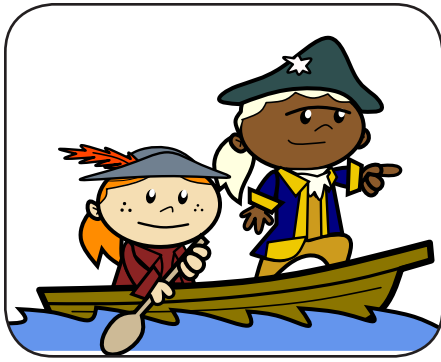


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## Start your young researchers right

*Kids InfoBits* is an exciting database designed for students in kindergarten through grade five. Featuring a developmentally appropriate interface, premier reference content and the best magazines for elementary students, *Kids InfoBits* organizes an amazing number of resources into a database that addresses the different ways that kids conduct research – and makes it fun in the process.

This resource serves two diverse groups: children in the K-2 age group, and more research-savvy kids in grades three to five. *Kids InfoBits* opens with a lively, icon-rich topic tree that encourages young children to drill down from broad to more narrowly focused topics. Older students can type a keyword or phrase in the subject search box. The results page divides content into six tabs, allowing students to easily find the type of information they need.

### SEARCH TIP

 When you see the *InfoMark*® icon on your results page, this means that you can bookmark the page for future reference, copy it into an electronic mail message or embed it into a Web page. Because the technology is tied into every Thomson Gale database and *Resource Center*, *InfoMarks* are ideal for creating reading lists, course reserves, current awareness topic sites, links to periodical or newspaper sources, online/distance learning courses, bibliographies, lesson plans and much more!

For more information on how to use *InfoMarks*, click the icon on the results page, or go to: [www.gale.com/InfoMarks](http://www.gale.com/InfoMarks)

### AGE-APPROPRIATE FEATURES

*Kids InfoBits* meets K-5 research needs with reference content from such acclaimed titles as:

- *Blackbirch Encyclopedia of Science and Invention*
- *Blackbirch Kid's Visual Reference of the United States*
- *Blackbirch Kid's Visual Reference of the World*
- *Columbia Encyclopedia*, 6th Edition; includes annual updates
- *First Facts about American Heroes*
- *First Facts about the States*
- *First Facts about U.S. History*
- Full-text content from 100 popular magazines
- Images of state birds, trees and flowers
- Biographies and images of each American president, first lady and vice president (as available)
- Thousands of full-color pictures, maps, charts and graphs

### SEARCH BY TOPIC

*Kids InfoBits* offers K-5 students an engaging topic-tree format aligned to the subjects of study and general interest:

- Animals
- Plants
- People
- Geography
- Science & Math
- Stories & Literature
- History & Social Studies
- Transportation
- Inventions & Technology
- Health
- Arts & Entertainment
- Sports

Within each general subject, *Kids InfoBits* offers a narrower search. Selecting “Animals,” for instance, results in these sub-topics:

- Mammals
- Birds
- Fishes and other sea creatures
- Reptiles
- Bugs & worms
- Dinosaurs and other extinct animals
- Pets and farm animals
- Animal-related subjects

The search doesn't end there. Selecting “Mammals,” for instance, offers full-text content tied to dozens of specific mammals, from Antelope to Zebra.

## SEARCH BY SUBJECT

If you already know your subject, *Kids InfoBits* delivers fast, accurate results. A Subject Search for “Pueblos,” for example, begins by entering the term in the Search box on the home page.

Results include a variety of magazine articles:

- “The Pueblos of New Mexico,” from Appleseeds
- “In Two Worlds,” from Appleseeds, includes a related article on Pueblo language
- “The Ancient Pueblo People,” from Cobblestones
- “The Grass Dancer,” a folktale, from Skipping Stones
- “The Ancient Ones,” from Kids Discover
- “Life on the Edge,” from National Geographic for Kids

### Expand your search with Related Subjects

For more information, use the Related Subjects box that accompanies each Subject listing. Related subjects for Pueblos include:

- Cliff dwellings
- Native Americans
- Hopis
- Kachinas

## FIND AN AUTHOR

For reading assignments, *Kids InfoBits* offers students a quick listing of some of the most-read writers, including Maya Angelou, Lewis Carroll, Dr. Seuss, Ursula Le Guin and J. K. Rowling. Or you may enter an author name for a more specific search.

## HISTORICAL ERAS

*Kids InfoBits* History & Social Studies offers a wide variety of topics. Select U.S. History to find groupings by era and historical event. Selecting “Colonial America”, for example, delivers useful content:

### Reference

State overviews of Connecticut and Massachusetts, from *U•X•L Junior Worldmark Encyclopedia of the States* and *Blackbirch Visual Reference of the United States*. These entries feature a Table of Contents that links to numerous subjects, including:

- Agriculture
- Energy and power
- Ethnic groups
- Industry
- Local government
- Population

## Magazines

Full-text content from such magazines as:

- Weekly Reader
- Monkeyshines
- Cobblestone
- Junior Scholastic

## FIND CHARTS AND GRAPHS...

Many entries in *Kids InfoBits* include downloadable charts and graphs. A Sports search of Super Bowl Game, for instance, delivers two charts:

- “Top 5 All-Time Most Attended Super Bowls”
- “Top 5 NFL Teams in Super Bowl Appearances”

## ...AND PLENTY OF MAPS

From the home page, choose **Advanced Search**, scroll down to Document Type, and select Maps. Your results include nearly 600 downloadable images from such sources as *The Blackbirch Kids Visual Reference of the World*:

- State and province maps
- Maps of individual and grouped countries
- “Former World Empires,” a historical map
- “Mineral Resources of Asia,” a scientific map
- “Selected Major Metropolitan Areas of the World,” a social-studies map

Country locator maps, which place countries in context to the rest of the world and states in context to the rest of the U.S.

Maps also appear within each search of a state, province or country.



# Kids InfoBits Search Tips

## HOW TO USE KIDS INFOBITS

Use your Internet browser to go to *Kids InfoBits* URL. On the home page, you will find a Search bar and other options.

For common topics, Subject Search gives you the most results. The results include indexed terms matched to your search term(s).

Or you can use the Topic Tree search to begin. The 12 general subjects include:

- Animals
- Plants
- People
- Geography
- Science & Math
- Stories & Literature
- History & Social Studies
- Transportation
- Inventions & Technology
- Health
- Arts & Entertainment
- Sports

Each subject drills down to more specific topics, which then link to full-text content from reference works and magazines.

## ADVANCED SEARCH

You may narrow your search with the Advanced Search function, which allows you to enter up to three related terms, categorized by Title, Source, Author, Subject or Full-Text. You may also specify dates of publications and document types, including biography, country overview, graph, map, newspaper or magazine.

Advanced Search

Enter search term(s) and select index type.  
Indicate choice of Boolean operators (AND, OR, NOT)

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SEARCH CLEAR FORM

Date of Publication  
Note: entering a date or range of dates will limit your search to newspapers and periodicals only.

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## TOOLS YOU CAN USE

Everything you need to build a successful project or presentation is in one handy area!

- *Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary*
- A Teacher Toolbox that holds the "must haves" for a great paper

Teacher Toolbox

Tools for Getting Started

[Judging Information](#)

[Creating A Web](#)

[Choosing a Topic](#)

Tools for Wrapping It Up

[How to Cite a Source](#)

[Organizing a Report](#)

[How to Write a Conclusion](#)

# How to Use the Teacher Tool Box

## HOW TO USE THE RESEARCH TOOLS

Searching for articles may be easy, but putting all that information together for a report can be a challenge. The Thomson Gale Tool Box, featured in *Kids InfoBits*, is an integral part of our K-12 databases and helps students think about their idea and organize information for any research paper or project.

These tools can be accessed at any point in the process by clicking on the Teacher Toolbox icon at the top of each page.



### Tools for Getting Started

- Judging Information
- Creating a Web
- Choosing a Topic
- How to Write a Topic Sentence
- Creating an Outline



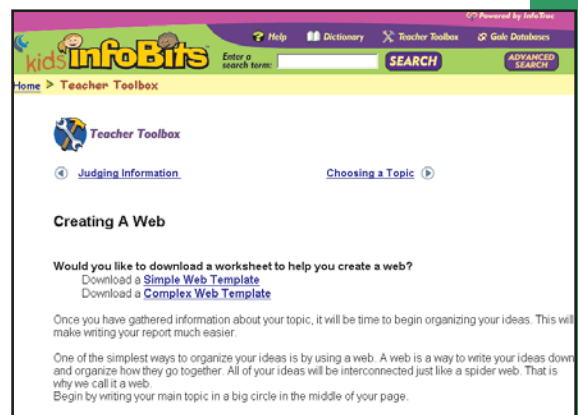
### Tools for Wrapping It Up

- How to Cite a Source
- Organizing a Report
- How to Write a Conclusion
- How to Create a Visual Representations

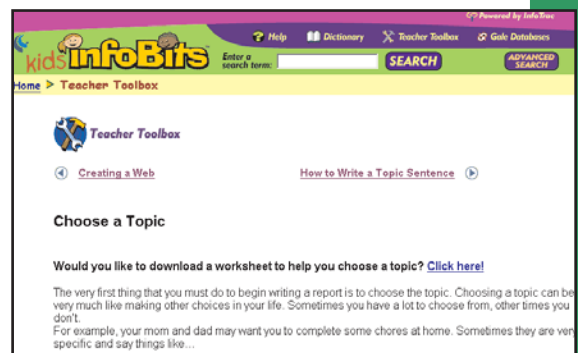
All Tool Box topics including a worksheet, suitable for downloading. For example, the topic “How to Cite a Source” discusses the elements of a bibliography as well as when, why and how to give credit to an outside source. Students can then reinforce the information discussed by accessing the worksheet. The docs in the toolbox have been written in a language appropriate for younger students.



Tips on citing a source ...



....creating a concept web....



...and choosing a topic are all part of Kids InfoBits' helpful research tips