

# BHS Senior Paper!

"You only get to do this once"

## Research Guide!

### Choosing a Topic!

**Don't use Wikipedia as a Reference Source, but use it for Background Reading, Brainstorming & Topic Ideas!**

List of United Kingdom-related topics:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Outline\\_of\\_the\\_United\\_Kingdom](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Outline_of_the_United_Kingdom)

List of Scotland-related topics:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_Scotland-related\\_topics](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Scotland-related_topics)

List of Ireland-related topics:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_Ireland-related\\_topics](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Ireland-related_topics)

List of British Empire-related topics:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_British\\_Empire-related\\_topics](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_British_Empire-related_topics)



### Books: the heart of the Library!

**The BHS Library Catalog**...We have approximately 25,000 books!

<http://library.brunswick.k12.me.us/cataloging/servlet/presentadvancedsearchredirectorform.do?l2m=Library%20Search&tm=TopLevelCatalog>

**MaineCat**...Access to 4.6 million books in over 100 in libraries across the state, including the Portland Public Library, Bowdoin College Library, and the University of Maine Library System. We have a van delivery service coming to BHS every Friday, so let us know if there is an inter-library loan book you would like us to get for you!

<http://mainecat.maine.edu/search/>

**Google Books!** If you *still* can't find what you're looking for, or want more information, try Google Books! Google has scanned more than 20 million books as of December, 2013!

<http://books.google.com>

Hint: Use keywords and phrases in quotes!



# Websites!

<http://www.google.com>

**Fun Fact:** There are 3 billion Google searches a day and Google has indexed over 30 trillion webpages!

## Search Google like a Pro!

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Google\\_Search](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Google_Search)  
(Look half-way down the page under "search options")

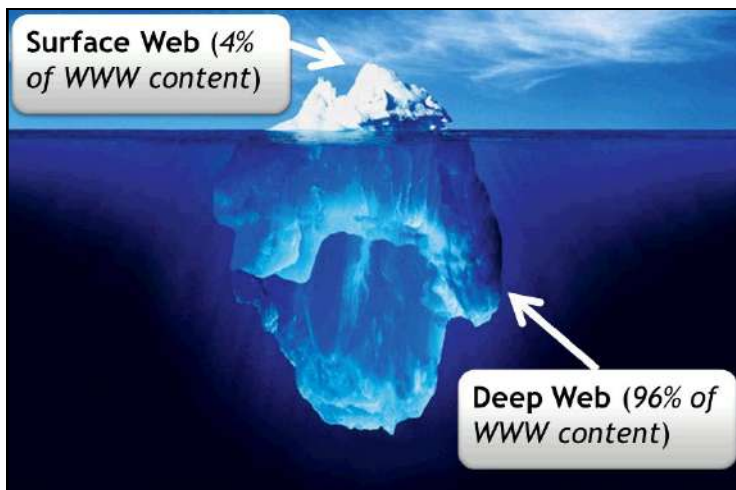


<http://www.howtogeek.com/106718/how-to-search-google-like-a-pro-11-tricks-you-have-to-know/>

## Tips for Evaluating Websites!

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

	Popular	Scholarly
Who writes the articles?	Professional journalists	Researchers or scholars in a field
Who is the primary audience?	The general public	Other researchers and scholars
Do the authors cite their sources?	Maybe in passing, but you usually won't find formal references	Always - look for a reference list or footnotes/endnotes
Are there ads?	Always	Rarely
Are current events covered?	Yes	No - the peer review process process is long



## The Deep Web or Invisible Web!

Fact: 85% of web searchers use only search engines to find information. Internet searchers are searching only in in 3,000 web pages available to them today!

# Databases!

**Marvel!** A collection of dozens of databases giving full-text access to magazines and newspaper articles. It would cost \$700,000 to purchases all of these databases!

<http://libraries.maine.edu/mainedatabases/>

**Google News!** Search the Google News Archives back to the mid-1800s!

<http://www.news.google.com>

# Cite your Sources!

**EasyBib!** Avoid plagiarism and cite your sources! EasyBib shows you how to cite 59 different types of resources, and you can put in a book's ISBN # to quickly create a citation!  
<http://www.easybib.com/>



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