

ComStu210  
Searching the Internet Assignment

Pre-Search Analysis Questions:

1. What is the topic of your pre-search analysis?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What unique words, distinctive names, abbreviations or acronyms are associated with your topic?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What societies, organizations or groups might have information?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. What other words are likely to be in ANY webpage on your topic?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. Do any phrases or stings fit your topic? (My example for the Great Depression was the phrases, *Black Tuesday* and *The Crash of 1929*)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. What extraneous or irrelevant words might be picked up?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. In the *Boolean Logic tutorial* it gives several operators. Write a Boolean search equation for one of your words above and explain what that operation would do.

8. In the *Search Strategies for Search Engines* article it mentions the term Truncation. What does it mean?

9. What is the difference between a search engine and a directory?

10. List three dead search engines.

11. According to *Search Engine Showdown Reviews* what unique features are offered by LookSmart?

12. Using the Google Advanced features and your pre-search analysis information conduct a search for your topic which eliminates extraneous documents.

a. What was the document count before eliminating extraneous words?

b. What was the document count after eliminating extraneous words?