

Helpful Websites and Links for Writing Students

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1. HACC Resources

HACC offers you various online sources to help you this semester. First, you can ask any question, day or night, at:

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

For first-time access, use the password, "HACC0304." Then type in "Help24now" and follow directions on-screen.

For a wealth of help, check out the Library Web site:

<http://lib2.hacc.edu/>

There, you'll find the following:

Library FAQ: <http://lib2.hacc.edu/help/howdoi.html>

Library Hours (HACC Harrisburg): http://lib2.hacc.edu/campus/HBG/hbg_hours.html

Ask a Librarian: <http://lib2.hacc.edu/help/ask.html>

Library Staff (Harrisburg): http://lib2.hacc.edu/campus/HBG/hbg_staff.html

Library Liaisons (Harrisburg): http://lib2.hacc.edu/campus/HBG/hbg_liaisons.html

Library Workshops (Harrisburg): http://lib2.hacc.edu/campus/HBG/hbg_workshops.html

Research Guides: <http://lib2.hacc.edu/guides/guides.html>

Citing Resources: <http://lib2.hacc.edu/guides/researchprocess/cite.html>

Citation help is also posted at: <http://www.dianahacker.com/resdoc>

APAstyle.org: <http://www.apastyle.org/elecref.html>

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

2. Dictionaries and Thesauri

Foreignword.com: <http://foreignword.com/>

Merriam-Webster Online: <http://m-w.com/>

Word Spy: <http://www.wordspy.com/>

3. Encyclopedias & Almanacs

Information Please: <http://www.infoplease.com/almanacs.html>

Farmer's Almanac: <http://www.almanac.com/>

United States Postal Service Zip Codes: <http://zip4.usps.com/zip4/welcome.jsp>

4. News & Public Opinion

The following are very helpful when you're looking for information on recent events.

ABC News: <http://www.abcnews.go.com/>
BBC News: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/>
CNN.com: <http://www.cnn.com/>
Gallup Organization: <http://www.gallup.com/>
New York Times: <http://nytimes.com/>
OneWorld.net: <http://www.oneworld.net/>
Reuters: <http://today.reuters.com/news/default.aspx>
Washington Post: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/>
Yahoo! News: <http://news.yahoo.com/>
Zogby.com: <http://www.zogby.com/>

5. Government Information

(See also "Statistics," "Demographics" and "International" below.)

U.S.

FedWorld.gov: <http://www.fedworld.gov/>
FirstGov: <http://firstgov.gov/>
U.S. House of Representatives: <http://www.house.gov/>
U.S. Senate: <http://www.senate.gov/>
Best Places to Live: http://money.cnn.com/real_estate/best_places/
50 States and Capitals: <http://www.50states.com/>

State & Local Governments on the Net: <http://www.statelocalgov.net/>

Foreign Governments

<http://www.library.northwestern.edu/govpub/resource/internat/foreign.html>

GPO Access: <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/index.html>

United Nations: <http://www.un.org/>

World Leaders: <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/world-leaders-1/index.html>

Flags of the World: <http://www.crwflags.com/fotw/flags/>

Infonation: <http://cyberschoolbus.un.org/infonation3/menu/advanced.asp>

Library of Congress Country Studies: <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/cshome.html>

National Association of Counties:

http://www.naco.org/Template.cfm?Section=Find_a_County&Template=/cffiles/counties/usama.p.cfm

CIA World Fact Book: <http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/index.html>

CIAO (Columbia International Affairs Online): <http://www.ciaonet.org/>

Foreign Government Resources on the Web:

<http://www.lib.umich.edu/government-documents-center/explore/browse/foreign-governments/255/search/>

6. **Statistics**

Note: some sources here provide general information. Others may be more specific for your topic.

General

FedStats: <http://www.fedstats.gov/>

Statistical Resources on the Web: <http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/stats.html>

InfoUSA: <http://www.infousagov.com/>

Agriculture

Economic Research Service: <http://www.ers.usda.gov/>

Foreign Agricultural Service: <http://www.fas.usda.gov/>

National Agricultural Statistics Service: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/>

Business & Economics

(See also "**Money, Finance, & Investment**" below.)

National Debt: http://www.brillig.com/debt_clock/

Statistics of U.S. Businesses: <http://www.census.gov/csd/susb/susb.htm>

The White House: Economics Statistics Briefing Room:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room>

Economic Indicators: U.S. Congress: <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/indicators/browse.html>

U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis: <http://www.bea.gov/>

Census Bureau Economic Programs: <http://www.census.gov/econ/www/index.html>

Economic Surveys: http://www.census.gov/main/www/sur_econ.html

2002 Economic Census: <http://www.census.gov/econ/census02/>

Criminal Justice

(See *other legal categories below.*)

Bureau of Justice Statistics: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/>

Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics Online: <http://www.albany.edu/sourcebook/>

FBI, Uniform Crime Reports: <http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/ucr.htm>

National Criminal Justice Reference Service: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/viewall.html>

Find Law: <http://lawyers.findlaw.com/>

Demographics

American FactFinder: http://factfinder.census.gov/home/saff/main.html?_lang=en

U.S. Census Bureau: <http://www.census.gov/>

Selected Historical Decennial Census, Population & Housing Counts:

<http://www.census.gov/population/www/censusdata/hiscendata.html>

State & County QuickFacts: <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/>

State & Metropolitan Area Data Book: <http://www.census.gov/statab/www/smadb.html>

Statistical Abstract of the United States: <http://www.census.gov/statab/www/>

USA Counties: <http://censtats.census.gov/usa/usa.shtml>

Education

(See also various related topics listed below.)

National Center for Education Statistics: <http://nces.ed.gov/>

Library Statistics Program: <http://nces.ed.gov/surveys/libraries/>

Energy

Energy Information Administration: <http://eia.doe.gov/>

Health

(See also "Health, Medicine, and Science" below.)

CDC, National Center for Health Statistics: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/>

Income

Internal Revenue Service Tax Statistics: <http://www.irs.gov/taxstats/index.html>

International

United Nations Statistics Division: <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/demographic/products/indwm/>

CIA World Factbook: <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html>

World's Women 2000: Trends & Statistics:

<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/demographic/products/indwm/>

Statistical Agencies (International): http://www.census.gov/aboutus/stat_int.html

Foreign Trade Statistics: <http://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/statistics/index.html>

International Justice Statistics: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/ijs.htm>

International Data Base, U.S. Census Bureau: <http://www.census.gov/ipc/www/idb/>

Population Reference Bureau: <http://www.prb.org/datafinder.aspx>

Labor

Foreign Labor Statistics: <http://stats.bls.gov/fls/home.htm>

International Labour Organization: <http://www.ilo.org/public/english/bureau/stat/>

U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics: <http://stats.bls.gov/>

Bureau of Labor Statistics: Geography: <http://www.bls.gov/bls/geography.htm>

Labor Force Statistics from the Current Population Survey: <http://www.bls.gov/cps/>

Religion

Adherents.com: <http://www.adherents.com/>

Science

National Science Foundation, Division of Science Resources Statistics:

<http://www.nsf.gov/statistics/>

Social

The White House Social Statistics Briefing Room: <http://clinton2.nara.gov/fsbr/ssbr.html>

Transportation

U.S. Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Statistics: <http://www.bts.gov/>
Office of Airline Information: http://www.bts.gov/programs/airline_information/

7. Specific subject areas

The following sites might be helpful if your topic falls in these subject areas.

Art, Museums & Architecture

archINFORM: <http://eng.archinform.net/index.htm?ID=jn6ult60p7643onui7d81ms594>
Architecture & Building: Net Resources: <http://library.nevada.edu/arch/rsrce/webresources/>
Artyclopedia: <http://www.artyclopedia.com/>
Great Buildings Collection: <http://www.artifice.com/gbc/buildings.html>
MuseumStuff.com: <http://www.museumstuff.com/>
Structurae: <http://en.structurae.de/index.cfm>
Web Gallery of Art: <http://www.wga.hu/index.html>

Biographies

Biographical Directory of the United States Congress: <http://bioguide.congress.gov/biosearch/biosearch.asp>
Biography.com: <http://www.biography.com/>
Canadian Who's Who: <http://www.utpress.utoronto.ca/cgi-bin/cw2w3.cgi>
Lives, The Biography Resource: <http://www.amillionlives.com/>
National Inventor's Hall of Fame: http://www.invent.org/hall_of_fame/1_0_0_hall_of_fame.asp

Books and Publishers

AddALL Used and Out of Print Search: <http://www.addall.com/Used/>
Amazon.com: <http://www.amazon.com>
Barnes&Noble: <http://www.barnesandnoble.com/>
Booklist: <http://www.booklistonline.com/>
New York Review of Books: <http://www.nybooks.com/>
Bookspot: <http://www.bookspot.com/reviews/>

Calculators & Converters

How Far Is It? <http://www.indo.com/distance/>
metric conversions.org: <http://www.metric-conversions.org/>
Time Zone Converter: <http://www.timezoneconverter.com/index.shtml>
Universal Currency Converter: <http://www.xe.com/ucc/>
Salary Calculator: <http://homestore.com/Move/Tools/SalaryCalc.asp?poe=homestore>
The Inflation Calculator: <http://www.westegg.com/inflation/>
FXConverter: <http://www.oanda.com/convert/classic>

Careers and Job Searching

Academic360.com: <http://www.academic360.com/>
 Career Builder: <http://www.careerbuilder.com/>
 Career Journal: <http://www.careerjournal.com/>
 Occupational Outlook Handbook: <http://www.bls.gov/oco/>

Colleges and Universities

America's Best Graduate Schools: <http://www.usnews.com/usnews/edu/grad/grhome.htm>
 American Universities: <http://www.clas.ufl.edu/au/>
 Braintrack University Index: <http://www.braintrack.com/>

Copyright and Fair Use

Copyright and Fair Use: <http://fairuse.stanford.edu/>
 Public Domain: http://www.copyright.cornell.edu/training/Hirtle_Public_Domain.htm
 United States Copyright Office: <http://www.copyright.gov/>
 World Intellectual Property Organization: <http://www.wipo.int/portal/index.html.en>

Entertainment

American Film Institute: <http://www.afi.com/tvevents/100years/100yearslist.aspx>
 All Movie Guide: <http://www.allmovie.com/>
 Internet Broadway Database: <http://www.ibdb.com/>
 Internet Movie Database: <http://www.imdb.com/>

Financial Aid & Grants

Community of Science: <http://www.cos.com/>
 Foundations.org: <http://www.foundations.org/>
 GrantsNet: <http://www.hhs.gov/grantsnet/>
 HACC Office of Financial Aid:
<http://www.hacc.edu/StudentServices/FinancialAid/GeneralScholarships.cfm>
 National Endowment for the Humanities: <http://www.neh.gov/>
 Federal Student Aid: <http://www.ed.gov/finaid/landing.jhtml?src=rt>

Legal Forms

Find Law Forms: <http://forms.findlaw.com/>
 Gavel 2 Gavel General Legal Forms: <http://www.re-quest.net/g2g/legal-forms/general/index.htm>
 ILRG Legal Forms Archive: <http://www.ilrg.com/forms/index.html#basic>

Literature

Gale Literary Index: <http://www.galenet.com/servlet/LitIndex>
 Interplay: <http://www.lib.pdx.edu/systems/interplay/>
 In the First Person: <http://www.inthefirstperson.com/firp/index.aspx>
 Online Literary Criticism: <http://www.ipl.org/div/litcrit/>
 Victorian Database Online: <http://www.victoriandatabase.com/default.cfm>
 Voice of the Shuttle: Web Page for Humanities: <http://vos.ucsb.edu/>

Maps & Directions

Historical Maps on the Web: <http://www.lib.umich.edu/map-library/historical-maps-web>

How far is it?: <http://www.indo.com/distance/>
 Maporama: <http://www.maporama.com/share/>
 MapQuest Interactive: <http://www.mapquest.com/>
 Google Maps: <http://www.google.com/maps>

Miscellaneous

Directory of Corporate Archives in the United States and Canada:
<http://www.hunterinformation.com/corporat.htm>
 MInd: The Meetings Index: <http://www.interdok.com/mind/>

Money, Finance, & Investment

EDGAR: <http://www.sec.gov/edgar.shtml>
 Financials.com: <http://www.financials.com/>
 Motley Fool: <http://www.fool.com/index.htm>
 National Debt: http://www.brillig.com/debt_clock/
 Stock Selector.com: <http://www.stockselector.com/>
 Yahoo! Finance: <http://finance.yahoo.com/>

Quotations

Aphorisms Galore: <http://www.ag.wastholm.net/>
 Bartlett's Familiar Quotations: <http://www.bartleby.com/100/>
 Quotations Page: <http://www.quotationspage.com/>

Science, Medicine, & Health

AMA Physician Select: <http://webapps.ama-assn.org/doctorfinder/home.html?aps/amahg.htm>
 American Hospital Directory: <http://www.ahd.com/>
 Center Watch Listing of Health Associations: <http://www.centerwatch.com/patient/assoc.html>
 Mad Sci Network: <http://www.madsci.org/>
 Medem Medical Library: http://www.medem.com/MedLB/medlib_entry.cfm?sid=103AF635-C640-11D4-8C0100508BF1C1F1&site_name=Medem
 National Health Information Center: <http://www.health.gov/nhic/>
 National Institutes of Health: <http://www.nih.gov/>
 World Health Organization: <http://www.who.int/en/>

Speeches & Transcripts

History & Politics Out Loud: <http://www.hpol.org/>
 Online Speech Bank: <http://www.americanrhetoric.com/speechbank.htm>

Tax Forms

Federal Tax Forms & Publications: <http://www.irs.gov/formspubs/index.html>
 Individual Tax Forms By State: <http://taxes.yahoo.com/stateforms.html>

Times, Dates, & Calendars

10,000 Year Calendar: <http://calendarhome.com/tyc/>
 Daily Almanac: <http://www.copi.org/craig/events/today.html>
 Date & Time Gateway: <http://twiki.org/cgi-bin/xtra/tzdate>

Official U.S. Time: <http://www.time.gov/>

Sunrise/Sunset Computation: http://aa.usno.navy.mil/data/docs/RS_OneDay.html

Timeanddate.com: <http://www.timeanddate.com/>

Travel

Airlines of the Web: <http://flyaow.com/airlinewebpages.htm>

Frommers.com: <http://www.frommers.com/>

Time Out: <http://www.timeout.com/>

Travelocity.com: <http://www.travelocity.com/>

Weather

AirData: <http://www.epa.gov/air/data/index.html>

Weather Channel: <http://www.weather.com/>

WeatherPost: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/weather/>

Wunderground.com: <http://www.wunderground.com/>