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Homework Help & Helpful Links [1]

COLLEGE & CAREER

- **Adventures in Education**[2] - College planning resources, financial aid info, career guidance, & money management tips
- **BrainTrack** [3] - The web's oldest & most complete college & career info with education resources, career advice & scholarships
- **Campus Explorer** [4] - Search for colleges by location & degree/program type, plus an advice section & videos from real students with each college review
- **College Board** [5] - Connecting students to college success & opportunity
- **College Confidential** [6] - Tools for choosing, applying to & paying for college; learn what to expect your first year, & how to thrive as a new student
- **College Crunch** [7] - College reviews, profiles, tips for figuring out college financing, & career planning advice
- **College for All Texans** [8] - Resources for preparing for, applying for & funding higher education
- **College Grazing** [9] - Interest surveys designed to help students think about all things college-related

- **College 101: Guide to University and College Admissions** [10] - From Shmoop, a guide to get you through the college admissions hassle, plus lots of scholarship listings
- **CollegeView** [11] - Find free scholarships, financial aid, career & minority information, plus profiles on universities
- **Federal Student Aid FAFSA** [12] - Free application for federal aid administered by the US Department of Education
- **Federal Student Financial Aid Toolkit** [13] - The toolkit provides student aid info & tools for counselors, college access professionals, nonprofit mentors, and others, including students
- **FinAid** [14] - Award-winning site which provides financial aid information, advice & tools
- **INeedaPencil** [15] - Sixty lessons, more than 800 practive exam questions, & an SAT score projector, provided by the nonprofit CK-12 Foundation
- **Job and Career Accelerator** [16] - Interest assessment, career exploration, and job search info helps job seekers explore careers that match interests & expectations, and build a personalized occupation knowledge base. To access your account from home, use your 14-digit library card number as your USERNAME and make up your own password. If you've used Learning Express Library, you may use the same login.

- **LearningExpressLibrary.com** [17]- Interactive practice exams designed to help improve scores on academic, civil service, military, and professional licensing and certification tests. Some tests are the GED, ACT, ASVAB, GRE, SAT, postal worker and firefighter exams, and the U.S. citizenship test. If you want to access your account from home, use your 14-digit library card number as your USERNAME and make up your own password.

- **March 2 Success** [18] - A collaboration of the US Army & the publishers of Peterson Guides, this site offers full-length practice SAT tests, flash cards, plus college admissions & financing info in English & Spanish

- **Midwestern State University** [19] - Located in Wichita Falls, TX, MSU is the only university in Texas to become a member of the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges
- **My College Calendar** [20] - Helps students organize college applications - select a college you apply to & My College Calendar generates a calendar with important due dates
- **Peterson's** [21] - Search provider of colleges & universities, graduate schools, online degrees, private schools & study guides
- **Princeton Review** [22] - Helps parents & students navigate the complexities of school admissions
- **ProProfs** [23] **-** Claiming to have the most comprehensive collection of free SAT study resources online, this site provides practice exams, flash cards, quizzes, & cram sheets
- **SchoolsintheUSA.com** [24] - Review university & college programs across the US from one source
- **Today's Military** [25] - Reference source for learning about opportunities available in the military
- **TuitionTracker** [26] **-** Research the net cost of more than 3,700 colleges & universities with this online tool
- **Unigo** [27] - Student generated college reviews, videos & photos to learn about colleges from the inside
- **Vernon College** [28] - A comprehensive community college with campuses in Vernon & Wichita Falls, TX

FOR BOOK LOVERS

- ***Books and Authors*** *[29] - Guides you to books that match your reading interests*
- **Flamingnet** [30] - YA books reviewed by YA reviewers; you can become a book reviewer through this site
- **Guys Lit Wire** [31] - A blog for teen guys to help recommend the books you want to read
- **Guys Read** [32] - Author Jon Scieszka's site with book recommendations just for guys from other guys
- **Novelist** [33] - This is a great resource for book suggestions with special Recommended Reads for Teens
- **pulse**it [34] - An online community for anyone who loves teen books! Read free books and exclusive excerpts - it's free to join & participate
- **readergirlz** [35] - The foremost online book community for teen girls, led by five critically-acclaimed YA authors
- **StorySnoops** [36] - Created by moms, this site offers book reviews from a parent's perspective for kids ages 9-18
- **Teen Fire** [37] - Sourcebooks, Incorporated's social networking site for teens who are lovers of YA literature
- **what should I read next?** [38] - Enter a favorite book title & this site will analyze a database of over 70,000 titles to offer you new suggestions!
- **Your Next Read** [39] - A great place to find another title similar to one you have read and loved!

FOR WRITERS

- **figment** [40] - An online community of 100,000 teens who come together to create, share, & discover original writing; educators can create free private groups to host book clubs, discussion groups, or virtual writer's workshops
- **Teen Ink** [41] - A national teen magazine, book series & website devoted to teenage writing, art, photos & forums

GETTING READY TO DRIVE

- **Teendriving.com** [42] - A site full of tips for new drivers
- **Teen Driver** [43] - From Toyota & Discovery Education, this site offers a comprehensive program for helping teens avoid distractions & stay safe while driving.
- **Texas Department of Public Safety** [44] - Find out about teen driver information & getting your Texas driver's license

HEALTH (Your Body)

- **TeensHealth** [45] - Honest, accurate doctor-approved information & advice about health, emotions & life
- **Teen Line**[46] -Teens helping teens, founded in 1980 to help teens address their problems with a confidential peer hotline

HEALTH (Your Money)

- **It All Adds Up** [47] -A site for teens who want to get ahead on their financial future...learn about credit management, buying a car, paying for college, budgeting, saving, and investing

HOMEWORK HELP & EDUCATIONAL SITES

- **A to Z Maps Online** [48] - The world's largest subscription-based database of proprietary, royalty-free world, continent, country, and state maps
- **A to Z to the USA**[49] - Information and statistics about the states and territories of the USA
- **A to Z World Travel**[50] - 150 world city travel guides including info about travel essentials, attractions, maps, and culture for your next trip
- **Bartleby** **[51]** - Unlimited access to books & information on the web, free of charge
- **Bio.** **[52]** - Read biographies, watch interviews, & video clips
- **Biography in Context** [53]- From Gale, an authoritative online experience featuring the world's most influential people
- **Britannica Library for Young Adults** [54] - Access specifically for young adults with access to primary sources, videos, magazine articles, images, and more
- **Britannica Spanish Reference Center** [55] - Same Britannica as above, but en español. Use this link for home access - **Britannica Spanish Remote.**[56]
- **Coolmath.com** **[57]** - The most popular destination for math education and fun
- **Exploratorium** **[58]** - One of the first science museums, exploring science, art & human perception, to build a site on the web
- **Find People from the Past: A Genealogy Resource Guide for Kids** **[59]** - This gateway site provides links to over 40 sites to help young people discover genealogy
- **Gale Databases** [60] - Link to all databases from the Gale Group available through the library
- **Gale Literature Criticism Online**[61] - An extensive compilation of literary commentary that represents a wide range of modern & historical view on authors and their works across regions, eras, and genres; includes: Contemporary Literary Criticism, Twentieth-Century Literary Criticism, Drama Criticism, Nineteenth Century Literature Criticism, Poetry Criticism, Shakespearean Criticism, Short Story Criticism, and Something About the Author
- **Gale Literature Resource Center** **[62]** - Most current, comprehensive, and reliable online resource for research on literary topics, authors, and their works. Its coverage includes all genres and disciplines, all time periods, and all regions of the world. Content includes Literature Criticism, Biographies, Topic and Work Overviews, Reviews, News, Primary Sources, and Literary Works, images, and links to audio interviews and reviews. Your search will also include Scribner's Writers Series and Twayne's Author Series.
- **Gale Power Search** [63] - A search tool that saves you time by searching Gale resources in one place so you can review all results in a single list
- Something About the Author [64] - Biographical information on thousands of children's book authors & illustrators
- **Gale Virtual Reference Library** (GVRL) [65] - Database of encyclopedias, almanacs, & specialized reference sources, including Novels for Students, Drama for Students, and Literary Themes for Students.
- **Global Road Warrior** [66] - Most current information for all the world nations on society & culture, communications, travel, trade, business, money & banking, and country maps

- **Guiness World Records** [67] - The ultimate authority on record-breaking achievement, providing information about superlative facts & feats
- **High School Ace** [68] **-** The academic homepage for high school students, featuring a web guide for the best free educational resources for teens
- **History.com** [69] - The History Channel's site for historical event & people information
- **ipl2** [70] - A merger of the Internet Public Library & the Librarian's Internet Index, this site features a searchable subject-categorized directory of authoritative websites
- **mango languages** [71] **-** Choose from 56 foreign language courses and 16 English as a Second Language (ESL) courses
- **Rocket Languages** [72] - An interactive online language learning system, offering instruction in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, English for Spanish Speakers, and Sign Language. Create your own login and password to start learning!
- **Salem History**[73] - Online access to historical reference works from Salem Press
- **Salem Literature** [74] - Online access to literature books, including Critical Survey of Long Fiction, from Salem Press
- **Salem Science** [75] - Online access to science books, including The Solar System, from Salem Press
- **Science360** [76] - Discover the latest wonders of science, engineering, technology & math with videos covering these topics
- **SparkNotes** [77] - Study guides & discussion forums on various academic subjects; Brief analyses of characters, themes & plots
- **Student Research Center** [78]- EBSCO's search interface designed to students in grades 6-12
- **SweetSearch**[79] - A Search Engine for Students searching the best 35,000 sites approved by Internet research experts
- **TexShare Databases** [80]- Link to full-text articles from journals, newspapers, magazines, & many other sources available 24 hours a day

MOVIES, MUSIC & GAMES

- **AllMusic** [81] - Music reviews, new releases & artist biographies
- **IMDb - The Internet Movie Database** [82] - The world's largest collection of movie, TV, & celebrity information
- **Rotten Tomatoes** [83] - Movie trailers, movie reviews & new movie previews

VOLUNTEER!

- **Do Something** [84] - Using the power of online to get teens to do good stuff offline

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