

How to Find Information For School Assignments

TOPIC: Violence in the Media

LIBRARY CATALOG

Go to www.lapl.org > **Browse the Catalog** > type your search

Search for books on the subject of your report

HINT: Do a KEYWORD search using one or two words for the topic. Example: media violence, television violence, etc.

USE DATABASES FOR INFORMATION FROM BOOKS, MAGAZINES, NEWSPAPERS AND WEB SITES

- www.lapl.org
- click **ACCESS THE DATABASES**
Student Sources is a great place to start

MAGAZINE & NEWSPAPER DATABASES (current news)

Infotrac OneFile

Research Library (ProQuest)

Los Angeles Times Historical (1881-1985)

HINT: Do a BASIC search using one or two words for the topic.

Los Angeles Times.

Los Angeles Times (ProQuest) (1985-Present)

SUBJECT DATABASES

Humanities Full Text (Wilson)

Includes more than 450 journals covering theology, religion, performing arts, literary and political criticism, language and literature, philosophy, reviews, etc. Index 1984-present.

HINT: Do a KEYWORD search using one or two words for the topic, ex. Television, Violence, Film, etc.

Opposing Viewpoints

Pro and con arguments for a broad range of current social issues, providing facts, references, articles from many resources, and links to appropriate web sites.

HINT: Click Media Violence in the list of topics.

WEBSITES

HealthyMinds.Org- Psychiatric Effects of Media Violence

This site is produced by the American Psychiatric Association and details the association's official positions on the influence of media violence on children and adolescents.

<http://healthyminds.org/mediaviolence.cfm>

Encyclopedia of Television

This site is produced by the Museum of Broadcast Communications. This encyclopedia covers a variety of subjects and viewpoints within the history of television;

however, there is a basic introductory section that gives a background of violence in television.

<http://www.museum.tv/archives/etv/index.html>

The Center for Media and Public Affairs (CMPA)

The Center for Media and Public Affairs (CMPA) is a research organization that studies the media treatment of social and political affairs. It uses surveys to measure the media's influence on public opinion. It publishes the monthly *Media Monitor*, the publication *A Day of Television Violence*, and various other books, articles and publications.

<http://www.cmpa.com>

Center for Media Literacy: Violence in the Media

The Center for Media Literacy (CML) is a nonprofit educational organization that provides leadership, public education, professional development and educational resources nationally. The CML produces media resource kits and studies on how media violence affects teens and children.

http://www.medialit.org/focus/viol_home.html

American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry

This website contains information from the Academy's "Facts for Families" series of fact sheets regarding child and adolescent mental health. This site is particularly focused on "Children and TV Violence."

<http://www.aacap.org/publications/factsfam/violence.htm>

HINT: Scroll down to the bottom of the page and Click on the related topic links titled "Children Online" and "Children and the News."

SEARCH ENGINES: Don't forget to EVALUATE the reliability & accuracy of websites! Ask a librarian for a list of questions to ask yourself about a site.

Librarians' Internet Index

<http://www.lii.org>

A specialized search engine that offers access to approved sites by librarians.

HINT: Search for media violence

Google

<http://www.google.com>

HINT: Use the ADVANCED search option.

Vivisimo

<http://www.vivisimo.com>

Searches a selection of high-quality resources and presents results broken down by topic, in a menu on the left side of the screen titled "clustered results." Results are also presented by relevancy on the right side of the screen.