

## TIPS ON SEARCHING FOR INFORMATION

### Eden Prairie High School

Be creative in your choice of key words. Also, use AND OR NOT at times. **Ask** if you are having trouble thinking of more ways to find good information.

The first places you should research are **quality data bases** through libraries. Here at EPHS, we encourage you to start with Infotrac OneFile, General Reference Gold, Opposing Viewpoints, and SIRS, and Expanded Academic ASAP.

- Go to the EPHS home page [www.edenpr.org/ephs](http://www.edenpr.org/ephs)
- Click on Media Center
- Click on Electronic Resources.
- Choose one of the following data bases:
  - InfoTrac OneFile
  - General Reference Center Gold
  - Opposing Viewpoints
  - SIRS
  - Expanded Academic ASAP
- Click **KEYWORD SEARCH**. Subject heading searches are not as effective.
- Read and research.
- For further info.on the above, check the EPHS Electronic Resources Guide (a brochure our library has).

### **Eden Prairie District Catalog** (the listing of our libraries' books)

- Go to Electronic Resources on the high school site (same as above).
- Scroll down to the bottom of the list of resources.
- Click on Eden Prairie District Catalog.
- Choose "custom search" for only high school materials.

You may want to access **the CNN.com** site.

- When the CNN page opens, **click the CNN.com circle** next to SEARCH.

You can access many of these resources as well as more if you visit the **Hennepin County**

### **Libraries** Or go to their web site at [www.hclib.org](http://www.hclib.org)

- Click on Reference Tools (left side of the page)
- Click on Top Ten Reference Tools (lower right side of the page)
- Choose Student Resource Center.
- Switch to **KEY WORD SEARCH**.

FYI-- the other data bases are more comprehensive than our school data bases so you may want to check those, too. Also, request a library card, so you can get into all the information data bases from home.

**AFTER** you have found good newspaper and magazine articles, you may want to use some **search engines**—share your favorites—that will take you to quality sites.

- **YOU CANNOT** use personal sites as sources for research papers; always be sure you know who has posted the site or don't use it.
- Generally anything with **geocities, AOL, or ~** in the address is a personal page. **Don't use.**
- Beware of college sites that are just postings of class projects or papers. Often these pages provide links or general background that may help you out, though.
- Hint: avoid Ask Jeeves because it is much harder to find the sponsor and URL.

**www.altavista.com**  
**www.search.cnet.com**  
**www.google.com**

**www.directhit.com**  
**www.yahoo.com**  
**www.lycos.com**