

ARCHIVE OF PAST WEB SITES OF THE WEEK:

TOP 100 PRODUCTS OF 2008

http://www.readwriteweb.com/archives/top_100_products_of_2008.php

100 FREE LEGAL RESOURCES:

<http://www.criminaljusticeusa.com/blog/2008/100-free-diy-legal-resources-on-the-web/>

21 Excellent WEB APPS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS:

<http://www.dumblittleman.com/2008/12/21-excellent-web-apps-for-college.html>

FREE ACCESS TO THESES AND DISSERTATIONS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND: DISSERTATIONS ARE ALL ONLINE AND IN FULL-TEXT FORMAT: <http://www.lib.umd.edu/drum>

ADDITIONAL ACCESS TO THESES AND DISSERTATIONS ALSO PROVIDED BY the LIBRARY OF CONGRESS:

The Library of Congress has compiled an annotated list of theses and dissertations databases from around the world.

<http://www.loc.gov/rr/main/alcove9/education/theses.html>

AVALON PROJECT AT YALE UNIVERSITY: FREE DOCUMENTS IN LAW, HISTORY, AND DIPLOMACY:

<http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/>

Covers 18th to 21st Century Documents, and also Project Diana: an online Human Rights Archive.

VIRTUAL LIBRARY OF USEFUL FREE INTERNET RESOURCES BY DEWEY DECIMAL CLASSIFICATION:

<http://www.aresearchguide.com/virtual.html>

ONLINE REFERENCE COLLECTIONS FROM the University at Illinois at URBANA-CHAMPAIGN:

<http://www.library.uiuc.edu/rex/erefs/>

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AUSTIN: USEFUL FREE REFERENCE SITES:

<http://www.lib.utexas.edu/refsites/index.html>

OER COMMONS WEB SITE FOR FREE DISTANCE EDUCATION:

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

"Find Free-to-Use Teaching and Learning Content, including Lesson Plans, from around the World

Organize K-12 Lessons, College Courses, and more for your Classroom. "

DIGITAL HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES: (University of Houston):

<http://digitalhistory.uh.edu>

An amazing site, complete with an online and extensive U.S. History textbook, guides to specific chapters of U.S. History,

teaching guides and sample lesson plans, primary sources, including court cases, chapters on ethnic voices, multimedia, e-lectures, interactive timelines, virtual exhibitions, special topics, and a History Reference Room!

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY OPEN COURSE WARE: From the Web Site:

"MSU Open CourseWare (OCW) is an initiative of the university led by MSUglobal. Our goal is to share the expertise of the University through open educational resources in the form of Open CourseWare. MSU OCW provides free and open access to a growing collection of formal course content as well as innovative and educational resources. MSU OCW is a key strategy in MSUglobal's [product suite model](#) - a new approach for designing education for specific interest groups." Courses include for now International Business and Planning and Zoning, although more will be on their way soon. The URL is: <http://www.msuglobal.com/opencourseware/>

Also, a new web site giving **Subject Access to U.S. Government Documents may be found here:**

[http://wikis.ala.org/godort/index.php/Subject Guides#General Guides](http://wikis.ala.org/godort/index.php/Subject_Guides#General_Guides) and: <http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/romans/fdtf/>

Another excellent and highly useful new web site is [Magazine Roundup](#): the site provides an easy way to scan selected periodical literature, and see what has recently been published, the vast majority of articles are in full-text format online; the site is constantly updated:

[http://www.signandsight.com/features/18 Magazine Roundup.html](http://www.signandsight.com/features/18_Magazine_Roundup.html)

IS IT PROTECTED BY COPYRIGHT?: A DIGITAL SLIDER:

<http://librarycopyright.net/digitalslider/> (For Literary Works)

CONNECT WITH ENGLISH SERIES from ANNENBERG MEDIA:

Consult <http://www.learner.org> for the overall Series

Connect with English can be found at this address:

<http://www.learner.org/resources/series71.html>

Access to this video is free, but, one must **register** first. *Registration is absolutely free and takes just minutes.*

From the Preface to this video series:

"Through the story of Rebecca, an aspiring singer on a journey across America, *Connect With English* touches on life's important issues: leaving home, parenting, education, work, love, success, and loss.

All of the characters use meaningful, natural language that students can put to work immediately in their own lives.

Each episode features dialogue that is slightly slowed down and subtly simplified. Key lines are repeated, idioms paraphrased, and important events retold.

There are constant visual clues to meaning, such as written signs, notes, and documents.

Facial expressions, gestures, and body language also reveal meaning for students.

Closed captioning can be used as a teaching and literacy resource. For levels from high beginning through low and high intermediate."

HOW TO BECOME A MORE EFFECTIVE RESEARCHER AND DEVELOP CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS:

How to become a more effective Internet Searcher and How to Evaluate what you find: an Online course from the University of California at Berkeley (includes handouts and Power points to illustrate class sessions)

<http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/TeachingLib/Guides/Internet/FindInfo.html>

ALSO: Internet Detective - Back on the Case

This tutorial offers practical advice on evaluating the quality of websites and highlights the need for caution when selecting online information. Internet Detective provides a free online tutorial designed to help students develop the critical thinking required for their Internet research

<http://www.vts.intute.ac.uk/detective/>

ELDIS: USING THE INTERNET: Highlights how to evaluate Internet Research: Includes how to find books, articles, reports, how to use blogs, and includes their 20 favorite sites.

<http://www.eldis.org/go/topics/dossiers/using-the-internet>
(from the ELDIS WEBSITE at: <http://www.eldis.org>)

BEST RESOURCES ON THE 'NET (ST. AMBROSE UNIVERSITY):

<http://library.sau.edu/bestinfo/>

Locate Free Theses and Dissertations (includes the complete full text of the thesis and dissertation) from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology [MIT] and the University of Maryland. Covers all fields: the MIT site is particularly strong in all branches of Engineering and the Sciences, while the University of Maryland site is strong in all fields as well, but particularly excellent in the Social Sciences and the Humanities, Information Studies, Public Health, Public Policy and Journalism.

MIT Theses and Dissertation Site:

<http://dpace.mit.edu> (14,000 theses now available in full text format, has a search engine to make easier retrieval of theses in a particular subject area)

The University of Maryland Dissertation site is at:

<http://www.lib.umd.edu/drum>

Navigate to the specific College or School you wish to explore and then browse all titles - includes specialized research studies as well as theses and dissertations

AMERICAN AND ENGLISH LITERATURE: THE CAMBRIDGE HISTORY OF ENGLISH AND AMERICAN LITERATURE:

<http://www.bartleby.com/cambridge/>

Considered the most important work of literary history and criticism ever published, the Cambridge History contains over 11,000 pages, with essay topics ranging from poetry, fiction, drama and essays to history, theology and political writing. The set encompasses a wide selection of writing, on even non-English works.

USA ELECTIONS IN BRIEF: A FACT FINDING BROCHURE: (NEW!)

<http://usinfo.state.gov/products/pubs/elections-in-brief/>

25 New Beta Research Tools from Innovative Libraries around the World: <http://www.collegedegree.com/library/college-life/25-awesome-beta>

"From academic libraries like that at MIT or renowned research centers like the Library of Congress, the following beta research tools feature innovative tricks to connect you with the most relevant, valid results" - including books (real and digital), articles, documents, web sites, and more.

HOW TO BECOME A MORE EFFECTIVE RESEARCHER: How to become a more effective Internet Searcher and How to Evaluate what you find: an Online course from the University of California at Berkeley (includes handouts and Power points to illustrate lessons)

<http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/TeachingLib/Guides/Internet/FindInfo.html>

HOW TO USE THE INTERNET EFFECTIVELY: FROM THE ELDIS WEB SITE:

<http://www.eldis.org/go/topics/dossiers/using-the-internet>

RESEARCH GUIDES FROM THE GELMAN LIBRARY: THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY: <http://www.gwu.edu/~guides/alpha.html>

Offers helpful research tips for a number of research areas; especially strong in Business and Economics and International Finance.

TIME MAGAZINE ARCHIVE: <http://www.time.com/time/archive>

Contains covers, articles, and excerpts from articles from 1923 to the present <http://www.time.com/time/archive>

STUDENT CORNER: has Arabic and English language translations of Outlines of American History, Economy, Literature, as well as the latest Ejournal and Webchats with American experts or government officials. Has a fresh new look with videos, stories, fresh ideas, especially appealing to students. Check it out at:

<http://usinfo.state.gov/products/pubs/students>

AMERICA.GOV: <http://america.gov>

"America.gov" provides a wealth of material on U.S. policies, culture, and values. For example, "America.gov" delivers more than 50 videos on topics ranging from volunteers in presidential

campaigns to space shuttle footage to Ramadan on campus. To capitalize on interest in the U.S. elections, users can make use of the "Elections 2008" package at:
<http://uspolitics.america.gov/uspolitics/elections/index.html>. "

ANNENBERG MEDIA: FREE DOCUMENTARY AND EDUCATIONAL VIDEOS FROM ANNENBERG MEDIA at <http://www.learner.org>

One must register first to see videos, but the registration process and the viewing of videos is free! Videos are on all topics and for all ages: Literature, the Connect to English Series, Elections 2008, Fundamentals of Economics, Writing Better, Mathematics and Science, etc. Has a search engine for locating videos on specific topics. Great for teachers, students, adult learners. A wonderful site!

BEST FREE SOFTWARE FOR 2008: REVIEWS AND LISTINGS FROM PC MAGAZINE: <http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,1759,2260070,00.asp>

Congressional Elections Matter too: 2008 US CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS PORTAL Right now all the emphasis in the news media is on presidential candidates, but, this wiki from the producers of Congresspedia could be just as useful for voters, with its "profiles on candidates for Congress, coverage of the elections, listings of local blogs for each state and informal groups of citizen editors who are working together to improve and expand related articles."

It also provides info on candidates' campaign finance, and their ties to special interest groups. For sitting members of Congress, it links to info about their voting records and controversies.
http://www.sourcewatch.org/index.php?title=2008_elections

U.S. Census Bureau: 2008 Elections

<http://www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/2008/2008elections.html>
 Collection of pre-primary and pre-caucus snapshots of specific states, for the 2008 U.S. presidential election. Provides selected population characteristics (such as median age, household income, and persons below poverty) and the percentage of voting age citizens from each state who voted in the 2004 general election. Includes links to related resources.
 From the U.S. Census Bureau.

INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S DIGITAL LIBRARY:

<http://www.icdlbooks.org/> THE FREE FULL TEXT OF CLASSIC CHILDRENS BOOKS IN OVER 52 LANGUAGES COMPLETE WITH ILLUSTRATIONS, from over 40 COUNTRIES,, INCLUDING ARABIC, FARSI, MONGOLIAN, SWAHILI, ENGLISH, RUSSIAN, SPANISH, etc

**FREE REPOSITORY OF FULL TEXT PAPERS AND RESEARCH ARTICLES FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA E-REPOSITORY:
 NEWS ARTICLE AT:**

http://chronicle.com/wiredcampus/index.php?id=2667&utm_source=wc&utm_medium=en

Additional information about the eScholarship Repository and the California Digital Library may be found at <http://repositories.cdlib.org/escholarship> and <http://escholarship.cdlib.org>.

WHITE PAPER ON LARGE SCALE DIGITIZATION PROJECTS.
FEBRUARY 2008 by CLIR [Council on Library and Information Science Resources]<http://www.clir.org/pubs/reports/pub141/pub141.pdf>

"NEW RESOURCE TOOLS FOR MOVIE LOVERS."
<http://mashable.com/2007/09/16/movie-toolbox/>
a really fun and useful resource

And, for Movie Lovers, don't forget about the **Internet Movie Database** at: <http://www.imdb.com>

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<http://handle.dtic.mil/100.2/ADA463714>

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY'S MIDDLE EAST AND ISLAMIC STUDIES WEB SITE ON WATER IN THE MIDDLE EAST:
<http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/indiv/mideast/cuvlm/water.html>