



# Research Workshop for Parents & Guardians 2010

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## Parent Research Workshop 2010

### What we're covering

- KEYWORDS
- SOURCES
- ONLINE RESOURCES

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### KEYWORDS

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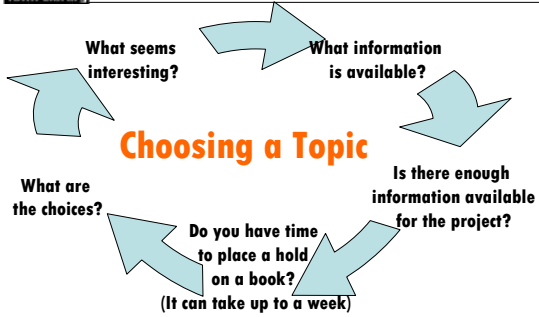
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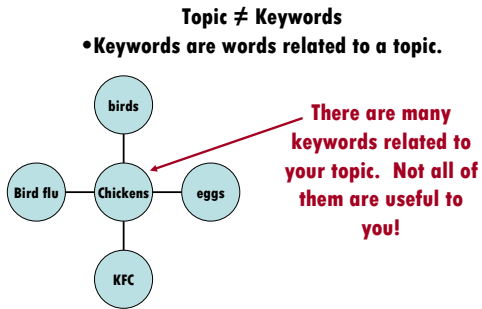
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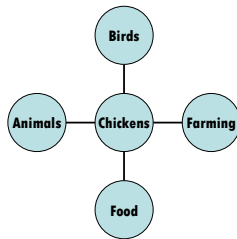
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**Think of words BIGGER than your topic**




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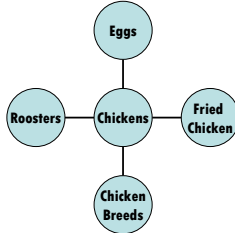
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Think of words **SMALLER** than your topic




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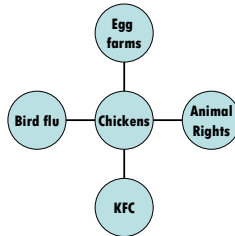
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Think of words **RELATED** to your topic




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#### **KEYWORDS**

- Words/phrases used to find information
- Keywords can be people, places, time periods, ideas, etc.
- Words/phrases found in the Index
- Words/phrases found in the text of a webpage or book
- Search Engines use keywords

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### Places to look for keywords

- World Book Encyclopedia
- Your text book
- Dictionary/Thesaurus
- Other Reference books
- Yahoo Kids -- <http://kids.yahoo.com/>
- ThinkQuest -- <http://www.thinkquest.org/library/>
- Kids Click -- <http://www.kidsclick.org/>
- Awesome Library -- <http://www.awesomelibrary.org/>
- New York Times for kids -- <http://www.nytimes.com/learning/students/index.html>
- Wikipedia -- <http://www.wikipedia.com>

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WIKIPEDIA

### Wikipedia.com is NOT a reliable research source, BUT it can help you find keywords.

The screenshot shows a Wikipedia article titled "Chicken". Red circles highlight the words "domestic animal" and "grey junglefowl" in the text. A red arrow points from the text "Look for SMALLER and BIGGER keywords." to these highlighted words.

Look for SMALLER and BIGGER keywords.

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### Other things to think about

- Try finding famous or important people related to your topic.
  - The first chicken farmer
  - Famous chicken companies (ex. Purdue)
- Try the Biographical Resource Center in Chapter 6: Using the Databases.
- Are there other names or ways to describe your topic?
  - Fowl, Farm Birds, Poultry, Domestic Animals
- Is there a specific time period or place related to your topic
  - 19<sup>th</sup> century farms in England
  - Egg City, CA

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**Write down your keywords!  
You'll need them while searching for information!**

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**SOURCES**

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**You will find the following types of information sources in the library**

- Reference Books
- Nonfiction Books
- Biographies
- DVDs & documentaries
- Periodicals – print
- Periodicals – electronic
- Maps, Pictures & Transcripts
- Internet

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### Example assignment

#### Required sources

- Encyclopedia
- Books
- Magazines
- Internet Sources

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### Books

- Children's Nonfiction
- YA and Adult Nonfiction
- New Book Room
- Biographies (Adult & Children's)
- Group Biographies (920s)

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### Magazines

- Magazines are **NOT** in the library catalog
- National Geographic Index
  - Online databases
  - Use your **keywords!**

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### Databases...

- Are tools for research.
- Are an organized collection of magazine, newspaper and journal articles
- Are usually computerized
- Let you search for articles using **keywords**
- Give you access to information you might not be able to get in print (ex. International newspapers)
- Give you access to much better information than the free internet

To find Scituate Town Library's Databases, go to [http://www.scituateownlibrary.org/children\\_databases.html](http://www.scituateownlibrary.org/children_databases.html) or click Research Databases from our Home Page ([www.scituateownlibrary.org](http://www.scituateownlibrary.org)).

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**eLibrary**

This is what you'll see when you open eLibrary.

Search Topics Publications Reference My List Bookmarks Slideshows Favorites Quotes

Basic Search **Enter your keyword(s) here.**

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You can search any or all publication types. Just click on them to choose. If you do nothing, eLibrary will search ALL publication types.

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This is what you'll see when you open Biography Resource Center

**Biography Resource Center**

Category Browse

Search by Name **Enter the name here**

Spotlight On... **Don't have a name? Try looking at these categories.**

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This is what you'll see when you open InfoTrac Junior.

**InfoTrac Junior**

Subject Search **InfoTrac Junior starts with a Subject Search. You may want to click on Keyword Search instead.**

Enter a subject and click 'Find'.

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You can search any or all resource types. Just click on them to choose. If you do nothing, InfoTrac will search everything.

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### Maps, Pictures & Transcripts

- Maps, pictures and transcripts can be good for bigger projects.
- You can find maps and pictures in books, **ATLASES** and online.
- You can also find maps and pictures by using the library **Databases**.
- Transcripts are recordings of radio broadcasts and speeches.
  - Some can be found on the internet or by using the library **Databases**
  - **eLibrary** has a very easy search feature.




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### INTERNET RESEARCH

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### Internet Resources

- Use good search engines
  - **Kids Click**
- **Internet Public Library Kidspace**
  - **ThinkQuest**
  - **Awesome Library**
- Use your keywords
- **EVALUATE** the source

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### Internet

- You get what you pay for. The free internet is full of useless information.
- Pay attention to where you get your information and whether it's reliable.
- Try going to a site dedicated to information. Museums often have great sites.
  - New York Times for kids -- <http://www.nytimes.com/learning/students/index.html>
  - EPA Environmental Kids Club -- <http://www.epa.gov/kids/>
  - American Museum of Natural History -- <http://www.amnh.org/>
  - The White House Kids Page -- <http://www.whitehouse.gov/kids/>
  - PBS -- <http://www.pbs.org/>
- For more suggestions, go to [http://www.scituateownlibrary.org/teens\\_resources.html](http://www.scituateownlibrary.org/teens_resources.html)

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### Important Information

- Our website: [www.scituateownlibrary.org](http://www.scituateownlibrary.org)
- How to find us: 85 Branch Street, Scituate, MA 02066, (781) 545-8727
- Map of the building (yellow sheet)
- How to get a library card (pink sheet)
- How to place a hold and access the databases (2<sup>nd</sup> yellow sheet)
- Need more assistance?
  - Children's Librarian – Joey ([joeyv@ocln.org](mailto:joeyv@ocln.org))
  - Teen Librarian – Sharon ([scolvin@ocln.org](mailto:scolvin@ocln.org))
  - Reference Librarian – Susan ([spape@ocln.org](mailto:spape@ocln.org))
  - Library Director – Kathy ([kmeeker@ocln.org](mailto:kmeeker@ocln.org))

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