Virtual Reference Shelf

Abbreviations and Acronyms
- Abbreviations.com: Browse acronyms and abbreviations by subject or search for definitions.
- Acronym Finder: Search for definitions of acronyms such as WYSIWYG and RADAR.
- All that JAS: Journal Abbreviation Source allows users to find full journal titles along with abbreviations for those titles.
- Genamics JournalSeek: Provides a description of the journal, journal abbreviation, a link to the journal homepage, when one is available, subject category of the journal and the ISSN.

Almanacs and Fact Books
- Atlapedia: World maps and atlases.
- AlternaTime: A variety of timelines on the Internet.
- Sperling's Best Places: Compare climate, crime rates, cost of living, schools, and more for various US cities.
- CensusScope: Charts, graphs, and maps from the US census.
- CIA Directory: Lists chiefs of state and cabinet members of foreign governments.
- Public Agenda: Find information on Hot Topics like education and abortion.
- Bartleby.com: Contains: dictionaries, encyclopedias, quotations, complete fiction and nonfiction books, inaugural speeches, language and style guides, and many other helpful links. Bartleby can be searched or browsed.
Associations, Organizations, Societies

- Scholarly Societies Project Find scholarly societies worldwide by subject, country, language, or founding date.
- Idealist Search for organizations worldwide.

Biography

- 4000 Years of Women in Science Biographies of women in the sciences.
- Biography.com Contains over 25,000 biographies.
- Who's Alive and Who's Dead Find out which personalities are alive and which are dead.
- Black Inventor Online Museum Learn about African American inventors and their inventions.

Books

- Project Gutenberg Free electronic books.
- Bibliomania Free electronic books and study guides. Free registration is required to access the study guides.
- Humanities Text Initiative Full text resources.

Calculation and Conversion

- Calculator.com A variety of online calculators. Student loans, mortgage, scientific, graphs, and many more.
- OnlineConversion.com Convert length, speed, mass, density and much more.
- FXConverter Multi-lingual currency converter. You can convert any currency for current or past dates.

Calendars

- Earth Calendar Find worldwide holidays and celebrations by date, country and religion.
- United States Federal Holidays Public holidays for federal employees.
- World Calendar Find out the holidays for over 75 countries.

Citation Style Guides

- APA Style Guide help page Online rules and guidelines for writers.
- MLA FAQ page Frequently asked questions about the MLA Style Manual.
- Landmark’s Citation Machine Helps students and professionals to properly cite the information that they use.
- BibMe An automatic bibliography maker.
- Purdue Online Writing Lab (OWL) Research and citation resources.
College and Career Planning

- Occupational Outlook Handbook Premier source for career information that features hundreds of occupations.
- State Departments of Education Links to state departments of education.

Dictionaries and Encyclopedias

- Encyclopedia Mythica An encyclopedia of mythology and folklore.
- tiscali.reference A dictionary of difficult words.
- Merriam Webster Dictionary & Thesaurus America's leading and most-trusted provider of language information.
- OneLook Dictionary Searches many online dictionaries at once.
- OneLook Reverse Dictionary Enter a definition in the search box to find the word.
- Bartlett's Quotations Searchable quotations.

Humanities and Social Sciences Subjects

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| Biograpy | Literature |
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Financial Aid

- FAFSA NSU code is 003765
- The Student Guide Published by the U.S. Department of Education. Information is focused on loans, grants and work-study.
- Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Find information about grants and how to apply for them.
- FinAid Search for loans, scholarships, grants, and other types of funding for college.
Internet Search Engines

Web Search Engines
Individual search companies that access web-pages for results.

- **AltaVista** - Pioneer in multimedia, language, audio and video search capabilities.
- **Ask.com** - Understands questions as well as search terms.
- **Excite** - Similar search options and layout to HORNetCat.
- **Google** - Popular search engine with relevant results.
- **Scirus** - Science-specific search engine.
- **Yahoo!** - Pioneer and popular search engine.

Multi-Search Engines/Metacrawlers
Searches several search engines at once.

- **Yippy** - Yippy search groups similar results together into “clouds” to help you see your search results by topic.
- **Dogpile** - Best results from variety of search engines.
- **Ixquick** - Ranks relevant findings with options to expand or delete individual results.
- **WebCrawler** - Easy to use crawler brings and lists best results from a variety of search engines.

Web Directories
Lists of websites per specific subject.

- **About.com** - Access to over 500 guides leading to practical content related to any search query.
- **Academic Info** - Subject directory related to education resources and programs.
- **D M O Z** - Also called the Open Directory Project; claims to be definitive catalog of the Web.

News

- **ABZY News Links** News sources from around the world.
- **Associated Press** Trusted sources of independent newsgathering, supplying a steady stream of news.
- **Christian Science Monitor** International news organization that delivers thoughtful, global coverage that is both in practice and in spirit.
- **CNN** Online news and information delivery of the world.
- **NPR - National Public Radio** Award-winning news, information, and music programming.
- **PBS** The nation’s largest stage for the arts and a trusted window to the world.
- **Reuters** The world’s leading source of intelligent information for businesses and professionals
- **World Newspapers** Links to thousands of news sources covering every world's country and many of subjects.
Prizes and Awards

- **Nobel Prize** Provides comprehensive, first-hand information about the Nobel Prize and Nobel Laureates in Physics, Chemistry, Physiology or Medicine, Literature and Peace starting in 1901.
- **Pulitzer Prize** List of Pulitzer Prize winners from 1917 (the first year the Prizes were awarded) to the present.
- **American Library Association Book Awards** - Provides a complete list of ALA book awards, grants & fellowships and other useful information relevant to print and media.

Science

- **WebElements Periodic Table of Elements** The periodic table on the web.
- **EPA Microbiology Home Page** A consolidation of one agency of a variety of federal research, monitoring, standard-setting and enforcement activities to ensure environmental protection.