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Focus, Search & Evaluate (F.S.E.)

Boolean Operators: are search strategies that enable the researcher to **focus** or isolate a particular search phrase. Researchers use **AND**, **OR**, **NOT** to reduce the number of “hits” on a search engine or database. For example . . .

Google

Fashion **AND** school dress codes

Video games **AND** violent behavior

Music videos **AND** censorship

Sugar **AND** diseases

Sports **AND** self-esteem

Silly bands **AND** controversy

Education **AND** military spending

Genetic engineering **AND** ethical issues

*SEARCH*

Search Engines:

[www.Dogpile.com](http://www.Dogpile.com)

[www.kidsclick.org](http://www.kidsclick.org)

[www.altavista.com](http://www.altavista.com)

[www.google.com](http://www.google.com)

[www.bing.com](http://www.bing.com)

Databases:

<http://search.ebscohost.com>

From home:

 username/password: 180 bay

Bookmarking Utility:

[www.portaportal.com](http://www.portaportal.com)

Guest Access User Name: research180

*EVALUATE*

Evaluate: Ask the following questions when evaluating a web-based resource.

Is it up to date? (Scroll to bottom of web page. Make sure it has been updated in the last year.)

Is it useful to you? (Does it help prove your thesis?)

Is it accurate? (Are there any spelling errors or misinformation?)

Is balanced or biased? (Is the information fair and objective or does it have a point of view that unfairly favors one side?)

Is it reliable and credible? (Check the “About” tab of the site and find out if the authors are experts.)

Preferred web site endings:

.gov = government group or agency

.org = organization or association

.edu = educational

.com = commercial or business