

MEDIA LITERACY GUIDE FOR TEENS

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"Media Literacy is a 21st century approach to education. It provides a framework to **access, analyze, evaluate, create** and **participate** with messages in a variety of forms — from print to video to the Internet. Media literacy builds an understanding of the role of media in society as well as **essential skills of inquiry** and **self-expression** necessary for citizens of a democracy."

-Center for Media Literacy (medialit.org)

What's the deal with scholarly publications?

- Subject expert writes articles and submits to publishers
- Publisher accepts as is (rarely), rejects, or sends to peer reviewers
- Unpaid peer reviewers give feedback to author
- Science must be replicable
- Author incorporates feedback and resubmits to publisher
- Publishers accept, reject, or send back to peer reviewers
- If published, author is not paid. Libraries, universities, and research institutions pay to access research.



SOURCE

Primary Sources

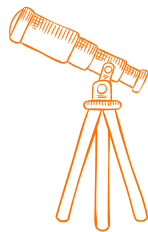
- govinfo.gov
- pubmed.gov
- mtmemory.org
- JSTOR Community Collections
- Smithsonian
- Heritage Quest*

Secondary Sources

- MasterFILE Elite*
- research.msl.mt.gov**

*access via ImagineIF

**access via MT State Library



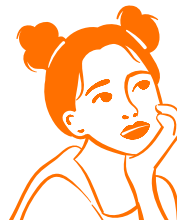
FIND

Advanced Search = Your BFF

- limit by date
- one concept per text box
- try lots of keywords (culinary, cookery, cooking...)
- find a good source? mine its bibliography!

Boolean Terms

- AND
- OR
- NOT (or -)
- truncation (teen* = teen, teens, teenagers...)
- "quotation marks around exact phrases"



EVALUATE

Just remember to CRAAP!

Currency

timeliness of info

Relevance

how info fits your needs

Accuracy

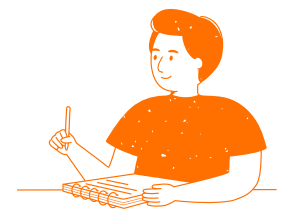
fact or opinion? references?

Author

expert? evident bias?

Purpose

to inform, persuade, sell?



INTEGRATE

Use research to **inform, but primarily focus on your contributions.**

- Excellent writing tips: owl.purdue.org

Cite those sources!

- MLA
- APA
- Chicago

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