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Researching tips

1. AVOID:

Wikipedia, People/US magazine and the like, fan websites, personal web pages

1. \***Always** be able to determine where the content came from

A few “helpers” online:

[www.lib.berkeley.edu/TeachingLib/Guides/Internet/Evaluate.html](http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/TeachingLib/Guides/Internet/Evaluate.html)

[www.easywhois.com](http://www.easywhois.com)

1. As you search, keep careful track of where all of your information comes from:
2. Web address
3. Author(s)
4. Title
5. Date of publication and last update
6. Hosting organization
7. Ideas to try:
   1. Besides typing in the famous person’s name, research his/her specific credentials, awards, inventions, etc. without typing his/her name. For example, if you were researching Albert Einstein, you might try searching with “atom bomb” or “a-bomb”. Even though Einstein didn’t directly create the atom bomb, his understanding of purifying uranium-235 aided our government in developing the bomb.
   2. Use his/her nicknames, stage names, last name only, etc.
   3. Try typing in words like “biography”, “information”, “childhood”, “family”, etc. along with that person’s name to find more specific info about him/her.
   4. Search names of movies they appeared in, albums their band created, etc. without using their name specifically

Other tips/sites I’ve found or classmates have suggested:

Biography.com

Google scholar