

Searching in Online Encyclopedias (Part 1 of 3) World Book Student Encyclopedia

<i>Skills Category</i>	Searching World Book Student Encyclopedia
<i>Grade Level</i>	5th
<i>Time Required</i>	15 minutes
<i>Objectives</i>	Students will increase their understanding of online encyclopedia searches.
<i>Materials Needed</i>	Projector Bookmarks for World Book Online
<i>Preparation</i>	Become familiar with the searches before you present this lesson.
<i>Procedure</i>	1. <u>Review</u>

Do you remember about World Book encyclopedia searches?

You can use the World Book site at school or at home. To use the World Book at home you will need to know the username and password on the bookmark we will give you today. Please keep this bookmark so that you can explore some exciting subjects at home with your family.

2. Lesson

Last year we showed you how to do a search in *World Book's Student Encyclopedia*. Does anyone remember why an encyclopedia search is usually better than a Google search?

In short discussion be sure these items are mentioned:\

- Relevant search results
- Less confusion
- Documented reliable sources
- One stop shopping, no need to open multiple web sites.

Let's go to World Book: (<http://www.worldbookonline.com>)
Now, let's choose *World Book Student Encyclopedia*

Let's do an online encyclopedia search for _____
(Your choice of topic)

Does this information look like what we are looking for? Yes it does. There are several related articles on _____.

Have a short discussion. Have students help you to locate information. Look for pertinent items in your search:

- How many articles are there?
- Let's click on the first article.
- Are there any pictures?
- Is there a video to watch?

After exploring go back to first page of search.
(click on *back*, upper left corner)

Look at the Tool box at the top of the article. It has some great tools to help us

Maybe I need some help reading this information. (demo by clicking on 'read aloud in tool box' then highlight first of article.) Let kids listen for a short example. "Let's hit STOP, 'x' out and go on."

In the article I see the word '_____'. Let's get a definition by double-clicking on this word. What does the word mean?

What if I would like to read this article in another language? I can do that too. (Again, demo)

Would you agree that the World Book Student Encyclopedia gives lots of information? It sure does.

What if I don't want this much information? What if it is just too much for me? Then I would want to choose *World Book Kids* instead. How would I get to that site? (Scroll down the screen to see boxes at the bottom of the page.)

Let's look up this same topic in the *World Book Kids* encyclopedia.

- How many articles are there?
- Let's click on the first article.
- Are there any pictures?
- Is there a video to watch?

Either encyclopedia would be great to use. It is your choice.

Here is your bookmark so that you can do some fun searching at home. Don't forget to share it with your family.