

General Reference Sites

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Houghton Mifflin WWW Page

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

Houghton Mifflin's new Web site offers something for everyone; an education center for elementary and secondary educators; resources and services for college faculty; and an online bookstore for booklovers, bookstore owners and Internet explorers of all types. Houghton Mifflin is a leading publisher of textbooks, instructional technology, assessments, and other educational materials for the elementary and secondary school and college markets, as well as an extensive line of reference publications. This publisher also has many fiction and nonfiction books for adults and young readers.

Usenet FAQs (Primary Site)

ftp to: rtfm.mit.edu

gopher to: rtfm.mit.edu

This is the primary site for Usenet FAQ docs (Frequently Asked Questions). Every frequenter of Usenet should get here a few times a year to read the FAQs - even seasoned "Net Pros" come here to browse the offerings.

Languages Page

<http://www.willamette.edu/~tjones/Language-Page.html>

Holy cow! This site contains lots of language related links and info.

Calendar site

point your finger client to: copi@oddjob.uchicago.edu

This is soooo coooool! Just try it! finger this address and enjoy!

The Obituary Page

<http://catless.ncl.ac.uk/obituary/readme.html>

A continually updated collection of obituary listings from around the world. At first this seems quite strange - but it is eerily interesting and you'll be surfing this site far longer than you expected. Bizarre and unique.

Mark Twain Resources on the World Wide Web

<http://web.syr.edu:80/~fjzwick/twainwww.html>

Samuel Clemens (aka Mark Twain) would be amazed at this web site. Nearly every bit (and byte) of information on him and his writings and other works are here. This is truly a complete Twain site and it has links to other Mark Twain sites and Twain exhibition sites. Excellent resource site!

On-Line Writing Lab (OWL - at Purdue University)

Gopher to: owl.trc.purdue.edu
Web page: <http://owl.trc.purdue.edu>

You can also directly send questions to the Writing Lab tutors by using the following format and address:
send email to: owl@sage.cc.purdue.edu
Subject Line: owl-request
Message body: Type in your question or request as you normally would write email. Be as specific as possible. Your reply will arrive within 2-4 days.

This is a public service of Purdue University and it is designed to help students and undergraduates writing research and/or report papers. This service also provides tips and help on how to write effective resumes and business memos. The OWL team is most helpful and informative. They also have info on many "official" formats that papers can be required to be written in and understand the needs of college students. Proper paper formatting, footnotes, headers and bibliographies are essential when it comes to writing papers. Let OWL help you out. Don't expect them to actually _write_ the paper for you though. That's another lesson...
For more information on the OWL service email to: taylor@sage.cc.purdue.edu

Painter's Calculator
<http://www.btw.com>

After accessing web page, click on "Applets: A collection of Useful Tools Online" and then select (click on) Paint Calculator. (Try out the other neat tools too!) Fill in the blanks on the form (room dimensions, how many coats of paint you'll want to use, etc), and then click on the "Calculate" button. The "Paint Calculator" will figure out just how many gallons you'll need for the job. It's accurate and not a toy. This is a professional tool.

Car Loan Calculator
<http://pond.cso.uiuc.edu/cgi-bin/loan.pl>

By entering in a few facts in this forms based page you can quickly determine what the monthly payments will be. By omitting and changing the numbers you can find out any variable such as the interest rate, total amount of interest paid or the principal amount of loan. Choose to calculate again and you're presented with the new loan scenario. Excellent!

Online Computer Library Center (OCLC)
<http://www.oclc.org>

A new non-profit government funded project that will attempt to catalog many of the Internet resources into a large organized "virtual" library. Try out the "What's New - What's Hot" selection on the homepage to see new and fresh web pages and Internet resources as they are being cataloged

Myers-Briggs Personality Test
<http://sunsite.unc.edu/jembin/mb.pl>

A forms based web page that gives you the famous Myers-Briggs test online. You simply answer the multiple choice questions (70 questions) then total up your score. After your score is tallied your "personality traits" are

reduced to a four letter code that is your Keirsey Temperament Test Result. Your score results also get you a list of others who share your score. People from Abraham Lincoln to Isaac Asimov could be your personality peers and the four letter personality code is recognized world-wide by many Psychiatric and Psychological organizations. Give this a try - it's fun!

U.S. Information Agency
WWW://www.usia.gov
gopher://gopher.usia.gov

The United States Information Agency has just put its own WWW and gopher sites online to help explain and advocate U.S. policies in terms that are credible and meaningful in foreign cultures, and to bring the benefits of international engagement to American citizens and institutions by helping them build strong long-term relationships with counterparts overseas.

Resources include information about the Fulbright Scholar programs, student exchanges, international broadcasting, press announcements, and a foreign media reaction section. American and overseas scholars seeking short and long-term grants will find it especially useful for learning about opportunities for travel abroad and travel to the U.S.

Discovery Networks Educator Guides (from the Discovery Channel)
http://Discovery.syr.edu/Discovery/
gopher to: discovery.syr.edu 95
FTP to: discovery.syr.edu in the --> /Discovery/edguide_spring95
login as "ftp" or "anonymous"
Password: use your full email address

The Discovery Channel is offering public access to all of our Educator Guide files for the Discovery Networks' Winter/Spring '95 programming season. Our site is located at the AskERIC project at Syracuse Univ. home of our Discovery Learning Community.

AVAILABLE FILES

The site contains all the program information from the current Educator Guide, broken down into numerous files. An outline of the files is also available <FILEGUID.HQX>. All files are in plain-text format and have been binhex encoded to ensure consistency.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

AskERIC also houses and maintains our Discovery Learning Community Project. This includes WWW and Gopher areas with complete listings for the Educator Guide, educational resources (CD-ROM etc.), and an extensive area devoted to The Promised Land.

DISCOVERY NETWORKS ESTABLISHES ONLINE "LEARNING COMMUNITY"

Discovery Networks has announced the February launch of the Discovery Learning Community on the Internet. The site features an electronic version of Discovery Networks' Educator Guide and a pilot project kicking off in conjunction with The Promised Land, a five-hour television series about the massive mid-20th century migration of African Americans from the deep South to the industrial North between 1942 and 1970.

"Discovery Networks' programs are not only richly informative in their own right but can and should be the springboard for further academic inquiry. The 'Discovery Learning Community' is designed to support such inquiry and provide additional resources to help young people explore academic themes in rewarding and engaging ways," says Discovery's Hunter Williams, senior manager, educational relations.

The Discovery Learning Community, which is accessible on Internet via gopher, world-wide web and ftp, provides teachers, learners, parents and mentors with activities and resources that extend the educational value of programming on The Discovery Channel and The Learning Channel. Throughout the Spring of 1995 the site will have a special focus on the many curricular themes present in The Promised Land, including African-American experience, economics, artistic expression, urban studies, migrations, politics and civil rights.

The site provides teachers and students with activity guides, ideas for interdisciplinary study and connections to local mentors and other classes. The site includes special resources for incorporating the oral histories of migration veterans into existing curricular goals and a wealth of diverse resources from leading institutions and organizations that focus on African-American history and culture. To assist the contribution of teachers' and learners' views on The Promised Land, Discovery has set up an online discussion group, or listserv.

The Promised Land premieres on The Discovery Channel in prime-time February 12-15. Assignment Discovery, a service of Discovery Networks, presents commercial-free versions of The Promised Land series the week of February 27 - March 3, from 9-10am ET/PT. The entire series also airs the weeks of April 17-21 and June 5-9 at the same time. Media specialists, teachers and parents may tape Assignment Discovery programming and use it for up to one year from the date of taping.

The Internet site was designed by Discovery Networks and Duggan Associates, an online communities development firm in Baltimore, MD. The site was built and is maintained at the AskERIC project at the ERIC Clearinghouse on Information & Technology, Syracuse University, and the InfoMall program of the Northeast Parallel Architecture Center, also located at Syracuse University.

Automated Weather Source Nationwide School Weather Network
<http://aws.com/>

Automated Weather Source manages a nationwide network of weather stations. K-12 schools access and compare meteorological data including temperature, humidity, pressure, rainfall, wind speed and wind direction from over 900 schools in 53 cities. This home page also includes links to many other educational and meteorological resources.

Historical Documents WWW site
<http://www.hypermall.com/LibertyOnline/>

Mostly U.S. historical documents including writings from Thomas Paine, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin and many others. This is a work in progress and the list of historical documents from all over the world is increasing rapidly. They are all in completely original format with no abridgement or adaptation. A site that could become an excellent resource

for both education facilities and personal research.

The Word Detective Home Page
<http://www.escape.com/~words1/>

The Word Detective is a bimonthly newsletter on words and language. TWD features myriad strange little graphics, awards cats as prizes for readers' questions, and in general aims for the large grey area between Monty Python and the Oxford English Dictionary. Well done and fun resource!

English/Spanish Dictionaries
<http://www.willamette.edu/~tjones/forms/spanish.html>

Both Spanish to English and English to Spanish translation dictionaries are to be found at this web site.

English and French Dictionaries

--> English to French <http://mlabpower3.uiah.fi/EnglishFrench/ef.html>
--> French to English http://tuna.uchicago.edu/forms_unrest/FR-ENG.html

Both sites offer English/French translation dictionaries although each site is suited to a particular direction in the translation process. Select the correct site for the intended purpose and direction of translation needed.

Knowles German English Translations
<http://www.infi.net/~sknowles>

Announcing a new homepage for translations: Knowles German English Translations. Come and stop by at <http://www.infi.net/~sknowles> and check out rates and other services. Interesting links to sites in Germany and hilarious translations are also included. Unexpected fun and great info all at the same time!

Other German/English translation dictionaries can be found at:
<http://calamity.rz-berlin.mpg.de/eg.html>

English/Slovene Dictionary
<http://www.fer.uni-lj.si/dictionary/a2s.html>

Convert English to Slovenik language(s). A new offering that is being updated and enlarged with more words and vocabulary statements.

The WWW Virtual Library
<http://www.stars.com/Vlib/>
<http://www.w3.org/hypertext/DataSources/bySubject/Overview.html>

A fantastic resource on the WWW designed for info retrieval via a great database filled with sites and info. Includes a wide array of subjects and info. You'll use this one again and again...

The WELLgopher
Gopher to: gopher.well.com

Holy cow! This is a *monster* site (and that's good!). This gopher site is like hitting paydirt - in fact - this site is near legendary on the 'net. This gopher site houses a huge library of things to read all laid out in an organized fashion. There are things here you just won't get anywhere else and if you really want to keep up on the 'net scene and beyond you really *must* come to this site and read up. No excuses. Period.

Old Farmer's Almanac, NJ News and US weather WWW site
<http://www.nj.com/>
<http://www.nj.com/weather>

In a keystroke of technology that even Ben Franklin would have been proud of, The Old Farmer's Almanac, America's oldest continuously published periodical is now wired to the Internet's World Wide Web in a site that features current weather conditions and graphic forecasts plus its famous sage advice and unique information. The content of the weather site focuses on New Jersey and Philadelphia but also offers forecasts for cities across the country.

This is the first offering of New Jersey Online, a local Internet service that will include news, information, and interaction serving the state.

The Almanac's new site is being developed by Newhouse Newspapers New Media, a division of Advance Publications, Inc., publishers of New Jersey's Star-Ledger, Times of Trenton, and Jersey Journal. The three papers had previously announced a joint venture to share and develop regional on-line content with the Philadelphia Inquirer and Daily News, published by Knight-Ridder's Philadelphia Newspapers Inc.

The weather site provides current conditions and an automatically updated, photographic five-day forecast for New Jersey, Philadelphia, and 25 cities from Boston to San Francisco. The information is updated hourly, 24 hours a day, from data fed by Weather Services Corp.

Features of the site directly from The Old Farmer's Almanac will include; Today's Advice, This Day in History, This Day in Weather History and Heavenly Details (sunrise, sunset, moonrise and moonset)." Readers may click to other pages for the Almanac's famous weather predictions -- often used for weather planning or the start of garden season -- and future planetary occurrences including a graphic, day-by-day look at the moon's phase.

Readers may also "Ask the Almanac". Editors will answer questions on any appropriate subject -- not just the weather. Topics may range from dating to gardening, household hints, cooking or even exercise. In addition, people can soon shop in the "General Store" featuring licensed products, including food, decorative gifts, books, companion publications, calendars, apparel, lawn and garden supplies and the three latest Random House Books including The Best of The Old Farmer's Almanac, The Book of Weather and the Book of Everyday Advice. This feature will be available in the near future.

The site also features a comprehensive and clickable list of other weather resources on the World Wide Web, providing everything from the National Weather Service's coast-to-coast radar picture to a tutorial on cloud shapes and atmospheric conditions related to clouds.

It is becoming apparent that the corporate world is here to stay on the World Wide Web and so it is an even harder task to list completely "non-corporate" offerings. However, web pages sponsored by corporate interests can be very informative and still remain free to the public. This web site while "corporate" in nature is a fine example of companies offering the public a glimpse of an advertisement for their services in exchange for a wealth of free information. Not a bad trade-off. (IMHO).

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NEB Newswire Service Gopher
Gopher to: <gopher.voa.gov>
select --> VOA News and English Broadcasts Wire Service

This site contains the week's complete radio transcripts from the "Voice of America" radio network. Very informative especially for those in areas and regions that do not receive such news. World-wide news made easily accessible is what the Internet is all about and here is a resource that delivers on that premise. A great way to catch up on world happenings. You don't even need a web browser or WWW access - a simple Unix dial-up will do and away you go to this informative gopher site.

CIA Web server
<http://www.ic.gov>

A great place for information of all sorts. Global facts galore! There is so much info on so many countries and topics and subjects with included graphics and detailed explanations that I could never begin to list it all. This site is a wonderful resource for the info-hound and for the researcher that needs to have a wealth of information for reports and writings.

NPC Home Page (National Press Club)
<http://town.hall.org/places/npc/>

Not only is this site of interest to journalists but it is a remarkable place to start researching various news related issues. This site has many pointers to both national and international news topics and relates sites via the Information Center and Newsroom links. NPC also includes a brief but detailed history of the organization, its members and info on the NPC building located in Wash. D.C (US). A very good research and info site.

NewsPage
<http://www.newspage.com>

A free news service that offers news briefs (over 15,000) sorted by topic. The commercial service version offers full-text articles rather than the article "news briefs" offered for free. Hey - I'll take free info anytime.

BookWire

<http://www.bookwire.com:80/>

A self described "first place to look for book information on the World Wide Web". And I believe they're right. A huge and on-target list of links to books, book related and literature related site all across the WWW. I can't say enough about this page as there are so many informative links to every possible facet of book related material that it's just too much to list here. Authors, newsgroups, Internet sites, children's books, and on and on goes the links and lists of topical info. A **** Four Star Page.

Bartlett's Quotations

<http://www.columbia.edu/~svl2/bartlett>

The complete Bartlett's Quotations on the web. An invaluable source of quotations from many figures in history. Includes the famous and not so famous. This is a resource that will let you find that appropriate citation or quote you need for your paper or give you the ability to find out the originator or author of a famous quote. A great resource for students and the general public. Excellent example of the web as a useful resource.

Roget's Gopher

Gopher to: <gopher.uoregon.edu>

select --> desktop reference then select --> "full text" or "searchable"

This site provides a choice between either the full text of the original Roget's Thesaurus or a search feature to the original text. That's right I did say *original* text. I believe the original Roget's is over 80 years old and quite out of date. But some people see this as a plus for there are words and synonyms in there that are no longer present in newer and more modern thesaurus texts. Let's say you are researching an old piece of literature and need to find out about out of date or out of use words then here is the place to turn to. You must remember also that the original format of Roget's Thesaurus did not have words listed in alphabetical order but by topic and thematic listings so it is probably better to use the search function instead of wading through the archaic topical lists found in the full text version if speed is of the essence.

Genealogy info resources

Gopher to:

ucs2.byu.edu

look in /General Information/LDSInformation/Genealogy
contains info archives from the ROOTS-L mail list

alpha.cc.utoledo.edu (port 70)

look in /Research Resources/Genealogy

The University of Toledo contains a huge database of genealogical based information.

gopher.nara.gov (port 70)

National Archives Record Administration (NARA) has both gopher and web site links to genealogy information. A good place to start researching your family tree and the "roots" of other family members.

FTP to:

[ftp.cac.psu.edu /pub/genealogy](ftp://cac.psu.edu/pub/genealogy)
contains shareware and freeware programs

vm1.nodak.edu
this is the ROOTS-L server and has mail list archives
look in the /ROOTS-L directory

World Wide Web site

WWW Genealogy site (Genealogy Home Page)
<http://ftp.cac.psu.edu/~saw/genealogy.html>
contains docs, pointers, etc.

NARA WWW site
<http://gopher.nara.gov/1/servers/genealog>
The National Archives Record Administration is a good starting point for any genealogy research project be it your own family tree or others.

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