Google Search Tips

Using search engines, such as Google, has become the most popular method of finding information in today's constantly-connected world. However, you may face problems such as information overload and unreliable sites, which could result in confusion and difficulties during the research process. Here are some Google search tips that will give you better results, and save you precious time to focus on your school project or graded assignment.

Search for **exact phrases**

"History of Singapore"

Useful for making search results more specific

Search for **specific web domains/sites**

Racial Harmony Day site:gov.sg

Note: Remember to add a space before the 'site:' command

Tip #1

Use these reliable web domains for more credible information

.edu	Educational
.gov	Government
.org	Organization

Tip #2

You can search credible news sites for related articles

Racial Harmony Day site:straitstimes.com

Useful news sites

straitstimes.com
channelnewsasia.com
bbc.com

Tip #3

You can also find links from The National Library Board's resources (e.g. Infopedia, NewspaperSG)

Stamford Raffles site:nlb.gov.sg

To find out more about S.U.R.E. infographics, please visit nlb.gov.sg/sure/infographics

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