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Librarians’ Internet Index

http://www.lii.org
A great alternative to Google when doing internet searches. Websites reviewed and selected by librarians.

EPA Information on Climate Change

http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/index.html
Information about climate change including the science behind climate change, U.S. policies, health related issues, and effects on the environment.

Kyoto Protocol

http://unfccc.int/kyoto_protocol/items/2830.php
The official website for the Kyoto Protocol, the international treaty designed to battle global warming.

Solutions for Global Warming in California

http://www.solutionsforglobalwarming.com/
Governmental website outlining California’s current policies, impacts of global warming on California, and links fact sheets.

When looking online, keep in mind the researcher’s three Ws of the worldwide web:

1. **Who** – Can you tell who the author is? How are they qualified to write on the subject?
2. **Why** – What is the author’s motivation? Is it biased in any way?
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- *EbscoHost Academic Search Elite* - A multi-subject database of magazine and journal articles
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Search Tips:
- Use quotation marks to search for phrases, such as “carbon emissions”
- If you’re not finding what you’re looking for, try different combinations of keywords to broaden or narrow your search

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