an economic education newsletter for teachers

**Web Winder**
www.webwinder.com

Business and financial calculators
USA.gov
www.usa.gov

A starting point to locate federal, state, and tribal government agencies, with an A-Z agency index

Economy-at-a-Glance Tables
www.bls.gov/eag/

Tables organized by state and metropolitan area, from the Bureau of Labor Statistics

National Contact Center
www.info.gov/phone.htm

Federal employee telephone directories, by agency

Federal Toll-Free Telephone Numbers
www.info.gov/toll-free.htm

Toll-free telephone numbers, organized by agency

Peace Corp
www.peacecorps.gov

An organization of volunteers who help improve the lives of countless individuals in over 100 foreign countries

Clerk’s Floor Summary
http://clerk.house.gov/floorsummary/floor.html

U.S. House proceedings for the last seven legislative days
U.S. Election Assistance Commission
www.eac.gov/voter/docs/state-reg-deadlines.xls/
attachment_download/file

Information concerning voter registration deadlines, research data, and voter guides

Supreme Court Calendar
www.supremecourtus.gov

View the calendar of oral arguments before the U.S. Supreme Court, court rulings, and opinions

USAjobs.gov
www.usajobs.gov

Official jobs site of the federal government

Higher Ed Jobs
www.higheredjobs.com

View job listings posted by most major college and universities

Coaching Practices for Managers
www.managers-gestionnaires.gc.ca/mtools-eng.asp

The eight practices included in this free PDF publication are practical, easy to use and can be implemented immediately by leaders at all levels, not only within your organization but in your personal life as well.
Access Excellence
www.accessexcellence.org
Science updates, graphics gallery, and an activities exchange from the National Health Museum

The Healthy Woman: A Complete Guide for All Ages
www.womenshealth.gov/pub/the-healthy-woman/
An online publication specifically for women, which covers such topics as managing chronic pain, recognizing the signs of stroke, and understanding the risks for diabetes

BMI Calculator
www.nhlbisupport.com/bmi/
A body mass index calculator of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute

Illinois Nurse Aide Testing, Skills Videos
www.nurseaidetesting.com/siu/
Skills videos that demonstrate essential actions students must perform when being evaluated in the skills component of nursing competency exams

The Visible Human Project
Complete, anatomically detailed, three-dimensional representations of normal male and female bodies, created from cadavers

Medical Matrix
www.medmatrix.org
Guide to Internet clinical medicine resources
Human Anatomy Online
www.innerbody.com

Human anatomy reference site featuring animations, graphics, and links

Alzheimer's Association
www.alz.org

The Alzheimer's Association's Brain Tour provides a fascinating interactive explanation about how the brain works and how Alzheimer's disease affects the brain

NIH Health Information A to Z
http://health.nih.gov

Health information organized by body systems, health and wellness, conditions/diseases, and procedures

Health.gov
www.health.gov

Portal to the websites of federal departments and agencies, and their health initiatives and activities

The Pathology Guy
www.pathguy.com

Dozens of resources on pathology topics, general pathology, and resources for the medical teacher

NursingNet
www.nursingnet.org

Online nursing resources

Cells Alive
www.cellsalive.com

Animations and graphics on cell biology, microbiology, immunology, and microscopy
NIH Office of Science Education
http://science.education.nih.gov

Educational resources from the National Institutes of Health, organized by topics, grade levels, and formats

Medical World
www.mwsearch.com

Health and medical information search site

NIGMS Interactive Games
http://publications.nigms.nih.gov/classroom/quiz/

Multi-level, interactive games and puzzles about cells, proteins, the chemistry of health, and other topics from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences

Findings Slide Kits
www.nigms.nih.gov/Publications/slidekit.htm

Files in PowerPoint and PDF formats on a variety of subjects, including “bugging the bugs,” “do-it-yourself biology,” and “mimicking Mother Nature”

The Human Heart
www.fi.edu/learn/heart/

An online exploration of the human heart from The Franklin Institute, including enrichment activities

CDC's Health Marketing Resources and Tools
www.cdc.gov/healthmarketing/resources.htm

Provides a guide for implementing strategies that can be used in public health education, research and communication efforts
CDC’s Science Ambassador
www.cdc.gov/excite/ScienceAmbassador/ambassador_pgm/lessonplans.htm

Engaging high school and middle school lesson plans that introduce students to real public health problems and nurture an interest in careers in the public health industry

UNC Health Care Library
http://healthlibrary.unchc.org/library/

From the University of North Carolina, a library that includes diseases and conditions, tests and procedures, drug reference, wellness, herbs, vitamins, and supplements, healthy recipes and more.

Inside the Brain
www.alz.org/brain/01.asp

An Interactive Tour from the Alzheimer’s Association

Interactive Hand Hygiene Course
www.cdc.gov/handhygiene/training/interactiveEducation/

From the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Iowa Geriatric Education Center Info-Connect pamphlets
www.healthcare.uiowa.edu/igec/publications/info-connect/

Free documents to download

Kansas State University, Center on Aging
www.k-state.edu/peak/modules.htm

Free instructional modules to download
Oklahoma Today Magazine Digital Archives
http://digital.library.okstate.edu/oktoday/

Free electronic versions of all issues of Oklahoma Today Magazine since the 1950s, including feature stories that make great classroom resources for study in travel, geography, history, and social studies

Skillswise
www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/words/vocabulary/wordsforwork/catering/game.shtml

Games to help build spelling skills and word usage related to catering and hospitality

Oklahoma Agritourism: Oklahoma’s Growing Adventure
www.oklahomaagritourism.com

Links to Oklahoma agritourism destinations, resource manual, directory, and more

Office of Travel and Tourism Industries
http://tinet.ita.doc.gov

Official U.S. Government site offering information about travel in the U.S. and abroad, statistics, and policies

CyberTour Routes
www.okcimc.com/titles/tourism/

U.S. Highways.com
www.us-highways.com
Everything about the U.S. highway system, covering all highways, past and present

Oklahoma Route 66 Association
www.oklahomaroute66.com
Website of the Association, featuring news, preservation information, business listings, and facts about the historic highway

International Hotel and Restaurant Association
www.ih-ra.com
Publications, industry issues and news, and a member database

Hcareers.com
www.hcareers.com
Search site for hospitality careers, from hotel and resort jobs to cruise ship positions, entertainment jobs, and travel/tourism careers

International Society of Travel and Tourism Educators
www.istte.org/links.html
Travel, tourism, and hospitality links
Statistics on the Aging
www.agingstats.gov/agingstatsdotnet/main_site/default.aspx

*Federal interagency forum on aging-related statistics*

PEAK-ED
www.k-state.edu/peak/

*Promoting Excellent Alternatives in Kansas Nursing Home Education Initiative modules feature information about nursing home culture, activities, and other issues*

Population Clocks
www.census.gov/main/www/popclock.html

*U.S. and world population clocks*

ChildStats.gov
www.childstats.gov/

*Forum on child and family statistics*

Data Resource Center for Child & Adolescent Health
www.childhealthdata.org

*Health data available by survey or map*

National Child Care Information and Technical Assistance Center
http://nccic.org

*A national clearinghouse and technical assistance center that provides child care information resources*
NAEYC
www.naeyc.org

Website of the National Association for the Education of Young Children

Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
http://nc.agbell.org

Helps families, health care providers, and education professionals understand childhood hearing loss and the importance of early diagnosis and intervention

American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD)
www.aamr.org

Professional association by and for professionals who support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities

Council for Exceptional Children
www.cec.sped.org

Largest international professional organization dedicated to improving the educational success of individuals with disabilities and/or gifts and talents

BeautyTech
www.beautytech.com

Resources, articles, message boards, links and more, covering every aspect of the industry

Salon52.ca
www.salon52.ca

Salon Magazine’s articles and features on beauty, wellness, and style
Google, Google, and More Google

Google has expanded well beyond its well known search engine—make long distance phone calls using Google Voice, draw 3D building models using Google SketchUp, and more

Web Designer Depot: The Ultimate Guide for Everything Twitter
www.webdesignerdepot.com/2009/03/the-ultimate-guide-for-everything-twitter/

Learn what all the tweeting is about

GetNetWise
www.getnetwise.org

Resources and video tutorials on topics relating to Internet education and safety

SiteHoover
http://sitehoover.com

Create a homepage with links to all of your favorite websites

Downloadpedia
http://downloadpedia.org

A library of freeware, shareware, commercial software, and all sort of tools

Jing
www.techsmith.com/jing/free/

Create screen captures that can be instantly shared by email or social media
WordPress
http://wordpress.org

Build your own classroom blog or website

Curate.Us
www.curate.us

Input a URL and get the embed code for the image of the page plus a shortened link for posting

Diigo
www.diigo.com

A social bookmarking site that allows you to use a highlighter or a sticky note to leave yourself notes on the page

Qipit
www.qipit.com

Take a photo of any document with your phone, and then use this tool to convert it to a PDF file to email or store

How-to Articles from Microsoft
www.microsoft.com/education/howto.mspx

Articles that explain how to incorporate multimedia content into curriculum using Microsoft Windows Media Technologies

Microsoft’s PowerPoint Graphics-Related Tutorials

Breathe new life into your presentations by learning to use the robust graphics features in PowerPoint
Open Office
http://openoffice.org

Free, open-source software applications that allow you to edit Microsoft Office documents

Learn to Create Websites
http://w3schools.com

Tutorials for learning all types of web production—HTML, CSS, PHP, XML, Flash and more

Internet Society
www.isoc.org/internet/history/

Links to a range of perspectives on the history of the Internet

Podcast Casting News
www.podcastingnews.com/topics/Podcast_Directory.html

Lists of podcasts

EDUCAUSE
www.educause.edu/community/

Place to connect with other information technology professionals

The Horizon Report
http://wp.nmc.org/horizon2011

Identifies emerging technologies that will likely have the greatest impact in the coming five years

Distance Education and Training Council
www.detc.org

Nonprofit educational association that promotes excellence in distance education
Webopedia
www.webopedia.com/
   The online computer dictionary for computer and Internet terms and definitions

WiredSafety.org
www.wiredsafety.org
   Resources to help kids and parents navigate the Internet more safely

NetSmartz411
www.netsmartz411.org
   Internet safety helpdesk

Microsoft How-To Articles
www.microsoft.com/education/howto.mspx
   Tips and tricks for using Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Publisher, and more

CERT
www.cert.org
   Information about Internet security issues from the Software Engineering Institute at Carnegie Mellon University

OnGuard Online
www.onguardonline.gov
   Practical computer safety tips from the federal government and the technology industry

Internet Tools
www.internettutorials.net
   A great resource for basic how-to tutorials for using the internet
MERLOT
http://merlot.org

MERLOT (Multimedia Educational Resource for Learning and Online Teaching) is an open source site that instructors can use to add peer reviewed content to courses

StumbleUpon
www.stumbleupon.com

StumbleUpon allows you to find sites that interest you

Wiki Walk-Through
http://www.teachersfirst.com/content/wiki/

This tutorial talks about the basics of using a wiki, and then allows teachers to peruse content and grade-specific ideas for using wikis in the classroom

Edublogs
www.edublog.org

One of the world's most popular blogging services, designed exclusively for educators

WikiSpaces
www.wikispaces.com

This site includes a tutorial for setting up and running a wiki, which can be used as a collaborative learning tool

TeacherWeb
www.teacherweb.com

This web site gives teachers the ability to communicate online with parents and students, and post blogs, announcements, online quizzes, and videos
How-To Geek's Complete list of iPad Tips, Tricks, and Tutorials
www.howtogeek.com/howto/14529/the-complete-list-of-ipad-tips-tricks-and-tutorials/

This website can show you how to use your new iPad

MacBreak
www.pixelcorps.tv/macbreak

Videocasts of quick how-to's, updates, and conversations, about everything Mac

How to Create Video Streaming
www.mediacollege.com/video/streaming/overview.html

For people who are familiar with basic digital videography and know how to create a web site, this site explains different types of video streaming

ZAMZAR
www.zamzar.com

Convert all sorts of file types online without having to download software

Brainify
www.brainify.com

Collaboratively build a library of web resources for an academic course or program

Copy Taste
http://copytaste.com

Allows you to create your own private URL with data you want to share with friends or colleagues
Delicious
www.delicious.com

An excellent bookmarking service for those who have a Yahoo account

Color Vision by Cal Henderson
www.iamcal.com/toys/colors/

This site has a tool that allows you to simulate the appearance of the site’s colors for people with different color visions/deficiencies.
Crime Scene Investigation
www.crime-scene-investigator.net

Information and links about all aspects of criminal investigation

FBI Kids Pages
www.fbi.gov/fbikids.htm

Children and their parents can learn more about the FBI through age-appropriate games, tips, stories and interactive

Officer.com
www.officer.com

A comprehensive law enforcement website

Ridges and Furrows
http://ridgesandfurrows.homestead.com

Everything about fingerprinting

interFIRE.org
www.interfire.org

Resource site for fire investigators, fire insurers, law enforcement, and others

Corrections.com
www.corrections.com

Information and related links for those interested corrections
Manufacturing

Manufacturing Is Cool
www.manufacturingiscool.com

Interactive website from the Society of Manufacturing Engineers Education Council

How Everyday Things Are Made
http://manufacturing.stanford.edu

Video tours showing how items are manufactured, from airplanes to jelly beans, presented by the Alliance for Innovative Manufacturing at Stanford University

 Manufacturing Career Guide
www.khake.com/page40.html

Links for exploring manufacturing careers

How Gear Ratios Work
www.howstuffworks.com/gears.htm

Explanation with illustrations from HowStuffWorks.com

NIOSH
www.cdc.gov/niosh/

Workplace safety and injury prevention resources, organized by industries and occupations, hazards and exposures, diseases and injuries, chemicals, safety and prevention, and emergency preparedness and response

Grand Challenges for Engineering
www.engineeringchallenges.org/

Explanations of the top engineering challenges for the 21st Century, from the National Academy of Engineering
Reading a Micrometer
www.upscale.utoronto.ca/PVB/Harrison/Micrometer/Micrometer.html

Animation showing how a micrometer works and how to read one

Greatest Engineering Achievements of the 20th Century
www.greatachievements.org

The top 20 achievements and how engineering shaped the century, from the National Academy of Engineering

Lincoln Electric, Education Center
www.lincolnelectric.com

Information on skilled trades, lists seminars and workshops, welding safety information, and operators manuals
SBA Small Business Administration
www.sba.gov

Loans and grants, training, small business law, guidelines and tips for pricing, selling, and other assistance

AllBusiness.com
www.allbusiness.com/sales/2976221-1.html

Tips and advice on sales and selling in a small business environment

Business.gov
www.business.gov

Small business guides on topics such as advertising and marketing, finance, employment and labor laws, and more

International Trade Association’s Online Bookstore
www.ita.doc.gov/media/Publications/

Links to ITA’s most popular book titles, including many that are free to download

Free Enterprise: The Economics of Cooperation
http://dallasfed.org/educate/free/

A free publication of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas

Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation
www.kauffman.org

Educational materials, reports, and other resources relating to entrepreneurship
RetailSales.net  
www.retailsales.net  
Resources to help independent retailers to build their skills

Business Etiquette  
www.emilypost.com/business-etiquette  
Tips from The Emily Post Institute

Monkey See  
www.monkeysee.com  
Type in "etiquette" in the search engine to locate dozens of videos, ranging from basic dining etiquette to understanding how to talk to people who have disabilities

eHow  
www.ehow.com  
Instructional how-to videos on almost anything—from making a healthful strawberry smoothie, to changing a tire; search on "business etiquette" to learn proper business rules, corporate protocol, customs, and manners

Institute for Citizen-Centred Service  
www.iccs-isac.org/en/cmt/publications.htm  
Canada's ICCS provides customer satisfaction questions for survey instruments that help managers understand the needs of their clients and identify ways to improve their ways of doing business
Amazing Space
http://amazing-space.stsci.edu

Classroom resources that promote the science and beauty of the universe, based on discoveries from the Hubble Space Telescope

Brain POP
www.brainpop.com

An engaging website that offers animated curriculum for science, math, engineering and technology, health, English, and social studies

Kids' Zone
http://nces.ed.gov/nceskids/

Includes math quizzes, activities, and a tool for creating graphs

Conversion Tables/Unit Conversion Online
www.convert-me.com/en/

Conversions for many common and exotic units

CSI: Climate Status Investigations
www.keystonecurriculum.org

Lessons on climate change, made possibly by the Keystone Center, the Department of Energy, and the National Energy Technology Laboratory

The Khan Academy
www.khanacademy.org

Offers a multitude of video lectures in science, math, history, and finance
National Center for Science Literacy, Education, and Technology
www.amnh.org/nationalcenter

Programs and resources for kids and teachers on topics such as biodiversity, earth science, astronomy, anthropology, and paleontology, from the American Museum of Natural History

Engineering Your Future
www.aws.org/foundation/engineer_your_future.html

A free set of 12 science workshops for junior and senior high school students, from the American Welding Society

Engineering Pathway
www.engineeringpathway.com/ep/

Portal to teaching and learning resources in engineering, applied science and math, computer science, information technology, and engineering technology

Nanooze
www.nanooze.org

Learn about the latest in science and technology

PIE
www.pienetwork.org

“Playfully Inventing and Exploring” offers project ideas that integrate technology with art, science, music, and engineering

International Technology and Engineering Educators Association
www.iteaconnect.org

Association website, with links to standards and other resources
World of Materials
www.engr.sjsu.edu/WofMatE/
   Exploring materials engineering

Magnet Man
http://my.execpc.com/~rhoadley/magindex.htm
   Cool experiments with magnets

Optics Activities
http://micro.magnet.fsu.edu/optics/activities/students/
   Activities for students to investigate light, optics, and color

Fluid Power Educational Foundation
www.fpef.org/Education/Education.htm
   Includes a free basic and advanced curriculum to download

Robot Café
www.robotcafe.com
   A community of robotics enthusiasts

Web Elements
www.webelements.com
   The periodic table on the web

Exploring the Nano World
http://mrsec.wisc.edu/Edetc/
   Modules and activities to explore nanotechnology

Forging Facts
www.forging.org/facts/wwhy6.htm
   Explanation of how forgings are produced, from the Forging Industry Association
Museum of Science and Industry  
www.msichicago.org

The Chicago museum also features online science activities.

The Lemelson Center for the Study of Invention & Innovation  
http://invention.smithsonian.org/home/

Virtual exhibits, explorations, resources, and free downloads for teachers, students, and parents, from the Smithsonian Museum of American History.

NOAA Education  
www.education.noaa.gov/teachers1.html

Teacher and student resources from the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration, on weather, climate change and our planet, oceans and coasts, satellites, and space.

NOAA's Ocean Explorer  
http://oceanexplorer.noaa.gov

List of educational resources, inquiry-based learning activities, and professional development information, as well links to spectacular videos, dynamic maps, and amazing photos.

NASA For Educators  
www.nasa.gov/audience/foreducators/

Free teaching materials for students and teachers at multiple grade levels.

Digital Photography Tutorials  
www.cambridgeincolour.com/tutorials.htm

Tutorials about cameras, imaging, color, and techniques.
Bridge-Related Links
www.abcdpittsburgh.org/links2.html

Dozens of links from the Association for Bridge Construction and Design, Pittsburgh Chapter

Super Bridge
www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/bridge/

Companion website to the NOVA program “Super Bridge,” including the Build A Bridge game and links to bridge-related resources

NIGMS Publications
http://publications.nigms.nih.gov/order/

Free full-color publications to download from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences

NASA Aerodynamics Index
www.grc.nasa.gov/WWW/K-12/airplane/short.html

Links to slides, explanations, and animations of aerodynamics topics from the Glenn Research Center

NASA Exploring Space Through Math
http://humanresearch.jsc.nasa.gov/education/Algebra_main.asp

Free student and teacher modules to download to help students develop a deeper understanding of key mathematical concepts and their applications

Mathematical Moments
www.ams.org/samplings/mathmoments/mathmoments/

A poster series that promotes appreciation and understanding of the role that mathematics plays in science, nature, technology and human culture, from the American Mathematical Society
U.S. Department of the Interior Teacher Resources
www.doi.gov/teachers

Resources for life science, ecology, earth science, and more

Energy Quest
www.energyquest.ca.gov

Energy and environmental education materials and resources for students, parents, and teachers from the California Energy Commission

Math Resources
www.khake.com/page47.html

Links to math tutorials, formulas, calculators, and directories

The Lawrence Hall of Science, Publications and Products
www.lawrencehallofscience.org/education/curriculum

The LHS of UC-Berkeley provides instructional materials for PK-12, designed to enhance student learning in science and math

WolframAlpha
www.wolframalpha.com

This website will not only solve any mathematical problem, but it will also provide the steps describing how to get the answer

Live Science
www.livescience.com

Science, health, and technology news and videos

Jefferson Lab
http://education.jlab.org

Activities, worksheets, puzzles, games, and programs designed to increase interest in engineering and technology, especially in under-represented groups
America On the Move
http://americanhistory.si.edu/onthemove/

How transportation changed lives, culture, landscapes, and communities, an online exhibit from the National Museum of American History

How Cars Work 101
www.innerauto.com/Automotive_Systems/

Explanations for how every aspect of a vehicle works

Women in Transportation
www.fhwa.dot.gov/wit/

Website about women’s history in transportation, including a free guide to download

National Coalition for Aviation Education
www.aviationeducation.org

The Coalition website, including career and teaching resources

Aviation Handbooks & Manuals
www.faa.gov/library/manuals/aviation/

Numerous, informative, aviation-related publications available for download as PDF files, from the Federal Aviation Administration

Bestpaperairplanes.com
www.bestpaperairplanes.com

Paper airplane designs and how to make them
NASA Smart Skies
www.smartskies.nasa.gov

*Distance-rate-time investigations in air traffic control*

99s Museum of Women Pilots
www.museumofwomenpilots.com

*The website of the museum located in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, including the history of women pilots, and biographies*

The Box
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/in_depth/business/2008/the_box/

*This site tracks the year-long journey of a shipping container as it travels around the world in an effort to illustrate the impact of a global economy*
Core Topics

Career One-Stop
www.careeronestop.org

Career information for specific industries, in-demand occupations, profiles the tools and technologies that workers use, and online career video segments

Bureau of Labor Statistics
http://stats.bls.gov

At-a-glance tables, research, demographics, industry and occupation information, career information for kids, and more

Census Bureau
www.census.gov

Data about people, business and industry, geography, and population clocks

The Internet Owner’s Manual
www.learnthenet.com/english/

A website “dedicated to helping you master this amazing medium”

Time Zone Converter
www.timezoneconverter.com

Find out the time anywhere in the world, links to other converters, and time zone maps

Microsoft Office Online

Help and how-to home page
OSHA Publications
www.osha.gov/pls/publications/publication.html

Free OSHA publications to download, by alphabetical listing or by industry or topic

Thesaurus.com
http://thesaurus.com

Online thesaurus, also featuring games and a word of the day

Merriam-Webster Dictionary
www.m-w.com

Online dictionary, also featuring a thesaurus, a Spanish-English dictionary, a medical dictionary, word of the day, and games

Fact Monster
www.factmonster.com

An encyclopedia, dictionary, atlas, almanac all in one student-friendly website

Refdesk.com
www.refdesk.com

The “fact checker for the Internet”

Oklahoma Career Clusters
www.okcareertech.org/okcareerclusters/

Pathways, career majors, and courses for each of 16 career clusters

O-Net OnLine
www.onetonline.org/find/career

A database that allows students and educators to read about hundreds of careers organized by career clusters
Try these activities!

To learn more about the Internet’s use, visit the websites listed below and complete the activities. First browse each site to see if it includes topics of interest to you. If it does, work through the activities. Be sure to browse each website before deciding which to explore more completely.

http://www.20thingsilearned.com/

This article lists 20 things the author learned about internet browsers and the web. List 10 of these “things” that most interested you. In a sentence or two, describe how you use, or could use, these “things.”

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Explore the site to learn about being smart when using the internet. List the three to five sections you looked at closely.

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http://www.dogonews.com/

Explore this site that is designed to have information and activities for students of all ages. Why do you think a subtitle for this site is, or was, “fodder for young minds?”

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Describe the website. What did you like about it?

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Is That Really True?
Exploring urban legends and other rumors

The Internet is a wonderful thing to explore, have fun, and exchange information. However, there are some negative things about it, too. One of these is that anything can be put out—regardless of its truth or accuracy. One person will read or hear something and post or email it to thousands, or even millions, of other places. Many, many times the information is totally inaccurate or flat-out wrong.

These inaccuracies that spread throughout the Internet are sometimes called “urban legends.” If you read or hear some story that sounds fishy, it is a good idea to check it out on sites that research and verify these legends.

Explore the websites below or you may use another urban legend website. Read about some of the legends listed. Then briefly describe the legend and whether it is true. Report on three or four items you researched.

http://www.snopes.com/snopes.asp

http://urbanlegends.about.com/
Wiki: Fact or Fiction

What is a Wiki? It is a website that lets users add, remove, and edit the content on the site. One of the most popular and well-known wikis is Wikipedia. Wikis make it easy for people to help complete the site by adding and editing content. It also makes it possible to constantly update the information to keep it timely and accurate. This isn’t possible to do in traditional books.

The name “wiki” comes from the Hawaiian word wiki, which means quick. Wikis are designed so that content can be added, updated, and corrected quickly and easily. Wikipedia calls itself the “free encyclopedia that anyone can edit.”

[www.wikipedia.org]

Look at the Wikipedia website. Find the overview link and read the information. Think about an encyclopedia that anyone can add information to. What advantages and disadvantages could this have?

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If you are using information from a site like Wikipedia (or most other websites), should you automatically believe the information you read? Should you check the reliability and accuracy of items you learn? Think about ways you can do this.
Decide on a topic to research and find it using Wikipedia. Verify the information by finding the same facts in at least two other places. Repeat the activity using another topic.

Was the information on Wikipedia accurate or did you find errors?

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Find the “Sister Project” section of the Wikipedia homepage. Explore several of these projects. Briefly describe these projects.

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Remember that, as you use the Internet, and especially “wiki-style” sites, the information is only as accurate as the person who created it. It is always a good idea to verify what you learned.