

Best Websites for College Research

Your professor asks you to find scholarly web sources. Where can you go?

How to find credible sources on Google: ask yourself these questions.

1. Is it Wikipedia? If so, don't use it.

Wikipedia can be edited by anyone, so it is not a trustworthy source. Most Wikipedia articles list credible sources as references at the bottom, however, so you might find a good source there.

2. Is it more than 10 years old? Be careful.

In general, you want to use the most up-to-date research, so be wary of sources that are more than 10 years old, especially for disciplines like science, technology, business, medicine, or psychology.

3. Is it a .com website? Be careful.

Aside from the websites of credible newspapers, organizations, and universities, you should generally avoid .com websites when doing research. Websites ending in .org or .edu are a safer bet.

4. Does it have an author? If not, be careful.

You should only use sources without an author if the website is from a credible newspaper, magazine, organization, or university.

5. Is the website up to date? If not, don't use it.

Was this website last updated several years ago? Are all of its links out of date? If so, avoid using this site as a scholarly source.

Best websites for research in any discipline:

ipl.org ~ Internet Public Library

eric.ed.gov

doaj.org ~ Directory of Open Access Journals

jstor.org

A note about JSTOR: To access many of the articles on this website, you must create a free account and sign in. You are allowed full access to three articles every two weeks. If you do not want to create an account, you can select "Content I Can Access" instead of "All Content," and your search will only bring up articles you can see without an account.

Current Events:

nytimes.com

washingtonpost.com

newyorker.com

cnn.com

Art:

artcyclopedia.com ~ browse artists by movement, nationality, and gender

metmuseum.org

<http://www.chart.ac.uk/vlib/>

<http://worldart.sjsu.edu/>

Business and economics:

omicsonline.org/open-access-journals-list.php

agris.fao.org/agris-search/index.do ~ Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

<http://thescipub.com/ajeba.toc> ~ American Journal of Economics and Business Administration

<http://www.ccsenet.org/journal/index.php/ijms> ~ International Journal of Economic Studies

<http://www.scirp.org/journal/me/> ~Modern Economy

<http://www.forbes.com>

Health and medicine:

biomedcentral.com

nlm.nih.gov

mayoclinic.org

<http://www.freemedicaljournals.com/>

<http://jama.jamanetwork.com/journal.aspx> ~ Journal of the American Medical Association

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/>

History and government:

digitalhistory.uh.edu ~ good overviews of important periods in American history

loc.gov ~ Library of Congress: collections of primary sources related to American history

chroniclingamerica.loc.gov ~ historical newspapers

usgovernmentmanual.gov ~ This site contains official handbook of the federal government, which explains the activities and rules of each branch of government.

<http://press-pubs.uchicago.edu/founders/> ~ information related to the creation of the U.S. Constitution

Law:

<http://www.findlaw.com/>

<http://www.law.cornell.edu/>

<http://www.plol.org/Pages/Search.aspx> ~ Public Library of Law

<http://www.washlaw.edu/>

<http://www.lawsourc.com/also/usa.cgi?usj> ~ a list of American Law Periodicals

Literature:

bartleby.com ~ find poems by most well-known authors

jstor.com

projectgutenberg.org ~ find thousands of full-text books online

eserver.org ~ a list of good online resources for the Humanities

vos.ucsb.edu ~ Voice of the Shuttle, a collection of online resources for all of the Humanities

<http://andromeda.rutgers.edu/~jlynch/Lit/> ~ a list of online literary sources

Psychology:

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcpsychol>

<http://psych.hanover.edu/research/exponnet.html>

<http://www.capmh.com/content> ~ child and adolescent psychiatry and mental health

<http://www.apa.org/topics/index.aspx>

Science:

omicsonline.org/open-access-journals-list.php

scienceresearch.com

scientificamerican.com

science.gov

sciencedaily.com

plos.org

Technology:

<http://www.pewinternet.org/>