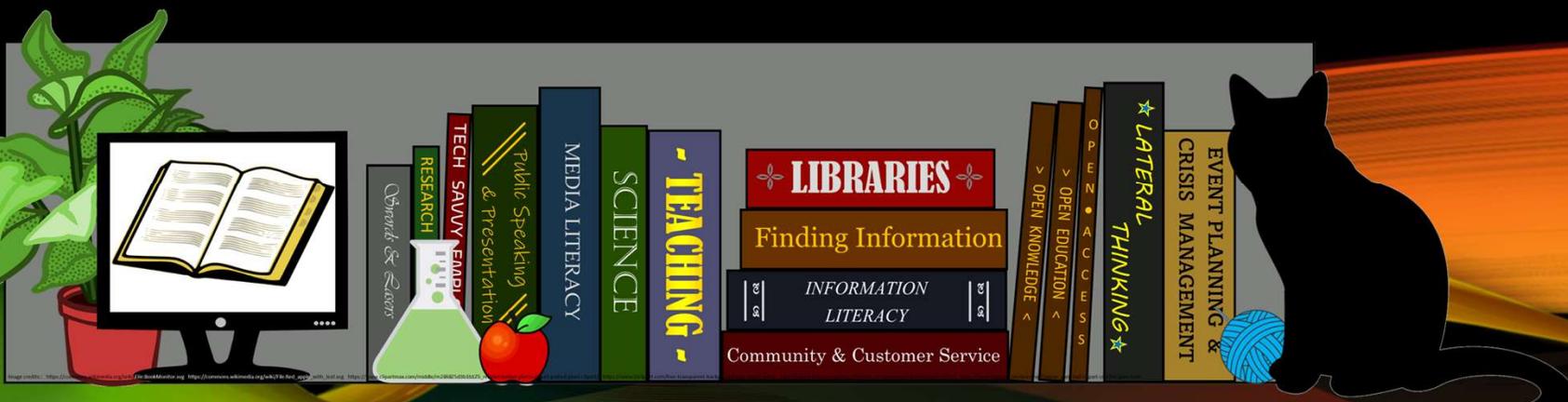


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I Swear, It's Just Research!

Hiding bodies, launching things into space, forging swords, et cetera.

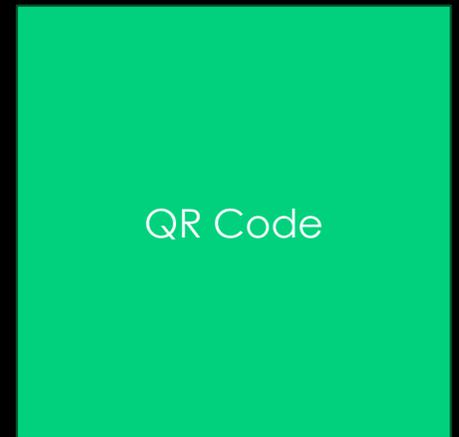
August 17, 2025. When Words Collide, Calgary, AB.
Cheryl D. Bain theunrestrictedlibrarian.com



What am I here to talk about today?

- Why is research important?
- Using AI when doing research
- How to recognize an untrustworthy information source
- Sources for answering quick questions
- Online collections of free sources for in-depth research
 - Books, magazines, catalogues, etc. (Hathi Trust)
 - Educational resources (Open Educational Resources Commons)
- Other (almost) free resources

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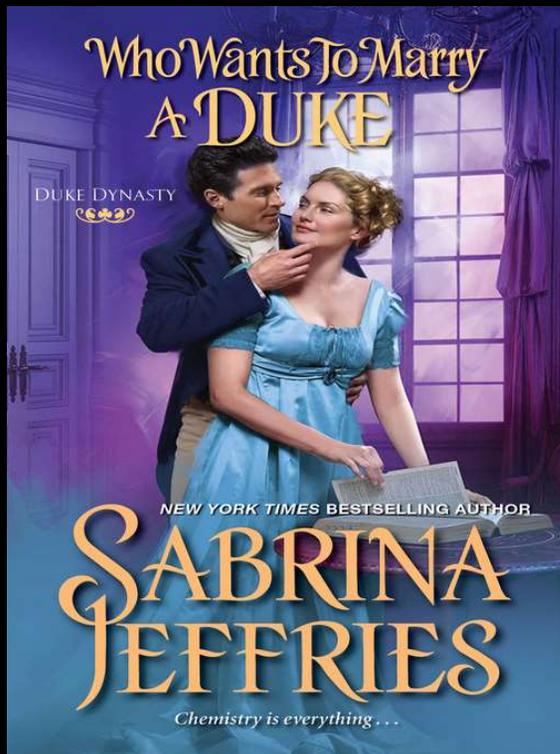




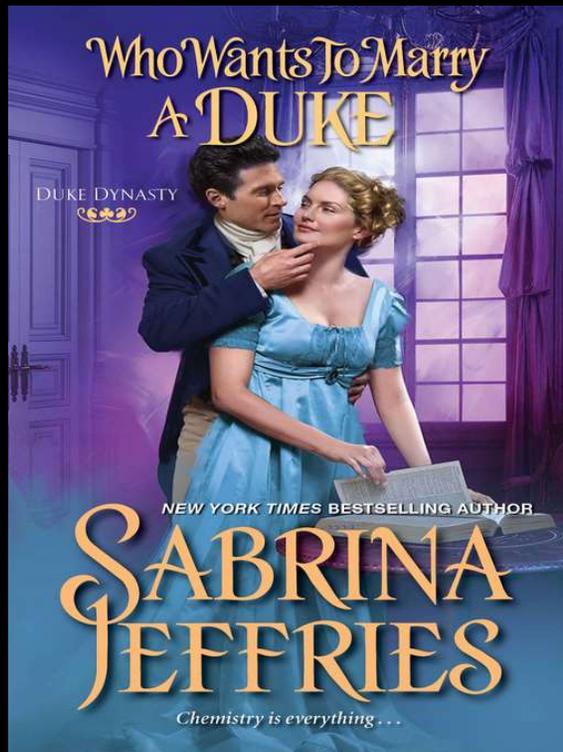
Why is research important?

Discussion (2 min max)

What can happen when you get the research wrong?



What can happen when you get the research wrong?



For the next hour, he got to unpack boxes and leave her to examine each item to decide where it went. She wore a look of pure bliss as she moved from table to shelf, arranging and organizing and setting up equipment that had been broken down for the journey.

There were names of ingredients he'd never heard of—**aqua regia**, nitrate of potash, muriatic acid, green vitriol, salt of wormwood, spirit of ether, and a dozen other mysterious compounds.

Chapter 6

Aqua regia is not something that you transport! You could transport the chemical ingredients, but it needs to be prepared shortly before use.

Image source: <https://sabinajeffries.com/books/who-wants-to-marry-a-duke/>

What can happen when you get the research wrong?

Ways Owen or Claire should have been killed by volcano and/or lava:

- At least three times...I got too distracted by the errors to keep track.

There were more errors that slipped by me...

- <https://www.iflscience.com/theres-a-huge-scientific-problem-with-jurassic-world-fallen-kingdom-and-it-has-nothing-to-do-with-dinosaurs-48272>



Image source: <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt4881806/>



How does text-based AI (like ChatGPT) decide how to answer your research questions?

What are the potential dangers to relying on AI answers?

Discussion (2 min max)

How does text-based AI generate responses?

- ChatGPT and similar text-based AI are *generative AI*
 - Input text is broken down into fragments of meaning (*tokens*)
 - The statistical relationships between these tokens is analyzed
 - Your text prompt (and possibly other data) is broken down into tokens
 - Then statistics happens, comparing the prompt tokens, and the tokens from its data sources.

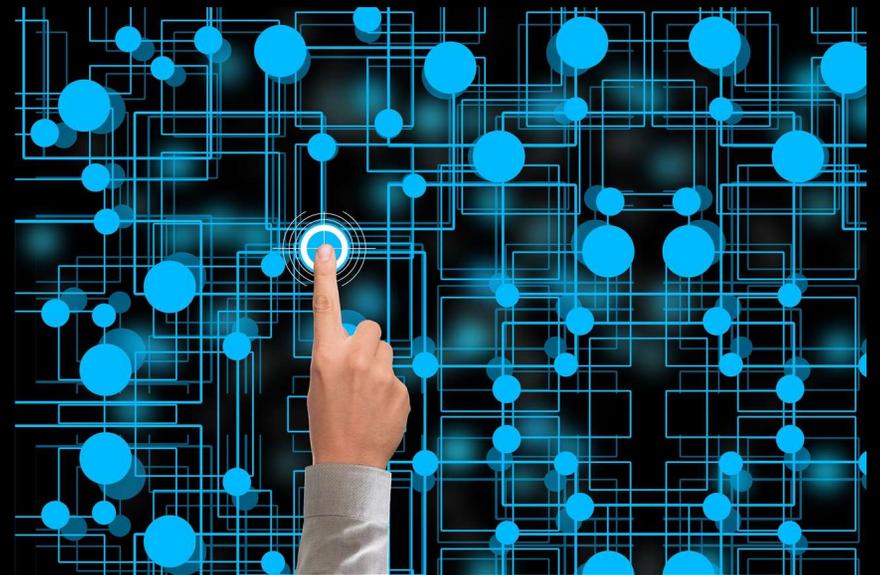
More information:

<https://news.mit.edu/2023/explained-generative-ai-1109>

<https://www.nvidia.com/en-us/glossary/generative-ai/>

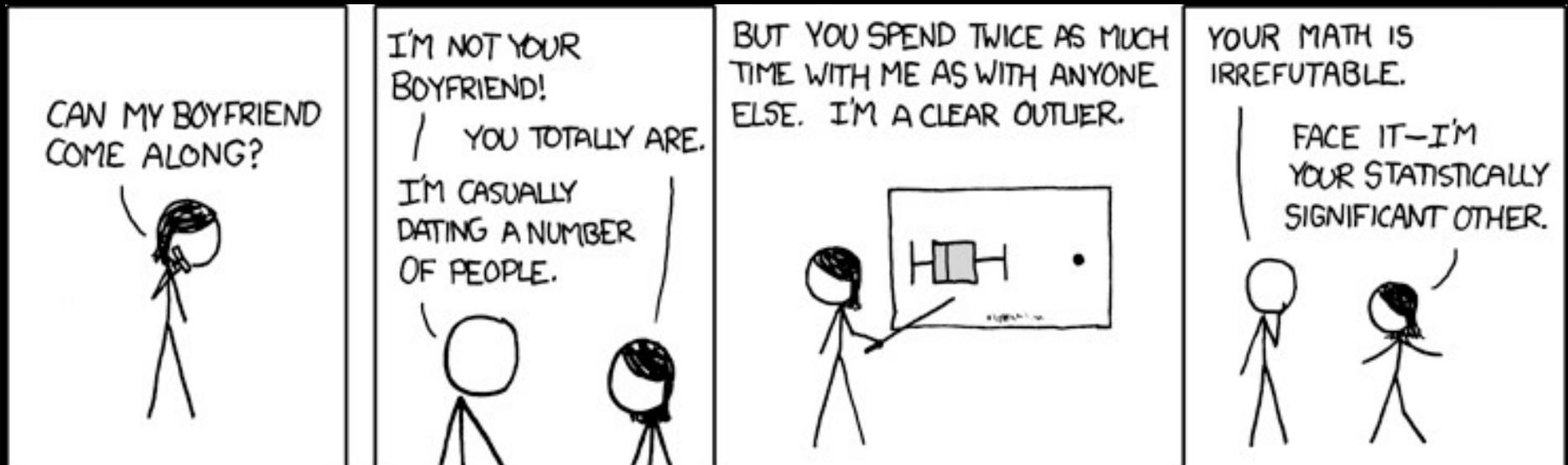
Risks of AI generated responses

- AI does an excellent job recognizing the fact that there is a connection between concepts
- AI currently has difficulty recognizing:
 - Fact vs fiction
 - Fact vs satire
 - Fact vs humour
 - Fact vs misinformation, disinformation, lies, etc.
 - Patterns don't always mean connections exist



<https://pixabay.com/photos/network-social-abstract-3535305/>

Patterns don't always mean there is a connection



- <https://xkcd.com/539/>

AI hallucinations

AI sometimes generates responses that aren't real.

Hi Chat GPT, can you talk to me about AI hallucinations?

Absolutely — “AI hallucinations” are a big topic in AI right now, and they’re both fascinating and a little unnerving.

What they are

An *AI hallucination* happens when a language model (like me) generates an output that is *confidently stated but factually wrong, logically inconsistent, or completely made up*. It’s not “lying” in the human sense — there’s no intent — but it’s still a problem because the output can look convincing.

Example of an AI hallucination

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/lawyer-chatgpt-fake-precedent-1.7126393>



The screenshot shows the top portion of a CBC News article. At the top right is the CBC logo and a search bar. Below that is a red navigation bar with categories: Top Stories, Local, Climate, World, Canada, Politics, and Indigenous. The article is categorized under 'British Columbia'. The main headline reads 'B.C. lawyer reprimanded for citing fake cases invented by ChatGPT'. A sub-headline states 'Chong Ke ordered to pay costs for opposing counsel to discover precedent was AI 'hallucination''. The author is identified as Jason Proctor, with a small profile picture. The text indicates the article was posted on Feb 26, 2024 at 9:01 PM MST and last updated on February 26, 2024. The bottom of the screenshot shows the top of a photograph.

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Example of an AI hallucination

The image shows a Google search interface. The search bar contains the text "countries in africa that start with k". Below the search bar are navigation tabs for Images, News, List of, Shopping, Videos, Maps, Books, Perspectives, and Flights. The search results show "About 1,410,000,000 results (0.45 seconds)". The main text of the result reads: "While there are 54 recognized countries in Africa, none of them begin with the letter 'K'. The closest is Kenya, which starts with a 'K' sound, but is actually spelled with a 'K' sound. It's always interesting to learn new trivia facts like this." To the right of this text is a featured snippet box titled "Emergent Mind" with a lightbulb icon, containing the text: "Did you know that there is no country in Africa that starts with the letter 'k'?". Below the main text is a source attribution for "Emergent Mind" with the URL "https://www.emergentmind.com > posts > did-you-know-...". At the bottom right of the search results area, there are links for "About featured snippets" and "Feedback".

<https://futurism.com/google-sge-false-ai-generated-info>



As an information
professional,
I recommend you
approach using AI for
research with extreme
caution



How can you tell if a source is trustworthy?

Discussion (2 min max)

Is your source CRAAP(P)?

Non-Writers

Currency

Relevance

Authority

Accuracy

Purpose

Writers

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The CRAAP test – questions to ask

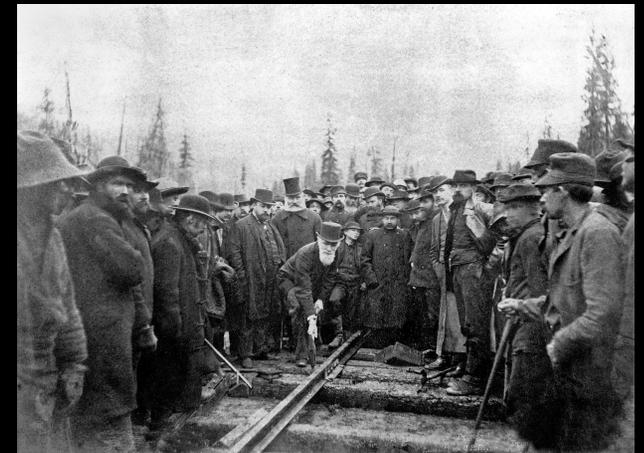


Current	How recently was the information created or published?
Relevant	Is the information related to your topic? Is it at the level of detail that you need?
Authority	Who created the material, and do they know what they are talking about?
Accurate	Does the creator seem biased? Did they make any obvious errors?
Purpose	Why was this created?

Currency

How recently was the information created or published?

- Different topic become out-of-date at different speeds
 - Weather reports vs. 1918 population of Canada



Currency



As a Writer:

- Do you need to know both what was current knowledge *during the story* and what we currently know?
 - We call it “World War I,” but would my character?
 - Medical terms especially will shift

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Relevance

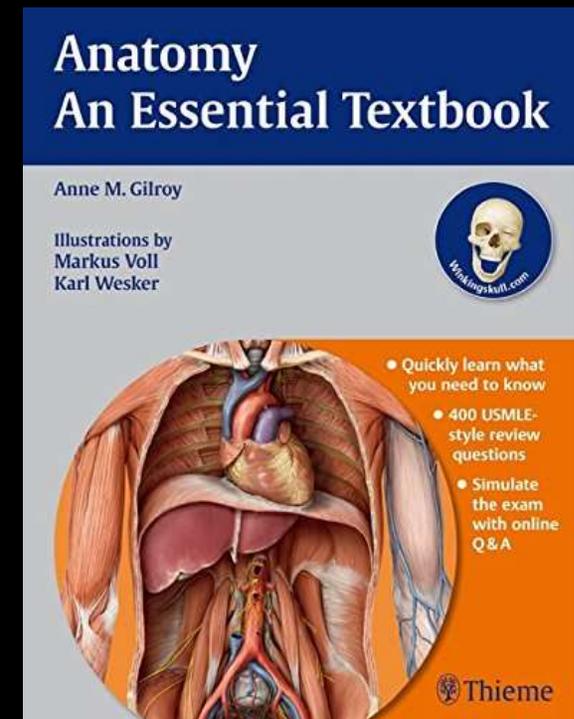
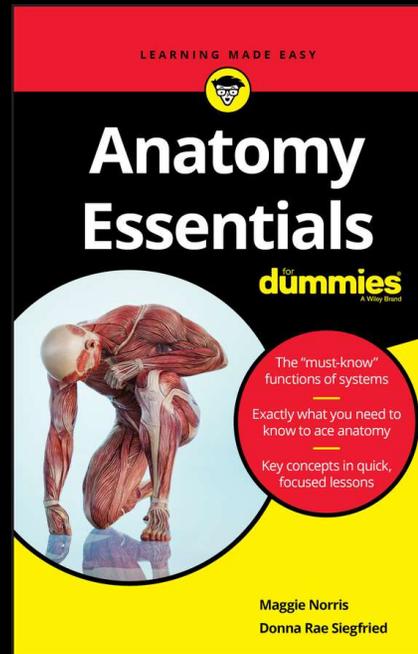
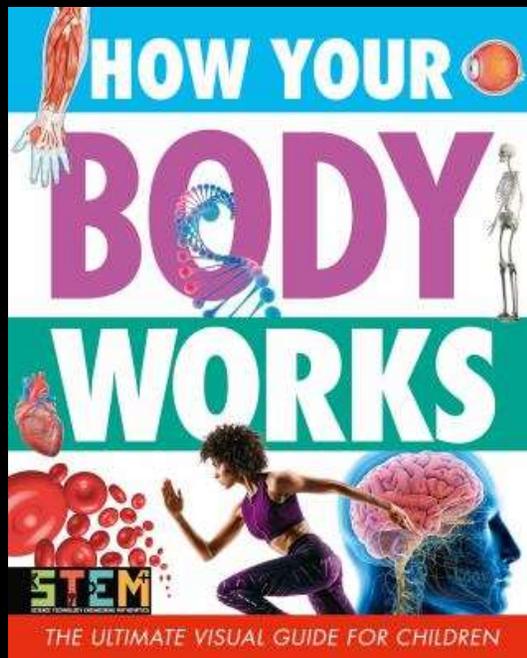
- Is the information related to your topic?



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Relevance

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<https://calgary.bibliocommons.com/v2/record/S95C1359170>

<https://www.dummies.com/book/academics-the-arts/science/anatomy/anatomy-essentials-for-dummies-292803/>

https://ucalgary.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/permalink/01UCALG_INST/1rf6mu5/alma991029856002704336

Relevance

Writers

- How in-depth do you need to understand the topic to avoid critical research fails?
- Would being vague about something affect your target audience's enjoyment?



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Authority



Authority

- Who wrote it? (Individual or organization)
 - “About” page on a website or in a book
 - YouTube has an “about” section if you click on the channel information
 - Use the “triple dots” in Google search results
- What qualifications do they have?
- Just because someone is an authority in one area, doesn’t make them an authority in all areas!

Authority

Writers

- Would my character trust and/or agree with this source?
 - Yes, you can intentionally get things wrong! You need to choose when!



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Side quest!
Google "Triple dots"

Google do cats like music

Cats don't like human music — play them this instead
Mar 5, 2015 — Turns out, it's not their style. **Cats, in fact, do enjoy music**, but they don't enjoy human music — at least according to new research. A study ...

Schertz Animal Hospital
<https://schertzanimalhospital.com> › Blog

What Music Do Cats Like?
Researchers have found that **cats** have a preference for sounds that fall within a frequency range similar to that of their own communications, such as purring ...

Cats Protection
<https://www.cats.org.uk> › cats-blog › do-cats-like-music

Do cats like music? | Blog
Jul 11, 2024 — Scientific studies suggest that **cats might enjoy music** and have a preference for 'cat music' made specifically for them.

shallowfordvet.com
<https://shallowfordvet.com> › Blog

Do Cats Like Music? - Shallowford Animal Hospital
Cats tend to like certain types of music and dislike others. Mainly, very light, calming music is well tolerated among most cats.

Cats Protection
Do cats like music? | Blog - Cats Protection
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About the source
Cats Protection
Charity
Cats Protection, formerly the Cats Protection League, is a UK charity dedicated to rescuing and rehoming stray, unwanted or homeless cats and educating people about cats and cat welfare. The organization was founded as the Cats Protection League by Jessey Wade and others in 1927. The name was shortened in 1998. [Wikipedia](#)

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The Betoota Advocate
https://www.betootaadvocate.com › advocate-in-focus

"I Am Uneasy About The Japanese Making Our Warships ..."
A local man has expressed his **unease** with a former geopolitical enemy winning a contract to build some of our new warships.

Facebook · The Betoota Advocate
1.2K+ reactions · 1 week ago

"Yes I bought it used and yes it's under finance," he said. ...
"Just like these bloody warships!" "I Am Uneasy About The Japanese Making Our Warships" Says Landcruiser Owner. BETOOTAADVOCATE.COM. "I Am ..."

Quora
9 answers · 9 months ago

If China sends a large number of warships to Japanese ...
Ordinary Japanese feel about the Russian and Chinese navies sending warships to sail between and around the main four Japanese islands in June 2022?
9 answers · Top answer: If the Chinese send warships into Japanese waters, will that scare the Japane...

Reddit · r/history



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About the source

The Betoota Advocate
Website

The Betoota Advocate is an Australian satirical news website and digital media company that publishes articles on international, national, and local news. The site puts a comedic spin on current news topics and broader social observations.
[Wikipedia](#)



Accuracy

- What is the tone of the information?
 - Does the creator seem biased?
 - Does it rely more on opinion than fact, more on emotion than logic.
 - Does it contain extensive flattery of people who agree with them, and personal attacks against those who disagree
- Do other sources agree with what you are reading?
- Look out for basic factual errors and/or grammar and spelling errors!



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Accuracy

Writers

- Was this believed to be accurate in the time I am setting my story?
- Would my character believe it is accurate for other reasons?



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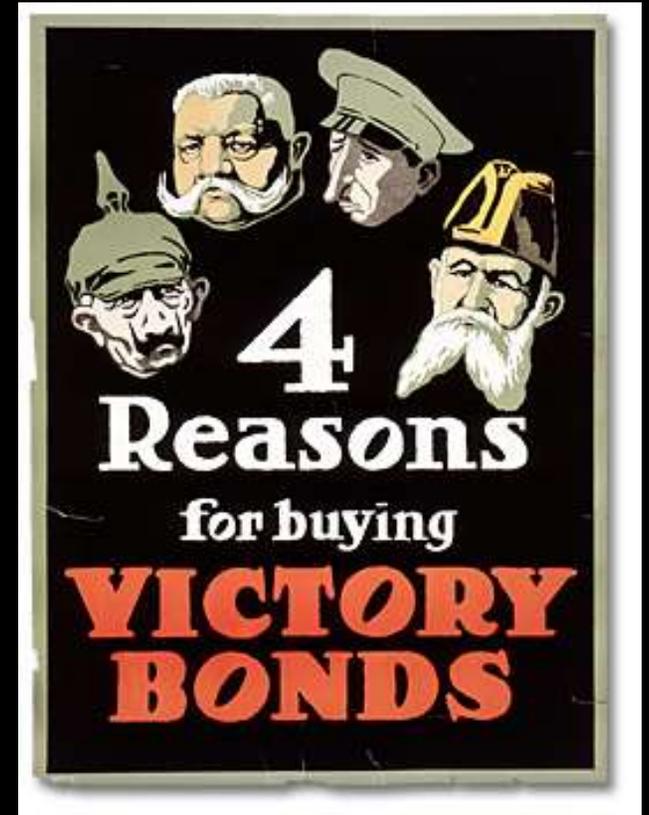
Why was this created?

- To teach?
- To entertain?
- To sell something?
- To further an agenda the creator has?
- A combination?

Purpose

Writers

- If you are bringing some specific information into your world, how would your character interact with it?
- Eg: would they pick up on propaganda? Would they react negatively to it?



<https://www.archives.gov.on.ca/en/explore/online/posters/index.aspx>

Plot

Writers only

- Is getting this correct critical to the plot, or am I just being a perfectionist?
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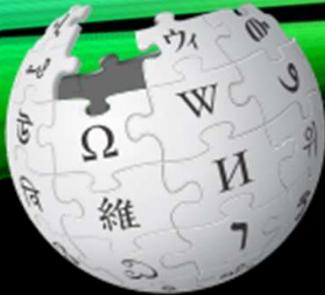
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More about evaluating info sources

- University of Alberta
<https://pressbooks.openeducationalberta.ca/libraryskills200/chapter/evaluating-resources/>
- University of Calgary
<https://libguides.ucalgary.ca/c.php?g=630437&p=4404569>
- Central Michigan University
https://libguides.cmich.edu/web_research/craap



Sources for answering quick questions



Should you use Wikipedia?

“the average science entry in Wikipedia contained around four inaccuracies; Britannica, about three”

Nature **438**, 900–901 (2005). <https://doi.org/10.1038/438900a>

“...when the stakes are low (you need a piece of information to settle a bet with your roommate, or you want to get a basic sense of what something means before starting more in-depth research), you may get what you need from Wikipedia.”

Harvard University Library <https://usingsources.fas.harvard.edu/what's-wrong-wikipedia>

Image: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia_logo#



Online encyclopedia: simple Wikipedia

Wikipedia entry too complicated?

- https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main_Page

“...makes Simple English articles a good way to understand difficult articles from the ordinary English Wikipedia. If someone cannot understand an idea in complex English, they can read the Simple English article.”

https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:About#Simple_English

Image: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia_logo#



Online collections of free sources
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Books, magazines, catalogues, etc.

Books, catalogues, magazines! Oh, my! Hathi Trust

- <https://www.hathitrust.org/>
- 18 million+ digitized books, magazines, etc.
- “Reading access to the fullest extent allowable by U.S. and international copyright law”
 - Mostly stuff originally published 95+ years ago
- Global in scope
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<https://www.hathitrust.org/about/mission-history/>
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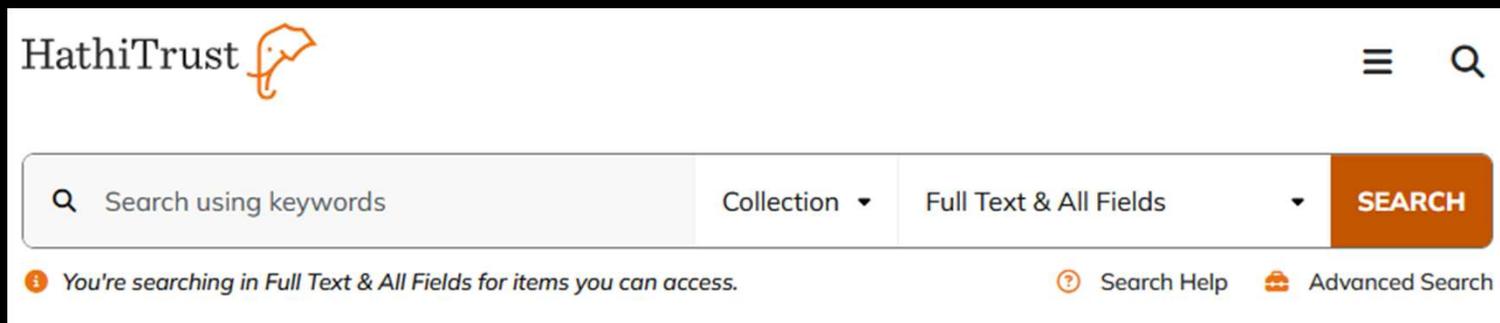


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Searching HathiTrust

<https://www.hathitrust.org/>

See my review: <https://theunrestrictedlibrarian.com/hathi-trust-a-review-tips/>



The screenshot shows the HathiTrust search interface. At the top left is the HathiTrust logo. To the right are a hamburger menu icon and a search icon. Below this is a search bar with the placeholder text "Search using keywords". To the right of the search bar are two dropdown menus: "Collection" and "Full Text & All Fields". To the right of these dropdowns is an orange "SEARCH" button. Below the search bar, there is a message: "You're searching in Full Text & All Fields for items you can access." To the right of this message are two links: "Search Help" and "Advanced Search".

Other Open sources for books, catalogues, & magazines

- Project Gutenberg <https://www.gutenberg.org/>
 - ~70,000 books
 - Focused on older books that are no longer under copyright (generally published over 95 years ago)
 - Heavy focus on novels & short stories
- Directory of Open Access Books (<https://www.doabooks.org/>) and Online Library of Open Access Books (<https://www.oapen.org/>)
 - Two services offered by the same organization – slightly different search results
 - Academic, peer reviewed.
 - Global scope.
 - Primarily focused on books published after ~1950



Online collections of free sources
for educational content:

Modern textbooks, lecture slides, etc.



Textbooks, lectures, etc.: Open Educational Resources Commons

- <https://oercommons.org/>
- Over 50,000 resources
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The screenshot shows the OER Commons website interface. At the top right, there is a "Donate to ISKME" link. The main navigation bar includes "Hubs", "Groups", "Learn More", and an "Add OER" button. A search bar is located in the top left, with "Sign In/Register" and a notification bell icon nearby. A dropdown menu is open over the search bar, listing various subjects: Applied Science, Arts and Humanities, Business and Communication, Career and Technical Education, Education, English Language Arts, History, Law, Life Science, Mathematics, Physical Science, and Social Science. Below the search bar, there are filters for "Subject", "Education Level", and "Standard", followed by a "Search" button. The background features a large image of a wooden desk with a laptop, a tablet, and a person's hands, with the text "Explore. Collaborate." and "OER Commons is a place where educators collaborate to create and share open educational resources. Explore, create, and share open educational resources to improve curriculum." A "Support" button is visible on the right side of the page.

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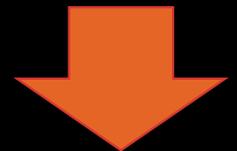
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Volcanic Features
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[View Resource](#)

Description
Overview: This interactive resource adapted from the National Park Service illustrates the variety of landforms and features created by volcanoes. Featured are calderas, craters, fumaroles and other geothermal features, igneous rocks, lava flows, lava tubes, and maars.
Subject: Education, Astronomy, Chemistry, Geology, Geoscience, Physical Geography, Physics, Space Science
Level: Middle School, High School, Community College / Lower Division, Graduate / Professional, Career / Technical
Grades: Grade 6, Grade 7, Grade 8, Grade 9, Grade 10, Grade 11, Grade 12
Material Type: Activity/Lab, Diagram/Illustration, Interactive
Author: National Science Foundation, WGBH Educational Foundation
Provider: PBS LearningMedia
Provider Set: PBS Learning Media: Multimedia Resources for the Classroom and Professional Development
Date Added: 12/17/2009
License: Educational Use Permitted
Language: English
Media Format: Text/HTML, Video

Standards
AAAS.4C.M4
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Grades 6-8
Learning Domain: The Physical Setting
Standard: Sedimentary rock buried deep enough may be re-formed by pressure and heat, perhaps melting and recrystallizing into different kinds of rock. These re-formed rock layers may be forced up again to become land surface and even mountains. Subsequently, this new rock too will erode. Rock bears evidence of the minerals, temperatures, and forces that created it.
Degree of Alignment: Not Rated (0 users)

Evaluations
No evaluations yet

Comments

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Searching



- Note: it does not search the entire full text of the resource – the search tool seems to only look through the same stuff you see in the item record. Search related terms!

Textbooks, lectures, etc. Other Open Education databases

Canadian

- Open Education Alberta <https://pressbooks.openeducationalberta.ca/catalog/>
- BC Open Campus <https://collection.bccampus.ca/search/>
- eCampus Ontario <https://openlibrary.ecampusontario.ca/>

International

- Merlot <https://www.merlot.org/merlot/index.htm>

American (Many have Canadian and other content)

- Libre Texts <https://commons.libretexts.org/catalog>
- Open Textbook Library <https://open.umn.edu/opentextbooks>
- Open Stax <https://openstax.org/subjects>

Confused
about what
you found?



Recruiting your army
of high-quality minions &
henchpersons for
rapid global domination!



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Recruiting your army of experts



- Talk to people around you!
- Join a combat-sport club (fencing, karate, etc.)
- Attend Alumni events! Convince your partner to take you to their alumni events!

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Other (almost) free resources

Usually free if you have a library card

Interlibrary Loans (ILL)

- Request physical items from other libraries be shipped to your library.
- Works for “known items” – it exists, but your library doesn’t have it.
 - Ask your librarian to help you track it down
- Usually successful, however, the library you request from may refuse to send the item.



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Do you have alumni access to \$\$\$\$ resources?

- Many post-secondary libraries now give some access to online resources to Alumni! Check it out!

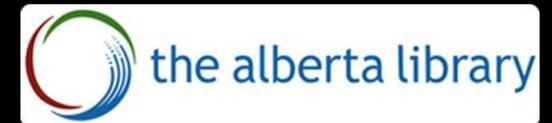


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Alberta library resources

Free to all Albertans with a library card!

- Borrow from Alberta Public Libraries
<https://melibraries.ca/help.php>
- Borrow from Alberta post-secondary libraries
<https://thealbertalibrary.ca/services/tal-card-template/>



Alberta Legal Information sources: mostly free to Albertans

- <https://lawlibrary.ab.ca/services/services-to-the-public/>
Note: there are similar services in other Provinces & Countries



Writing soundtracks

National Jukebox

- <https://www.loc.gov/collections/national-jukebox/about-this-collection/>
- Public Domain Recordings from the US (mostly pre-1925)

Radiooooo.com

- “Musical Time Machine”
- Search by decade and country
- I don't know the copyright status of the music on this page! Listen, but proceed with caution if you are a podcaster

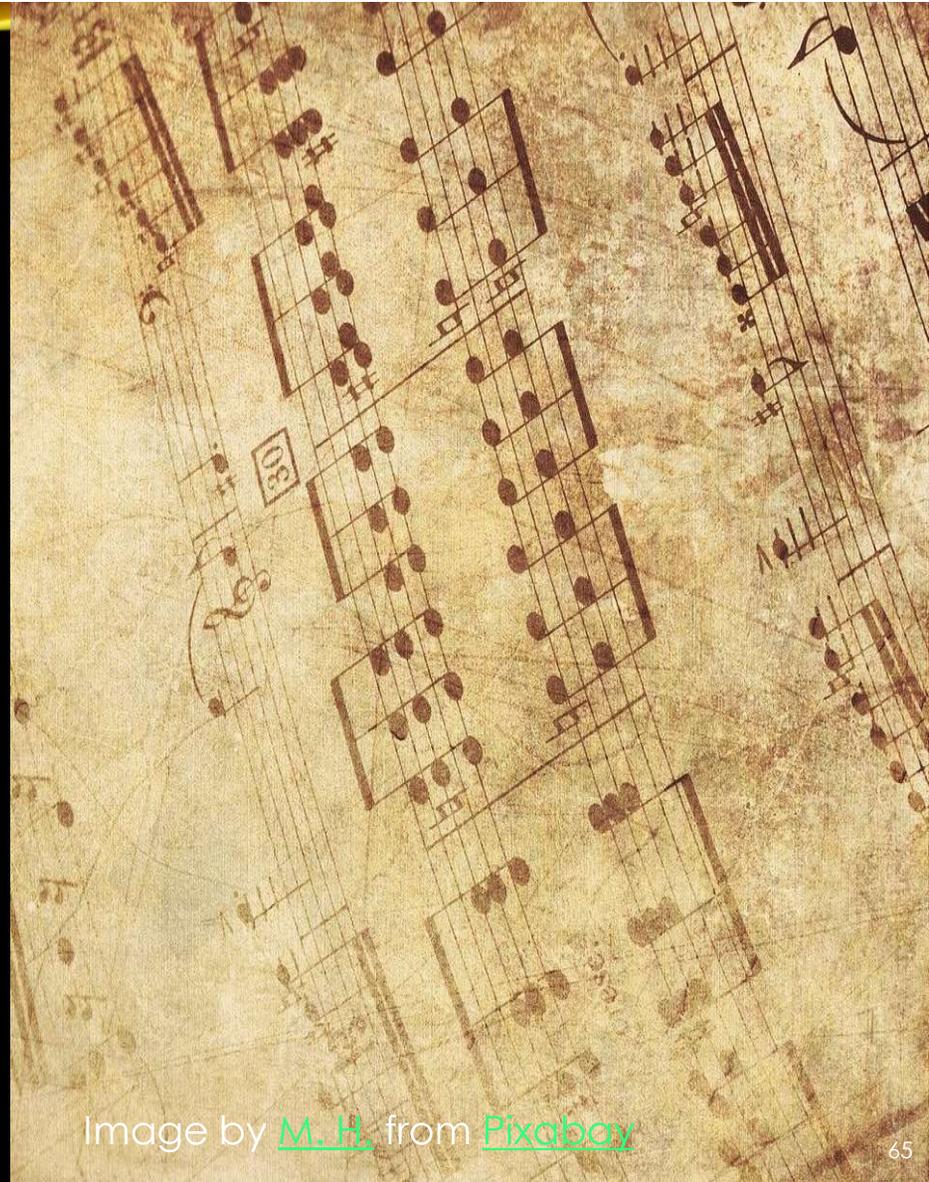


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