



# Research Across the Curriculum

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# Where Do I Start?

- Internet

- Free

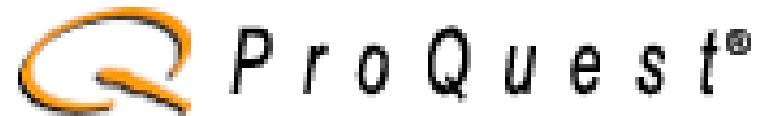
- Not Everything is out on the Web

- Good stuff – but a lot of junk, too!

The Google logo, featuring the word "Google" in its characteristic multi-colored font (blue, red, yellow, blue, green, red) with a trademark symbol (TM) at the top right.The Ask.com logo, featuring the word "Ask" in white, bold, italicized font inside a red oval, with ".com" below it and a trademark symbol (TM) at the top right.The Yahoo! logo, featuring the word "YAHOO!" in red, bold, italicized font with a trademark symbol (TM) at the top right and a registered trademark symbol (®) at the bottom right.

# Databases

- Information is evaluated
- Searchable
- Pay for access



# Where Do I Start?

<http://www.mel.org>

History, Arts and Libraries 

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## Michigan eLibrary

Available to Everyone

Available to Michigan Residents

  
[MeLCat](#)  
Statewide Library Catalog & Borrowing Service

  
[MeL Internet](#)  
Librarian-Recommended Web Sites

  
[MeL Databases](#)  
Magazines, Journals, Newspapers, and more

  
[MeL Advanced Search](#)  
Choose the Databases to Include in Your Search

Search MeL for:  **Find It!**

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MeL Databases

Database Name	Topics	Contents	Full Text?	Login Required?
<a href="#">Ancestry Library Edition</a>	Genealogy	Census Records, Passenger Lists, etc.	Some	<i>In Library Only</i>
<a href="#">ArticleFirst</a>	All Topics	Magazines & Journals	Index Only	Login Required
<a href="#">Biography and Genealogy Master Index</a>	Biography & Genealogy	Reference Works	Index Only	Login Required
<a href="#">CINAHL - Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature</a>	Health & Medicine	Books, Magazines, Journals, & Dissertations	Some	Login Required
<a href="#">ClasePeriodica</a>	All Topics	Magazines & Journals	Index Only	Login Required
<a href="#">Computer Database</a>	Computers & Technology	Magazines & Journals	Some	Login Required
<a href="#">ECO - Electronic Collections Online</a>	Social Sciences	Magazines & Journals	Some	Login Required
<a href="#">eLibrary Elementary</a>	All Topics	Audio/Visual Materials, Books, Images, Magazines, Maps, Newspapers, & Transcripts	All	Login Required



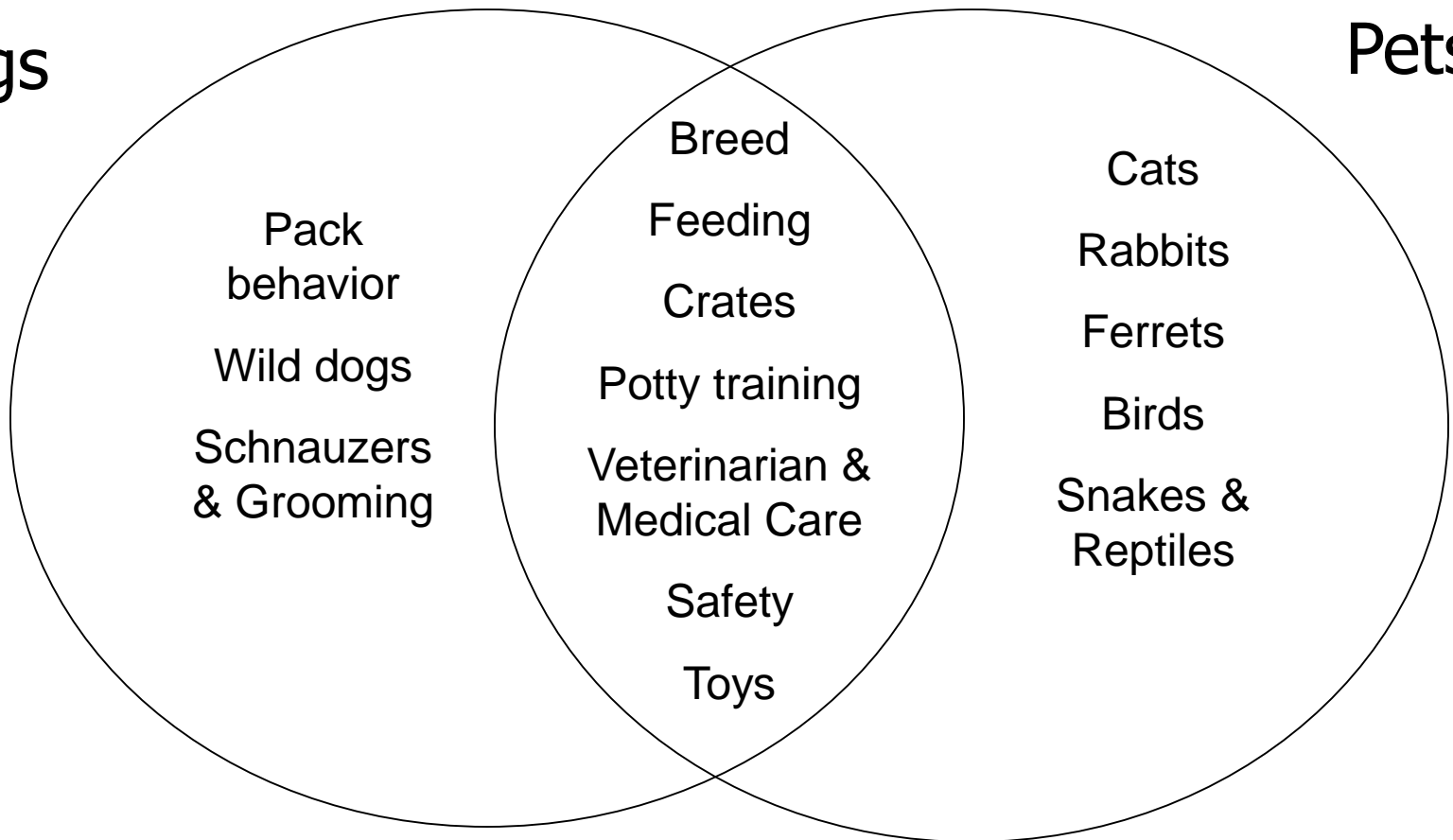
# Boolean Searching

- Works for searching the Internet as well as Databases and the Library Catalog
- And, Or, & Not
- Keywords

# Keywords + And

Dogs

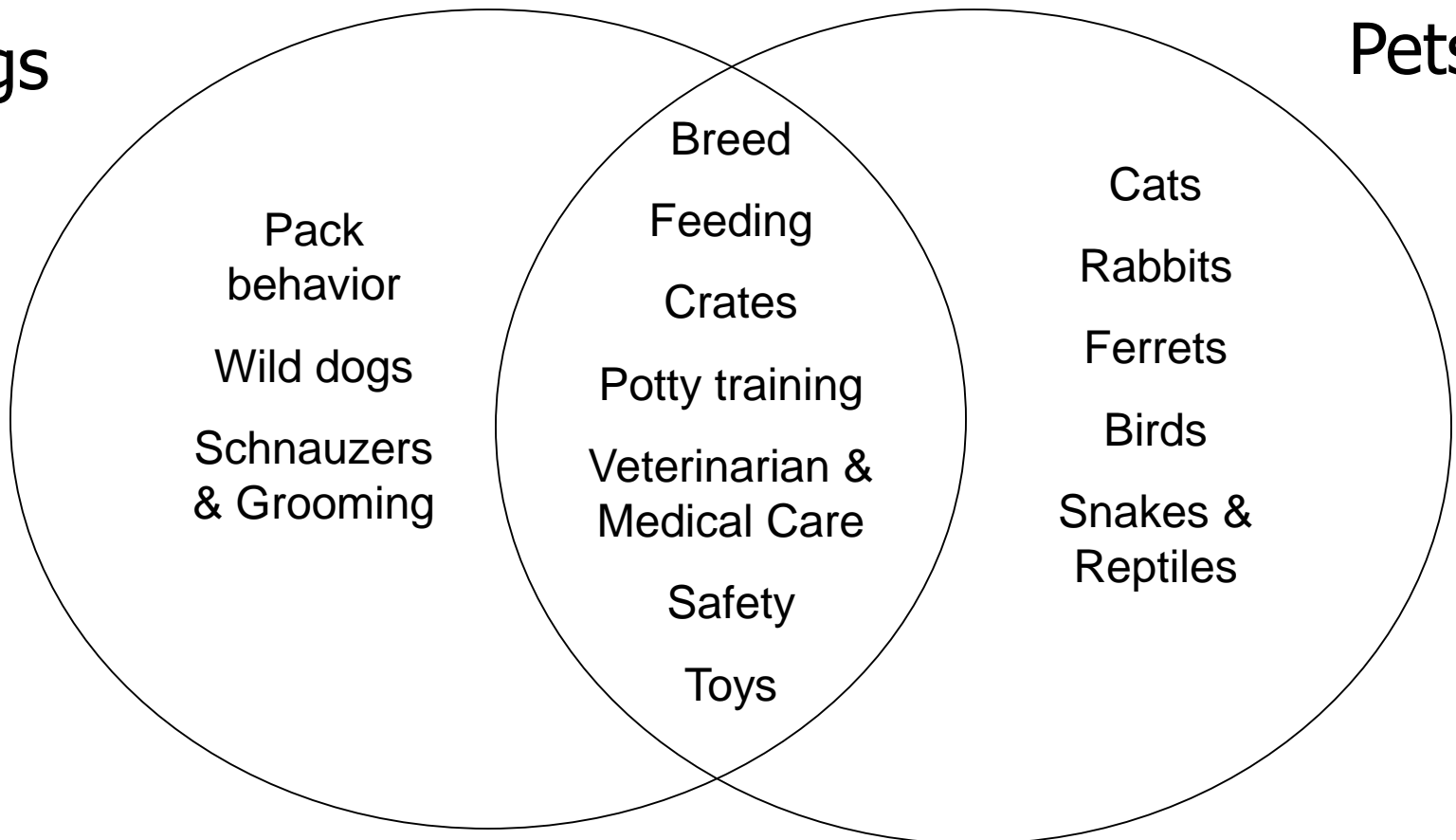
Pets



# Keywords + Or

Dogs

Pets

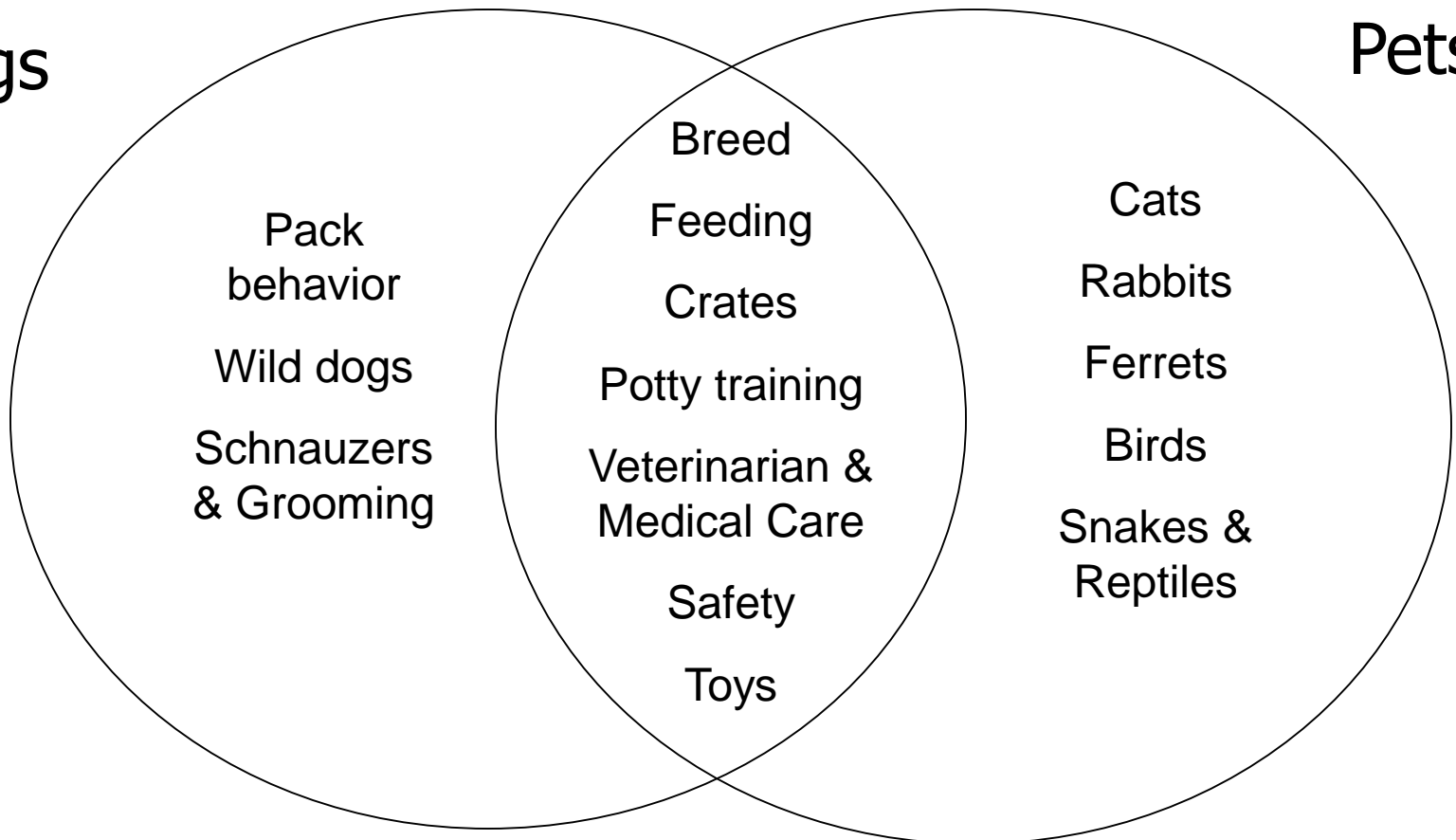




# Keywords + Not

Dogs

Pets



# Types of Boolean Searching

- Title
- Author
- Subject
- Keyword



# SIRS Discoverer

- Generic database
- Various Reading levels
- “Drill Down”

The screenshot displays the SIRS Discoverer website interface. At the top, a red banner reads "SIRS Discoverer on the Web" with a small Discoverer logo. Below this, the main content area is divided into several sections:

- Search:** Features a search bar with the text "SIRS Discoverer" and a search button. Below the search bar are radio buttons for "Subject Headings" and "Keyword/Natural Language". A "Sort by:" dropdown menu is set to "relevance", with "date" as an alternative option.
- Browse Subject Tree:** A grid of 15 subject categories, each with a small icon: Animals, Arts, Countries, Cultures, Drugs & Alcohol, Environment, Health & Human Body, History & Government, Kids Corner, Notable People, Personal Growth, Science, Social Issues, Sports, and Technology.
- Web:** A section with two buttons: "Discoverer WebFind" and "Web Sites for Kids".
- Reference:** A section with four buttons: "Current Events", "Spotlight of the Month", "The 2005 World Almanac for Kids", and "Encyclopedia".
- Discoverer's Top Pick:** A featured article titled "Marie Antoinette As Dauphine of France" with a portrait of Marie Antoinette and the caption "Let Them Eat Cake!".
- Database Features:** A list of features including "Suggested Research Topics", "Activities", "Biographies", "Fiction", "Country Facts", "Photo Essays", "Pictures", "Maps of the World", and "Dictionary/ Thesaurus".

At the bottom of the page, a blue navigation bar contains links for "Tutorial | Help | How to Cite | Workbooks | Tips | Bookmark". Below this, a footer contains links for "Librarian's Corner | Privacy | Accessibility | License | Contact" and the copyright notice "Copyright © 2005 ProQuest Information and Learning Company. All rights reserved." The ProQuest logo is also present in the bottom right corner.

# InfoTrac Student Edition

- Generic database
- Magazines, Newspapers & Reference Books




INFOTRAC

- Help - Search
- Title List
- Subject guide
- Relevance search
- **Keyword search**
- Advanced search
- Journal search
- Start over

Back to ...

- Gale Group Databases
- Library

This database brought to you by  Michigan eLibrary

Student Edition

History

No Search Results

**Keyword search**

Click in the entry box and enter search term(s)

Search for words  in title, citation, abstract  in entire article content

Type words to search for. You can use AND, OR, NOT. Results are sorted by date.

**Limit the current search (optional)**


to articles with text

by date  all dates  before  on  after

between    and

to the following journal(s)

Student Edition has 5,207,268 articles and was last updated on Mar 6, 2006.

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# Wilson Select Plus

- Generic database
- Magazines & Journals
- Higher Reading Levels

The screenshot shows the Wilson Select Plus Advanced Search page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Home', 'Databases', and 'Searching' tabs. Below this is a search bar with 'Basic Search', 'Advanced Search', 'Expert Search', and 'Previous Searches' buttons. The current database is identified as 'WilsonSelectPlus'. The search area includes a 'Search' button, a 'Clear' button, and a dropdown menu for the database. Below the search bar, there are three search input fields with 'Keyword' dropdown menus and 'and' operators. There are also fields for 'Year', 'Language Phrase', 'Record Type Phrase', and 'Reviewed Journal Phrase'. A 'Limit to:' section includes a checkbox for 'Full text'. At the bottom, there is a 'Limit availability to:' section with a 'Library Code' field and a 'Rank by:' section with a 'No ranking' dropdown. The footer contains the OCLC logo, copyright information (© 1992-2006 OCLC), and a link to 'Terms & Conditions'. The footer also includes language options: English, Español, Français, 日本語, 한국어, and 中文(繁體).

# Health & Wellness Resource Center

- Magazine & Journal Articles
- Pamphlets
- Drug information
- Health Videos

The screenshot shows the Health & Wellness Resource Center website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Help, Search Tips, Gale Group Databases, List of Sources, and THOMSON GALE. Below this is a search bar with a "Search" button, a "Clear Form" button, and a link to "Advanced Search". The search bar also includes options to "Limit the current search" by "to full text articles" and "to refereed publications", and a "Date" filter with dropdown menus for "From" and "To" in months, days, and years. A "Quick Start" section offers links to "Medical Encyclopedia", "Drug & Herb Finder", "Health Assessment Tools", "Health Organization Directory", "Medical Dictionary", "Links to Other Sites", "Health News", and "Alternative Health Encyclopedia". On the right, there are sections for "Search Our Health Library" with a keyword input and "Search" button, and "Multimedia Library" with a dropdown menu for "Select a Health Topic" showing "ADD & ADHD", "Allergy", and "Alternative Medicine". At the bottom, there is a footer with navigation links, a disclaimer, and logos for THOMSON GALE and HON CODE, along with a subscription notice for the HONcode principles of the Health On the Net Foundation. Copyright information for 2005 by Thomson Gale is also present.

# NewsBank

- Michigan Newspapers
  - Detroit News
  - Grand Rapids Press
  - Lansing State Journal

The screenshot shows the NewsBank website interface. At the top left is the NewsBank logo with the tagline "America's Newspapers". On the right, there is a language selection dropdown set to "English". Below the logo is a navigation bar with links for "Skip navigation" and "Help / About | NewsBank Home".

The main content area is divided into a left sidebar and a main search area. The sidebar contains sections for "SEARCH SHORTCUTS" (with a link to "Michigan"), "FOLDERS" (with links for "Searches this Session" and "Saved Articles"), and "MORE RESOURCES" (with links for "Special Reports" and "Hot Topics").

The main search area features a search bar with the text "SEARCHING: Michigan" and "3 titles - More Information". Below the search bar are several options: a "for:" field, a "return:" dropdown set to "Most recent matches first", a "timeframe:" radio button set to "all years", and a "custom date:" field. A green "SEARCH" button and a link to "Advanced Search" are also present.

Below the search options is a "Search Hints" box with the text: "To find an exact match or phrase, use quotes. Custom date example: Jan 1, 2000 - Feb 3, 2000."

At the bottom of the search area, there is a "NARROW TO:" section with the instruction "(to narrow your search, select from the options below)". It lists three options with checkboxes: "Detroit News, The (MI) (1/1/1999-Current)", "Grand Rapids Press, The (MI) (2002-Current)", and "Lansing State Journal (MI) (1/1/1999-Current)".

# What Do I Read Next?

- Summaries
- “If you like this...”
- Search by Genre  
Author  
Age Group

The screenshot shows a website titled "What Do I Read Next?" with a dark blue header. A "Main Menu" bar is visible. On the left, a vertical sidebar contains buttons for "Monthly Highlights", "Gale Group Databases", "Help", and "Comments". The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column is titled "Search for Specific Title or Author" and includes links for "Author Search" (with a description: "Click for a list of titles by your favorite author."), "Title and Series Search" (with a description: "Find a book or series and learn what it's about, if it won an award, or was a best seller."), and "Custom Search" (with a description: "Design your own search."). The right column is titled "Browse for Good Books" and includes links for "Help Me Find a Book" (with a description: "Tell us what you like, we'll help you make a brilliant choice."), "Genre Search" (with a description: "Indulge your love of Mystery, Romance, Science Fiction, Fantasy, Horror, Western, Historical, and Inspirational novels."), "Award Winners and Top Picks" (with a description: "Discover award winning, best selling, and highly recommended books."), and "Who? What? Where? When?" (with a description: "Search by character, topic, setting, and time period."). At the bottom, the Thomson Gale logo is displayed, along with links for "Copyright" and "Terms of use".



# Non-MEL Databases

- **Opposing Viewpoints**
  - Chapters of books
  - Magazine & newspaper articles
- **Great for Critical Thinking**

The screenshot shows the 'Opposing Viewpoints RESOURCE CENTER' website. At the top, there is a search bar with the text 'Enter your search term(s):' and a 'SEARCH' button. To the right of the search bar are links for 'Help', 'Search Tips', 'Gale Databases', 'Dictionary', 'Research Guide', and 'Toolbox'. The page is titled 'Opposing Viewpoints RESOURCE CENTER' and lists various topics under the heading 'Or select an issue from the list below:'. The topics are arranged in two columns. The first column includes: Abortion, Administration of Criminal Justice, Adoption, Affirmative Action, AIDS (Disease), Alcoholism, Animal Experimentation, Animal Rights, Assisted Suicide, Athletes, Bioethics, Biological Weapons, Birth Control, Capital Punishment, Censorship, Chemical Weapons, Child Abuse, Church And State, Civil Rights, Cloning, Crime, Crime Victims, Death, Divorce, Domestic Violence, Drinking (Alcoholic Beverages), Driving While Intoxicated, Drug Abuse, Drug Traffic, Drugs And Athletes, Eating Disorders, Education, Elderly, Emigration and Immigration, Employment, Endangered Species, Environmental Policy, Environmentalism, Ethnic Relations, Euthanasia, Family, Family Relations, Feminism, Gambling, Human Rights, Illegal Immigrants, Internet, Iraq, Islamic Fundamentalism, Juvenile Alcoholism, Juvenile Drug Abuse, Juvenile Offenders, Marijuana, Marine Resources Conservation, Media Violence, Medical Care, Medical Ethics, Mental Disorders, Mental Health, Middle East, Narcotics Control, Narcotics Legalization, National Security, Nuclear Weapons, Nutrition, Oceans, Political Corruption, Pollution, Population Growth, Pornography, Poverty, Prisons, Public Assistance, Race Relations, Racism, Rape, Religion, Renewable Energy, Right of Privacy, School Violence, Sex Education, Sexual Behavior, Smoking, Social Security, Stem Cells, Suicide, Teenage Pregnancy, and Teenage Sexual Behavior. On the right side of the page, there is a 'Spotlight on...' section with the title 'Performance-Enhancing Drugs and the Olympics'. The text below the title reads: 'The spotlight on athletes at the Winter Olympics in Turin, Italy, have raised perennial questions as to how and whether performance-enhancing drugs should be regulated. [Read more...](#)' Below this text is a 'Spotlight Archive' link. At the bottom right of the page, there is a photograph of a protest with people holding signs that say 'DON'T BE A FOOL! STOP SALE', 'NUCLEAR POWER IS NO JOKE', 'NUCLEAR POWER Safe & Cheap WE'RE NOT FOOLING', and 'EVACUATE NOW AVOID RUSH'.

# Non-MEL Databases

- Literature Resource Center
  - Literary Criticism, Articles & an Overview of an author's work
  - Literary/Historical timeline
  - Search for literature by type

The screenshot shows the Literature Resource Center website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the site title "Literature Resource Center" on the left, and links for "Help", "Gale Databases", and "Research Guide" in the center. To the right of these links are four small portrait photos of authors. Further right, the "THOMSON GALE" logo is displayed, along with the text "Powered by InfoTrac". Below the navigation bar, there are two buttons: "Encyclopedia of Literature" and "Gale Literary Index".

The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column features an "Author Search" section with a text input field, a "Search" button, and a "Clear Form" button. Below this is a section titled "Other Searches:" with a grid of links: "Title", "Advanced", "Keyword", "Authors by Type", and "Literary-Historical Timeline". At the bottom of the left column are links for "Home", "Help", "Search Tips", "Research Guide", "Gale Databases", "Contact Gale", and "Comments", followed by "Copyright" and "Terms of Use".

The right column features a section titled "Authors on the Highway" with a graphic of author portraits. Below this is a search prompt: "Search for author appearances in your area." Underneath is a "Spotlight on..." section featuring a profile of Thomas Mann. The text for Thomas Mann reads: "Solitude gives rise to what is original, to what is daringly and displeasingly beautiful, to poetry. Solitude however also gives rise to what is". To the right of this text is a black and white portrait of Thomas Mann.

# Non-MEL Databases

- ABC Clio Social Studies
  - American Government
  - American History
  - State & World Geography
  - World History

The screenshot shows the ABC-CLIO Schools website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the text "ABC-CLIO SCHOOLS" on the left and "ABC-CLIO Schools | Customer Service | HELP" on the right. Below this is a banner with the text "SOCIAL STUDIES WEB SITES" and a background image of a globe and historical figures. The main content area features the instruction "Select the site you wish to visit by clicking on its icon below:" followed by six icons arranged in two rows. Each icon is labeled with its corresponding subject area.

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SOCIAL STUDIES WEB SITES

Select the site you wish to visit by clicking on its icon below:

-  American Government
-  American History
-  State Geography
-  World Geography
-  World History: Ancient and Medieval Eras
-  World History: The Modern Era

# Non-MEL Databases

- Facts on File
  - Social Studies & Science
  - Critical Thinking
- Multiple tools in one interface

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Facts on File World News Digest website. The header includes the site name 'FACTS ON FILE WORLD NEWS DIGEST' and navigation links for 'World News Digest 1940-2006', 'Issues & Controversies', 'Today's Science', 'World Almanac', and 'World Almanac Encyclopedia'. A search bar is prominently displayed with a 'GO!' button. Below the search bar, there are options for 'Search Title Only' and 'Search Help', and a 'SORT OPTION FOR RESULTS LIST' section with radio buttons for 'Story Date' and 'Relevance Rank'. The 'AVAILABLE DATABASES' section includes checkboxes for 'SEARCH ALL', 'World News Digest (1980 to present)', 'World News Digest (1940 to 1979)', 'World News Special Features', 'Reuters® News (fast two weeks)', 'Issues & Controversies', 'Today's Science', 'World Almanac Reference Database', and 'World Almanac Encyclopedia'. An 'OPTIONAL DATE RANGE' section has 'From' and 'To' dropdown menus. At the bottom, there is a 'WHAT HAPPENED THAT DAY?' section with a date selector and a 'GO!' button. The main content area features two large featured articles: 'The Cartoon Protests' with a green header and a photo of a building, and 'Kuwait Liberated' with a red header and a photo of soldiers. A red banner at the bottom of the second article reads '15TH ANNIVERSARY'. On the right side, there are sections for 'Today's News', 'Top News Stories 1940-2006' (with a list of years), 'Special Features' (with a list of topics), 'Maps', 'Photos, Charts, & News Maps', and 'About This Database'.