An Internet Guide to Information Literacy Resources

The Information Literacy Committee is tasked by the National Labor College’s Strategic Plan with improving the information literacy skills of students, faculty, and staff. As part of its overall action plan, the committee has prepared this list to provide students with an annotated guide to the best of information literacy resources available online.

Information Literacy Tutorials

American University Library: Information Literacy Tutorial [http://www.library.american.edu/tutorial/](http://www.library.american.edu/tutorial/)
• Online tutorial about choosing a research topic, identifying information, search strategies, evaluating information, and citing sources.

St. John’s University Libraries: Information Literacy Tutorial [http://libraries.stjohns.edu/ilt/](http://libraries.stjohns.edu/ilt/)
• Online tutorial with subjects including getting started, conducting research, evaluating information, citing sources, and avoiding plagiarism.

Minneapolis Community and Technical College: Information Literacy Tutorial [http://camellia.shc.edu/literacy/index.html](http://camellia.shc.edu/literacy/index.html)
• Online information literacy tutorial that utilizes a pre-test, lessons, assignments, and quizzes.

Kentucky Virtual Library: How to Do Research [http://library.louisville.edu/infoliteracy/criticalEvaluation.html](http://library.louisville.edu/infoliteracy/criticalEvaluation.html)
• Online tutorial with subjects including doing research, identifying information, evaluating information, and citing sources.

Bibliographies

• Selective bibliography on information literacy, including position papers, books, articles, and guidelines.

Conducting Online Research

• Overview of how to conduct research online, including how to use subject directories and search engines.

Understanding Sources: Primary and Secondary

University of California, Santa Cruz, Library: How to Distinguish Between Primary and Secondary Sources [http://library.ucsc.edu/ref/howto/primarysecondary.html](http://library.ucsc.edu/ref/howto/primarysecondary.html)
• Brief introduction on understanding the difference between primary and secondary sources…and why it matters.
Evaluating Sources

Purdue University Libraries: Evaluating Internet Sources and Sites
http://www.lib.purdue.edu/ugrl/staff/sharkey/interneteval/
• Brief online tutorial highlighting criteria for evaluating online sources and sites.

University of Louisville Libraries: Critical Evaluation of Sources
http://library.louisville.edu/infoliteracy/criticalEvaluation.html
• Important questions to ask while conducting research.

Documenting Sources

University of California, Berkeley, Library: APA Style Citations
http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/TeachingLib/Guides/APAstyle.pdf
• Four-page guide that provides guidelines and examples for citing sources following the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*, commonly referred to as "APA style."

Duke University Libraries: APA In-text Parenthetical Citations
http://library.duke.edu/research/citing/within/apa.html
• Basic guide to citing sources using the APA style.

Honolulu Community College Library: How to Document Sources in APA Style
http://honolulu.hawaii.edu/legacylib/apahcc.html
• Guide that focuses on how to document frequently cited sources using the APA style.

Plagiarism

Acadia University, Vaughn Memorial Library: You Quote It, You Note It
http://library.acadiau.ca/tutorials/plagiarism/
• Online tutorial on how to research ethically and avoid plagiarism.

Plagiarism.org: The Learning Center
http://www.plagiarism.org/index.html
• Extensive resources about plagiarism, especially in the information age.

Indiana University, Bloomington, School of Education: How to Recognize Plagiarism
http://www.indiana.edu/~istd/definition.html
• Easy to use overview and tutorial about plagiarism.

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