


Google Search Ninja

Tips and Tricks

“quotations”

Search for exact phrases


"normandy invasion" 



Will search for websites that include the phrase "normandy invasion"

- minus

Search excluding a specific word


"martin luther" -king 



Will search for websites about the reformer Martin Luther. Keeps from finding websites about MLK by excluding the word "king"

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Search for phrases with a word missing


"a * by any other name" 



Will search for the missing word from the quote "a rose by any other name"

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Search for similar words


~flower 



Will search for words similar to "flower." In this case, "garden," "wildflower," "floral," "florist," etc.

... ellipsis

Search a range of numbers/dates


japan 1941...1946 



Will search for all of the dates/numbers in the range. In this case, "Japan 1941," "Japan 1942," "Japan 1943," etc.

site:

Search specific sites or types of sites


report card site:alsde.edu 



Will search for the key words "report card" on the Alabama State Department website. Could have used site:edu to search all .edu websites.

define:

Search for definitions


define:teacher 



Will search for the definition of the word "teacher."

related:

Search for similar sites

related:starfall.com 



Will search for websites that are similar to starfall.com

filetype:

Search for specific files
(filetype:ppt) (filetype:doc)
(filetype:xls) (filetype:pdf)

nouns filetype:ppt 



Will search for PowerPoints about nouns.

