

Websites for Teens by Subject

Criteria:

Solid Information Resource

Ease of use

Appropriate Content for Middle and/or High School Students

Free Access to Entire Collection Without Subscription or Registration

Known authorship

US History

American Memory

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/>

The Library of Congress offers online access to written and spoken words, sound recordings, still and moving images, prints, maps, and sheet music that document the American experience. Collections are searchable and are also browseable by topic, time period, place, or format.

National Geographic Homework

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/homework>

This site presents historical and current information from National Geographic magazine. The site includes the Map Machine, which produces (detailed or blank) maps on demand.

Digital History

<http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/>

This wide-reaching site on US history incorporates primary texts, reference materials, a current textbook, encyclopedia articles, and evaluation of these materials by historians. Created by Steve Mintz of the University of Houston.

Best of History Websites

<http://www.besthistorysites.net/index.shtml>

This clearinghouse of US history sites is broken down into specific categories by time period and by topic.

High School Ace - US History

<http://highschoolace.com/ace/government.cfm>

This history portal provides access to information on US History, Culture, Government, and Geography.

Databases for US History Research Through JerseyClicks –

Facts on File:

African American History & Culture

American History Online

American Indian History & Culture

American Women's History

World History

Best of History Websites

<http://www.besthistorysites.net/index.shtml>

This portal offers a vast array of world history resources broken down into the following topics: Prehistory, Ancient/Biblical, Medieval, Early Modern Europe, 20th Century, and World War II.

Internet History Sourcebooks Project

<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/>

This site offers a vast array of primary source documents and web links in the areas of Ancient History, Medieval, and Modern History. The site also offers access to the collection through the topics of African, East Asian, Global, Indian, Jewish, Islamic, Lesbian/Gay, Science, and Women's History. Hosted by Fordham University, edited by Paul Halsall.

BBC: History

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/>

This site covers British history from prehistoric times through the present with browseable sections: Prehistory, Science and Technology, Church and State, and wars and Conflict. The site includes interactive media displays, radio clips, and news clips.

British Museum – Compass

<http://www.thebritishmuseum.ac.uk/compass/index.html>

Compass features around 5000 objects from the huge range of periods and cultures represented in the Museum.

Hyper History

http://www.hyperhistory.com/online_n2/History_n2/a.html

This project provides a framework for understanding history as it happened in time. Information is provided in detailed timelines which incorporate links with further information and maps.

The World Factbook - CIA

<http://www.odci.gov/cia/publications/factbook/index.html>

This site provides overviews of every country in the world including geography, people, government, economy, communications, and transnational issues. Helpful for current events classes.

Databases for World History Through JerseyClicks –

Facts on File:
Ancient History & Culture
World History Online

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Literature

Internet Public Library's Literary Criticism Page

<http://ipl.si.umich.edu/div/litcrit/>

This site contains critical and biographical websites about authors and their works that can be browsed by author, by title, or by nationality and literary period.

Bartleby.com

<http://www.bartleby.com>

Full-text searchable reference books online including *Barlett's Familiar Quotations*, *The Cambridge History of English and American Literature*, and *Roget's Thesaurus II*.

Glossary of Literary Terms

<http://www.virtualsalt.com/litterms.htm>

Alphabetical listing of literary terms with definitions and examples.

Dictionary of Symbolism

<http://www.umich.edu/~umfansf/symbolismproject/symbolism.html/>

A searchable aid to understanding the use of symbolism in literature.

Librarians' Internet Index – Literary Movements and Periods

<http://lii.org/pub/topic/142>

Browseable list of websites covering western literary movements.

Databases for Literature Through JerseyClicks –

Ebsco's Academic Search Premier

Ebsco's Masterfile Premier

Writing

The Writing Center – Citing References in Your Paper

<http://www.wisc.edu/writing/Handbook/Documentation.html>

A guide to creating citations in various formats and information on plagiarism from the University of Wisconsin.

Introductions and Thesis Statements

http://www.hamilton.edu/academics/resource/wc/Intro_Thesis.html

A guide to developing and writing strong papers starting with the development of an introduction and thesis statement. Developed by Hamilton College.

KnightCite

<http://webapps.calvin.edu/knightcite/index.php>

A citation tool that provides citations in MLA, APA, and Chicago styles.

Math

The Math Page

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

(This is the page that Tyler showed during the presentation but that didn't make it into the handout!) This site covers basic skills through college math and is supported by the Borough of Manhattan Community College, CUNY.

The Math Forum at Drexel: Ask Dr. Math

www.mathforum.org/dr.math

Presented in a Question/Answer format. The Answers Team is comprised of students from Swarthmore College and Drexel University. The site has won several internet education awards.

Webmath.com

www.webmath.com

This webpage features real-time for Math problems. Students input their specific problem and the webpage provides the webpage and rationale for the answer.

Math.com: World of Math Online

www.math.com

Designed to work with each problem in a four-step process (At a glance, In depth, Examples, Workout). This site provides textbook explanations and then gives instantaneous feedback as patrons attempt to complete a problem.

Algebra.com

www.algebra.com

This is not the best-designed site but, for information, it is solid. One of the most frequented and linked-to sites on Google and Yahoo for high school Algebra homework help.

Databases for Math Through JerseyClicks –

Ebsco's Academic Search Premier
Facts on File Curriculum Resource Center – Mathematics
Facts on File Science Online

Science

Exploratorium: the museum of science, art, and human perception

www.exploratorium.com

Part of the famous Exploratorium Museum in San Francisco, California, this site provides over 15,000 pages of educational information and several thousand video feeds.

The Physics Classroom

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

Provides very basic explanations of all physics concepts. Some parts contain animation sequences as well.

The Virtual Body

<http://www.medtropolis.com/VBody.asp>

An interactive website that uses animation to help demonstrate the workings of the human body, from the skeletal system, muscular, and circulatory system. A little more useable and better graphics than its predecessor

<http://www.innerbody.com/image/cardov.html>

Botany.com

www.botany.com

A thorough encyclopedia of plants, pests, and diseases studied under this branch of Science.

Science Fair Central

<http://school.discovery.com/sciencefaircentral/>

This portion of the Discover Channel's homework site offers suggestions and advice on science fair projects. The site includes content from popular science author Janice VanCleave.

Cornell University's Math and Science Gateway

http://www.tc.cornell.edu/CTC-Main/Services/Education/Gateways/Math_and_Science/

This science portal offers math and science links for advanced high school students.

Databases for Science Through JerseyClicks –

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Facts on File Science Online

Ephemera

The Authentic History Center – Primary Sources from American Popular Culture

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

The Authentic History Center is comprised of images of artifacts, sounds, and written letters and diaries from America's past. Created by Michael S. Barnes, a teacher at Byron Center High School.

Best of History Web - Art History

<http://www.besthistorysites.net/ArtHistory.shtml>

A clearinghouse of art history websites.

The Food Timeline – Culinary History of Food

<http://www.foodtimeline.org/food1.html>

Created by Lynn Oliver at the Whippany Public Library, this site offers a timeline of the development of food and links to outside websites that deal with food and customs around food.

The Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy

<http://www.iep.utm.edu/>

A browseable collection of articles written by college professors covering all areas of philosophy.

Bissonette on Costume: A Visual Dictionary of Costume

<http://dept.kent.edu/museum/costume/>

Search the world of fashion from 1800 to the present at this site, which is a part of Kent State's University Museum.

General Homework Sites for Teens

These megasites are excellent starting places web-based research.

Internet Public Library

<http://www.ipl.org>

These subject guides selected by librarians are provided as a service of the University of Michigan's School of Information.

Librarians' Internet Index

<http://lii.org/>

This publicly funded site was built primarily for residents of California and Washington State. The contributors are primarily librarians from the west coast.

Hennepin County Library: Do Your Homework

<http://www.hclib.org/teens/DoYourHomework.cfm>

This teen homework site is created and maintained by the staff of the Hennepin County Library in Minneapolis, MN.

King County Library System Homework Help

<http://www.kcls.org/hh/>

Created and maintained by the staff at the King County Library System in Washington State, this site offers a wide variety of homework help for students.

National Geographic: Homework Help

www.nationalgeographic.com/homework

Funded by the well-respected education conglomerate, national geographic breaks down information into easy to understand topics. Video footage is provided on some topics.

Fact Monster

www.factmonster.com

This multiple award winner website is designed for middle school education. Site includes a section for how to write a research paper and warning against plagiarism.

Discover School.com

<http://school.discovery.com/homeworkhelp/bjpinchbeck/>

Part of the Discovery Channel website, the Homework Helpers site links to over 700 sites for students to find information. Some of the links may require registration.