READY REFERENCE RESOURCES

ALMANACS

**Information Please:** provides a plethora of facts, resources and figures on a variety of subjects. An Encyclopedia, Atlas, Dictionary and Thesaurus are included.  
www.infoplease.com/almanacs.html

**Old Farmers Almanac:** weather conditions, recipes, gardening tips and astronomical events.  
www.almanac.com

**50 States.com:** Extensive collection of factual information about each of the United States and their capitals.  
http://www.50states.com/

ART

**Art Websites**  
http://daphne.palomar.edu/mhudelson/ArtWebsites.html

ATLASES AND MAPS

**The Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Library at the University of Georgia:** Online collection of more than 800 historic maps spanning nearly 500 years, from the sixteenth century through the early twentieth century.  
http://www.libs.uga.edu/darchive/hargrett/maps/maps.html

**IAM:** is an on-line atlas of the ancient Mediterranean world. These pages provide downloadable, printable ancient maps of the world. Site was created as a cooperative effort by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the American Philological Associations Classical Atlas Project.  
http://iam.classics.unc.edu/index.html

**National Geographic Map Machine:** An amazing site for locating maps of anywhere on Earth, plus a few places outside of Earth. Easily searched by keyword, this site even handles variations in geographic names without a hitch.  
BEST OF THE BEST BUSINESS WEBSITES

Reference and User Services Association: A list of content-rich websites providing company and industry research resources, and other business information.
http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/rusa/sections/brass/brassprotools/bestofthebestbus/bestbusiness.cfm

BIOGRAPHIES

Biography.com: Biography.com is a searchable index of over 25,000 personalities. Check out their weekly top ten biographies, or search your birthday to see what famous people share your sign.
http://www.biography.com/

Biographical Dictionary: “This dictionary covers more than 28,000 notable men and women who have shaped our world from ancient times to the present day. The dictionary can be searched by birth years, death years, positions held, professions, literary and artistic works, achievements, and other keywords.”
http://www.s9.com/biography/

Distinguished Women of Past and Present: Biographies about female writers, educators, scientists, and heads of state, politicians, civil rights crusaders, artists, entertainers and others.
http://www.distinguishedwomen.com/

The First Ladies of the United States: Official biographies of each of the First Ladies of the United States.
www.whitehouse.gov/about/first_ladies

COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD

Country Studies: Find in-depth information on the geography, society, economy, culture, politics, government, and more on the countries covered. These studies focus on lesser-known countries of the world.
http://memory.loc.gov/frd/cs

Portals to the World: Select from a list of nations and regions of the world for links to authoritative, in-depth information about geography, culture, business, government, media, national security, and more.
www.loc.gov/rr/international/portals.html
**U.S. State Department Background Notes:** Find out about a country's land, people, history, government, political conditions, economy, and its relations with the United States and other countries.  
www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn

**The World Factbook:** Originally published as the CIA Factbook to provide up-to-date country information to CIA operatives, this previously classified publication furnishes information on geography, people, government, economy, communications, transportation, military, and transnational issues.  

**GENERAL DICTIONARIES**

**The American Heritage® Dictionary of the English Language Fourth Edition:** "Over 90,000 entries feature 10,000 new words and senses, 70,000 audio word pronunciations, 900 full-page color illustrations, language notes and word-root appendixes" Includes articles on regional patterns of American English as well as etymology and change in usage.  
http://www.bartleby.com/61/

http://dictionary.cambridge.org/

**Dictionary of Weights and Measures:** "How Many? Includes all the units of the International System of Weights and Measures (SIPM); metric; non-metric scientific units such as the astronomical unit, the electron volt, and the parsec; the English Customary Weights and Measures; selected traditional units from cultures other than English; and other measurement terms and notations".  
http://www.unc.edu/~rowlett/units/
ENCYCLOPEDIAS

*Columbia Encyclopedia*: Published in 2001, this is the largest single volume encyclopedia available. The online version contains nearly 51,000 entries, and with more than 80,000 hypertext cross-references. The current Sixth Edition is among the most complete and up-to-date encyclopedia ever produced.

http://www.bartleby.com/65/

Information Please: A free, authoritative, and respected reference for Internet users

www.infoplease.com

EMPLOYMENT

• *usajobs.gov*

• *CareerPath.com*

• *Federal Jobs Digest*

• *Yahoo! Careers*

GOVERNMENT

*Federal Forms*: Federal forms mostly used by the public.

http://www.fedforms.gov

*Internal Review Service*

www.irs.gov

Gateway to federal information on the web

www.camden.lib.nj.us/pathfinders/federal_government.htm

HEALTH

*Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)*

http://www.cdc.gov
MEDLINEplus
http://medlineplus.gov

PubMed

PEOPLE

AnyWho (AT&T) Directory: Find telephone numbers, e-mail, FAX, toll-tree numbers in the U.S.
www.anywho.com

Switchboard: Telephone Directory: Internet Yellow Pages, Internet White Pages
www.switchboard.com

GRANTS AND LOANS

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance: Federal programs available to State and local governments, public and private organizations and individuals.
http://www.cfda.gov

FAFSA: Grants and loans for students in college, career or trade school.
http://www.fafsa.ed.gov

Financing Your Business: Small Business Administration page on obtaining a loan to finance a small business.
http://www.sba.gov/financing

Grants.gov: This website allows organizations to electronically find and apply for competitive grant opportunities from all Federal grant-making agencies
http://www.grants.gov