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## RELIABLE Free Online Science Resources

**PubMed** <http://www.pubmed.gov>

Access to Medline, National Library of Science

**ScienceDirect** <http://www.sciencedirect.com>

Free searching of seven million+ journal and book articles.

**Highwire Press** <http://www.highwire.stanford.edu>

Perhaps the largest collection of free full-text science materials

**Smithsonian** [www.sil.si.edu](http://www.sil.si.edu)

**Science 360** <http://science360.gov/files>

National Science Foundation (100+ videos)

**Science.Gov** <http://science.gov>

Gateway to authoritative selected science information provided by 13 U.S. Government agencies

## Primary Sources (Free, reliable)

> Note: PVHS' databases & books have many primary sources

**Calisphere:** <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/index.html>

California's history and culture through photographs, political cartoons, newspaper clippings, works of art, diaries, ads, maps, documents, and scrapbooks.

**Library of Congress:** <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/index.html>

The American memory Historical Collections from the Library of Congress. Access to historical images, maps, sound recordings, and creative works from America's past.

## Free Search Engines / Tools (Use with care!!)

**RefSeek** <[refseek.com](http://refseek.com)> (more efficient than Google!!)

**Librarian's Index to the Internet** <[lii.org](http://lii.org)>

**Internet Public Library** <[ipl.org](http://ipl.org)>

**Teoma.com** or **Clusty.com**

**Academic Info:** <[academicinfo.net](http://academicinfo.net)>

**Alltheweb** <[alltheweb.com](http://alltheweb.com)>

**GoogleScholar** <<http://scholar.google.com>> (journal & peer-reviewed articles (though not always current))

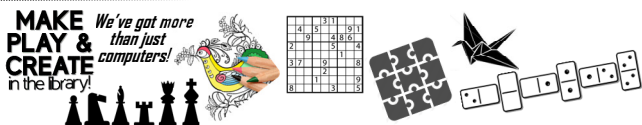
*\*Remember, in MANY cases, the databases are a better bet!*



## Print Collection (Fiction & NonFiction)

The library strives to keep its collection current and relevant. New purchases are made regularly, come in and see what's new!

Young Adult, award winners, bestsellers, graphic novels, narrative nonfiction, classics, popular subgenres, & more!



All Sea King's have access to the school's **wifi** as part of the district's **BYOD** initiative. To access

The school computers students must

create their **own account** using their student ID number & temp. password of b-day in 6 digits

**PVHS network:** PvnstStudent Visit [pvpsd.net](http://pvpsd.net) in browser, accept usage terms, click on 1st link, login w/ ID# & password

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Scan the QR code with a QR code reader app to access the library website from your mobile device.



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## Dewey Decimal System Nonfiction Resources

000 – 099	Generalities, Facts
100 – 199	Philosophy, Psychology
200 – 299	Religion, Mythology
300 – 399	Social Science (controversial issues, government, law, education, customs, etiquette, folklore)
400 – 499	Language (dictionaries, world languages, thesaurus)
500 – 599	Natural Sciences, Math (animals, plants, chem, astron, physics)
600 – 699	Technology (health, home ec, manufacturing, bldgs, pets)
700 – 799	Fine Arts, Arts, Sports (art, sports, arch, drawing, music, hobbies)
800 – 899	Literature (short stories, poetry, plays, literary criticism)
900 – 999	History
920	Collective Biographies
921	Biographies (individuals)
REF	Reference books (no checkouts)

**"There's an app for that."**



These free no-login apps will give you access to great resources for classes & research! **Access My Library, QR Code Reader, Destiny Quest**

# Sea King Research & Resource Guide



**PALOS VERDES  
HIGH SCHOOL  
LIBRARY MEDIA  
CENTER**

**Library Hours**

**Open Daily**

**7:00 am to 3:30 pm**

*The library's electronic resources (eBooks, databases, tutorials & links) keep the virtual library open to you 24/7*

**Save Your work** to OneDrive, GoogleDrive, or Dropbox and **retrieve it anywhere**

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## About Electronic Databases:

Electronic databases **should be your first step in online research.**

These are password protected informational resources our school subscribes to for research purposes. The information is hand-selected, evaluated, standardized, authenticated, and RELIABLE.

Colleges regularly expect and require students to use electronic databases instead of the free Web. (i.e. Google, Wikipedia, etc.) PVHS encourages students to use more reliable & academic sources of information in preparation for college research. Content from databases is accurate and up to date.

If you are not finding what you need: **1.)** revisit your search terms, **2.)** revise your search terms, **3.)** come see the librarian

## Plagiarism

### What is plagiarism?

- Turning in someone else's work (even hw) as your own
- Copying words or ideas from someone else without giving credit
- Failing to put copied textual materials in quotation marks
- Giving incorrect information about the source of the information
- Changing key words but still copying the sentence structure of a source and not giving credit
- Copying so many words or ideas from a source that it makes up the majority of your work, whether you give credit or not


**Plagiarism is a very serious offense. It is cheating, whether deliberate or accidental.**

### District and PVHS Policy for Plagiarism Offense

- **First incident:**  
"F" on assignment; possible "U" in work habits
- **Second incident:**  
Student's removed from the class and a grade of "F" and "U" are entered on permanent academic record.

### Avoid plagiarizing:

- Take careful notes: write down keywords (do not copy entire sentences or sentence structures)
- Use quotation marks around words you've copied
- Write down your source as you work [planning to go back to do it later: 1.) wastes time, 2.) creates problems]
- Summarize information in your own words and sentence structure
- Give credit to ALL your sources of information (images, maps, ideas, facts, soundtracks, etc.)
- If it is not common knowledge, IT NEEDS TO BE CITED, regardless of whether you have quoted or only paraphrased

 **Printing is 10¢** per b&w page. Save all files as **pdfs** onto a **flash drive**, insert into the copier, follow posted directions.

## PVHS Electronic Databases

*Databases generously funded by the PVHS Booster Club*

(Paid subscription sites) **ID & Password: ask librarian**  
Access the links from the library's website, anytime, anywhere:



**STUDENT RESOURCES:** (General) Great place to begin research. Contextual information on a broad range of topics, people, places, and events. Reference texts AND full-text magazines, academic journals, news articles, primary sources, images, videos, and audio files. Access topic portals through the 'Browse Topics' page.



**PROQUEST:** Full-text magazines, newspapers, academic journals, reference materials. Strong content. Search engine has great limiter options.



**OPPOSING VIEWPOINTS:** of complex social issues in our society today. Statistics, gov. data, legislation, web links, newspaper & mag. articles, current event topics. Provides perspectives on both sides of an issue. Access topic portals through the 'Browse Issues' page.



**GLOBAL ISSUES:** International viewpoints on a broad spectrum of global issues and current events. Includes multimedia sources: podcasts, video, graphs. Search by issues or regions.



**CQ RESEARCHER** [Provided through PVLID] Provides award winning in-depth coverage of the most important issues of the day. Reports written by experienced journalists, and professionally fact-checked. Full-length articles include an overview, historical background, chronology, pro/con feature, plus resources for additional research. \*username = PalosVerdes \*password = capress

*Is your research topic not covered by these databases? The public libraries have many more, free to you to access from home WITH their library card.*



**Public Library Resources:** Use your public library cards to access the local public libraries' electronic database collections (collectively much more extensive). If you don't already have library cards, get some! (They're FREE, and it can be done online.) Beyond the PV public libraries, try also the surrounding libraries: San Pedro, Redondo, Torrance, Hermosa. & others!




Students without their own PVLID library card can access the online resources using this generic login: **29350002620579**



>> Free **ACCESS MY LIBRARY apps** will give you access to local libraries' Gale resources even *without* a card



**eBooks:** Full-text academic reference books in electronic format; accessible anywhere you are - no special devices needed. 



**Gale Virtual Reference:** Password: **verde90274**  
Encyclopedias and specialized reference books. (Access library reference texts remotely.) History, science, biographies, novel studies, current events, film, business case-studies, Ency. of education, financial aid, origins of world-wide conflicts, law, sports injuries, fitness, and more!



**EBSCO Student eBooks:** 5,000+ titles across all academic subjects: history, science, language & literature, art, technology. Features full-text classic works of literature (including *some* of PV's core novels).



Do NOT share these passwords. Only PVHS students & faculty are authorized to use these resources. All other parties are in violation of the licensing contract of these companies.

## Citation

Give credit to your sources of information. Whether you copy word-for-word (use quotation marks around words copied), paraphrase, summarize, or copy images/graphs, you need to indicate where you got the information.

Document that information on your **Works Cited** page.

**MLA:** *Humanities:* English, art history, film, gender, & ethnic studies

**APA:** Hard & social Sciences: sociology, psychology, biology, education

### Citation Tips:

- Remember that different kinds of sources are each *cited differently*
- **In the library:** use the color-coded half sheets
- **Databases:** Most database articles cite themselves for you (their fault format is MLA) just copy & paste

### Citation Tools:

**Citation Machine:** <http://citationmachine.net>

*allows you to plug in information for a source to create citation*

**Knightcite:** [www.knightcite.com](http://www.knightcite.com)

*allows you to plug in information for a source to create citation*

**Purdue University Writing Help/MLA Guide**

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01>

*Detailed guide for citing any kind of source*

## Source Evaluation: CRAAP Test



Evaluate a source's **Currency, Relevancy,**

**Accuracy, Authority, Purpose**

> learn more at [seekinglibrary.weebly.com/source-evaluation.html](http://seekinglibrary.weebly.com/source-evaluation.html)

## Getting Started

There is a difference between a **TOPIC** and a **THESIS**

A *topic* is your subject matter; a *thesis* is the argument-based assertion you are saying ABOUT your topic, which you can support through research.

Entry Questions: What do you want to know about your topic?

Scope: Narrow your topic? Broaden your topic?

**TIP:** Revisit and revise your thesis as often as needed

**Persistence & Resiliency** are essential when conducting research. You will encounter road blocks and challenges as you work, it is important to keep at it, and to vary your search terms. As you work let your findings guide, shape and inform your further research, learning as you go. (Your search terms should alter by the end.)

## Searching Tips

**Boolean Operators AND, OR and NOT** refine your search:

- > **AND** narrows a search (fruits **AND** vegetables)
- > **OR** widens a search (fruits **OR** vegetables)
- > **NOT** excludes a term from the results (fruits **NOT** apples)

**Truncation** wildcards limit your searches:

- Add \* to the end of a keyword to include its variations
- > diet\* = diets, dieting, dietary, etc.