

Basic Website Searching Techniques

- Try **search terms** instead of typing a question in the search bar. Search terms are usually nouns and action verbs.

Example: What **geographic resources** are available to the people of **Mesopotamia**?

- Keep words together using **quotation marks**.

Example: "geographic resources"

- Use **operators**, AND, NOT, OR (**in all caps**) or +, and - between terms.

Example: "geographic resources" AND Mesopotamia

- Search Google, Bing, and Yahoo at the same time with a metasearch engine!



Shortcut Keys:

Ctrl t—opens a new tab

Ctrl f—finds a word on the page

Right click→open in new tab—keeps the tab you have and opens the link in another.

Don't forget to **backspace the URL** to find the sponsoring organization!

Ask for help if you need it! 😊

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