

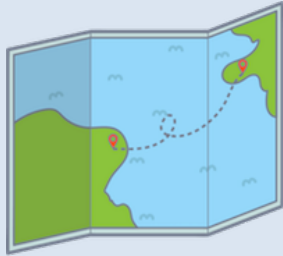


Geography and Travel Resources

https://infotopia.info/geography_travel.html

Do your students need current maps, atlases, geographical information, demographics, facts, travel advisories, and more? Do they need information about states of the United States, countries of the world, and more? This type of information is usually outdated in most printed books. The only way to keep it current is to check with reliable websites.

On the above website, you will also find resources for U.S. States and maps in general, as well as panoramic journeys around the world.



Welcome!

Welcome to the students and teachers from **Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania!** We are happy you are using Infotopia.info, VirtualLRC.com, Infotrek.info, Kidtopia.info, and Kidtopiafacts.com for your research needs!



STEM ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS

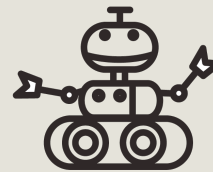
<https://infotopia.info/stem.html>

Infotopia links to nine different resources for STEM or STEAM activities for students for all grades.

Here are examples of the resources:

- **TEACHING EXPERTISE** links to 75 fun and creative activities for students
- **The Ultimate STEM Guide for Kids:** 239 Cool Sites About Science, Technology, Engineering and Math
- **LOOK WE ARE LEARNING** has 45 Easy STEM Activities for Kids
- **HOMESCHOOL SCIENTIST** has over 65 activities for STEM learning
- Find more ideas from Science Buddies, Science TREK, SciTech Institute, and more!

Which one is your favorite? (email us)



Kidtopia

<https://www.kidtopia.info/arts.html>

Find art resources for elementary students at this link. Find resources on art history, coloring pages, crafts, dance, drama, music, pottery, print making, artists in general, drawing and painting, sculptures, and how to find images using search tools. Resources for older students can be found at



<https://infotopia.info/art.html>

Look It Up!

Do your students wonder what popular expressions/idioms mean and where they originated?

Look it up on our etymology look up page below. Just type in the expression in the search box following by "etymology."

Here are a few examples. Are you familiar with these?

A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush
Have your cake and eat it too
A chip off the old block
Bob's your uncle
Blood is thicker than water
A penny for your thoughts

https://www.virtuallrc.com/english_etymology_lookup.html



Black sheep of the family

Answer: Supposedly a black sheep had wool that could not be dyed and thus was of less worth. But one black sheep in a flock is said to be considered good luck by shepherds in several counties in England.

Blood is thicker than water

When I looked this up, there are all sorts of idioms related to blood. Blood money, blood sport, to get blood from a stone, etc. Most were first cited in the 1500s, 1600s, 1700s, or 1800s. It makes for interesting reading!



Our search engines/web directories include:

<https://www.infotopia.info>

<https://www.kidtopia.info>

<https://www.kidtopiafacts.com>

<https://www.infotrek.info>

<https://www.virtualLRC.com>

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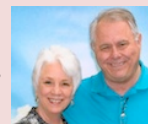
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From one of our favorite bloggers, J.Greller and her "A Media Specialist's Guide to the Internet," check out this great article on creating strong passwords.

<https://bit.ly/3iLv2K2>

Do you use your birthday or anniversary or the name of a pet for your password? Can you believe that some people use 1111 or 1234 for their password? If you don't want to be hacked on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, or on your email account, try these recommendations!