

FREE EDUCATIONAL AND DOCUMENTARY VIDEO SITES: JUNE 2009 REVISION

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY OFFERS FREE COURSE CONTENT OVER VIDEOS <http://youtube.com/ucberkeley/>

VIDEO LECTURES ON ANY TOPIC <http://videlectures.net>

FREE VIDEOS FOR LEARNING: <http://www.nextvista.org/>

EDUCATIONAL ALTERNATIVES TO YOU TUBE: EDUCATIONAL VIDEOS
<http://www.freetech4teachers.com/2008/11/23-alternatives-to-youtube.html>

7 WAYS TO SEARCH FOR ONLINE VIDEOS:

<http://www.friedbeef.com/7-great-ways-to-search-for-online-videos/>

FREE LECTURES ON VIDEOS ON ANY TOPICS:

<http://www.ted.com/index.php/talks>

CommonCraft Videos: Explanations in Plain English:

<http://www.commoncraft.com/show>

ANNENBERG MEDIA: VIDEOS ON ALL ASPECTS OF AMERICAN SOCIETY and AMERICAN LITERATURE and SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS www.learner.org

UCHANNEL <http://uc.princeton.edu/>

A collection of public affairs lectures, panels and events from academic institutions all over the world, available for viewing, listening, streaming or downloading.' UChannel (or University Channel) is a project of Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs.

C-SPAN CLASSROOM [Real Player, Windows Media Player]

<http://www.c-spanclassroom.org>

Over the past several decades, C-SPAN has brought many hours of fascinating programming to the generally curious. Many teachers have used their programming to edify their students about various aspects of US government, and now C-SPAN has created this very nice site to complement those informal activities. The formal mission of the C-SPAN Classroom site is "to enhance the teaching of Civics & U.S. Government through C-SPAN's primary source programming." Visitors can start their journey by viewing the "Clip of the Week", and then looking through

the other thematic sections on the site, which include "Principles of Government", "Legislative Branch", and "Political Participation". Along with each clip, users can also view a short clip description, and take advantage of the discussion questions as well. Visitors will need to complete a short free registration form to access all of the clips, and this only takes a few minutes. This site is quite a delight, and for anyone who teaches civics and related fields, it will most likely become an essential online resource. Educators who teach political science, civics, or United States government should find this site as handy and enjoyable as the Scout staffers did.

BLINKX: Search for Educational Videos using one of the best search engines just for videos: <http://blinkx.com/>

Blinkx is the world's largest and most advanced video search engine. Fed by automatic spiders that crawl the web for audio video content and having content partnerships with over 200 leading media companies, blinkx uses advanced content analysis to better retrieve educational content.

AMERICA.GOV: free videos on American Society, including the 2008 Elections, Diversity in America, College and University Education, E-Journals with Embedded Videos, etc. <http://america.gov>

MIT: MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY: Free Audio and Videos of Lectures: <http://ocw.mit.edu>

YALE UNIVERSITY: FREE AUDIO AND VIDEOS OF LECTURES: <http://open.yale.edu/courses/>

THIRD GENERATION VIDEO SEARCH ENGINES:

According to its site, **SamePoint** will search for images, video, and podcasts across tens of thousands of social media sites. (<http://www.samepoint.com/>)

Still in beta, **TubeSurf** (<http://www.tubesurf.com/>) searches YouTube, MySpace Videos, Google Video, and Yahoo! Video. TubeSurf search results are powered by Google, and you could actually search with Google if you want to. A search on "epaper" would look like this in Google: epaper site:youtube.com OR site:vids.myspace.com OR site:video.google.com OR site:video.yahoo.com. In the TubeSurf box it looks like this: epaper.

Searchvideo.org (<http://www.searchvideo.org/>) makes a truly interesting claim - all online videos - one search engine. The fine print indicates the sites searched include YouTube, Veoh, Grouper, ifilm, Yahoo! Videos, Google Videos, MSN Videos, Metacafe, movie clips, video television and many news outlets videos. It is powered by AOL but not related to or endorsed by AOL. The site offers the opportunity to sort by rank, most

recent, most relevant, highest rated and by title. A bar on the left side of the screen groups results by source, category and tag. So, with a search on *epaper*, 158 of the 234 videos come from YouTube. Sixty-six are in the technology category and 15 are news. This functionality makes Searchvideo a useful option.

Videosurf (<http://www.videosurf.com/>) offers searching within videos. According to its website, Videosurf uses a unique combination of new computer vision and fast computation methods, to 'see' inside videos to find content in a fast, efficient, and scalable way. Although *epaper* yields only 67 matches, they appear to include videos not found elsewhere. The results show a still shot along with a 'highlights' reel that permits you to jump into the video at a spot that looks interesting or relevant.

Icerocket (<http://www.icerocket.com/>) is probably best known as a blog search engine, but it also offers an excellent image search tool.

Picsearch, (<http://www.picsearch.com/>) based in Stockholm (Sweden), searches over 3 billion images. According to the site the search results will link to third party sources, but it's not transparent what those sources are. We do know that searches can be limited by images or animations, colour or black and white and by size or shape. The *epaper* search yielded 107,121 images, but duplicates abound as the same image is delivered in various sizes. Nevertheless, images appeared here that I did not see at the top of any other search results list.

TinEye (<http://tineye.com>) is a reverse image search engine. Submit an image and TinEye will try to find out where it came from, how it is being used, if modified versions of the image exist, or to find higher resolution versions. On its website, TinEye admits that its search index is very small, but it is growing. The *epaper* search is not really suited to this search engine, so instead I uploaded the logo image for Diigo, the social bookmarking site. TinEye searched over 1 billion images and returned 13 results. The Diigo image appears on several blogs from around the world.

Picollator (<http://www.picollator.com/>) notes it is the sole web and multimedia search and indexing engine which understands digital images like people do it in real life. Picollator scans the Internet, collects digital pictures and makes the index, matching visual objects in the images by pattern recognition. Picollator finds what a user wants with or without the words. This tool offers a capability similar to TinEye but it focuses on faces.

Titomo (<http://www.titomo.com>) delivers a visual image search technology that allows users to find similar images to the ones they have already selected. It draws on the Flickr database of photos and matches colours, themes and subjects. Titomo is extremely visual

Findsounds (<http://www.findsounds.com>) makes sound effects searchable

BLINKX: <http://www.blinkx.com/>

TROOKER: <http://www.trooker.com>

DIRECTORIES OF MEDIA SEARCH ENGINES: For directories of media search engines or sites, try the [Digital Librarian \(http://www.digital-librarian.com\)](http://www.digital-librarian.com) , [Yahoo! Directory](#), About.com audio search, image search and video search.

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Other resources at: <http://tinyurl.com/6dfaxn>