I. Accessing Information Resources

A. Primary & Secondary Sources

   http://www.loc.gov/teachers/index.html for teachers
   (great source for 8th grade history & research papers)
   (Scroll to bottom of page for primary sources.)
4. Good summary/definition: http://www.webs.uidaho.edu/info_literacy/modules/module1/1_4.htm
5. www.archives.gov/education
6. www.digitalvaults.org
7. www.footnote.com

B. Effective Internet searching (see also Evaluating Web Sites, topic II)

   Print out free posters with search tips.
6. Some alternatives to Google:
   a. Infotopia: http://www.infotopia.info/
   b. Sweet Search http://www.sweetsearch.com/

C. Boolean operators:

1. http://www.boolify.org/ Look at lesson plans too!

D. Middle School & high School links for finding and evaluating information:
   http://mylmcmweb.com/middle-high_school_links.htm

E. Documents on the web from an award-winning library program in Henrico County, VA: http://catalog.henrico.k12.va.us/documents/libservdoc.html
   (Look at Library Essentials for a great summary of scope and sequence for each grade.)

F. Awesome Library: http://www.awesomelibrary.org/student.html

G. http://www.bartleby.com/reference/ Includes a thesaurus and several books of quotations, all searchable online.

H. Middle School Virtual Library: http://www.sldirectory.com/virtual.html

I. http://www.pics4learning.com/ Free photos to use with projects

II. Research Process

A. Assessment (pre- & post-): http://www.trails-9.org/index.php?page=home Also very good shorter assessments that can be used as part of a lesson in the research process.

B. Research papers and more:

2. SCS student researcher wiki:
   http://scs-student-researcher.wikispaces.com/
4. http://www.suite101.com/content/short-research-papers-for-middle-
   school-students-a88400
5. An introductory web video that answers basic questions about the research
   paper:
   http://www.videojug.com/interview/middle-school-research-paper-tips
6. Research paper guide from CT middle school:
   http://www.trumbullps.org/mms/library/holocausttopics.htm
   Download the packet from the menu on the left.

C. Evaluating web sites:
   1. http://www.unm.edu/~jbrink/resources/BAWARE/BAWARE.htm
   2. http://www.frankwbaker.com/infolit.htm (includes LOTS of resources,
      including a list of “fake” websites.)
      Interactive tutorial/game that students can play. See the resources for
      teachers.
   4. From Common Sense Media, lesson plans (browse the rest of their site for
      more resources)
      a. Research & Evaluation: http://www.commonsensemedia.org/educators/browse?
         type=csm_curriculum_lesson&grade[]=48259&grade[]=48260&grade[]
         =48261&unit[]=1826&unit[]=1839
      b. Searching: http://www.commonsensemedia.org/educators/browse?
         type=csm_curriculum_lesson&grade[]=48259&grade[]=48260&grade[]
         =48261&unit[]=1825&unit[]=1838

III. Copyright & Plagiarism
   A. http://www.breitlinks.com/my_libmedia/copyright_issues.htm
   C. http://www.webs.uidaho.edu/info_literacy/modules/module6/6_7.htm Summary from the
      University of Idaho
   D. Copyright with CyberBee: http://www.cyberbee.com/copyrt.html
   E. Lesson plans: http://thinkfinity.org Search for “copyright.” You can refine your
      search by grade level.
   F. Web site: http://www.copyrightkids.org/

IV. Literature & Reading
   A. Awards for Nonfiction
         divs/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/sibertmedal/index.cfm
      2. Excellence in Nonfiction for Young Adults: http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/
         divs/yalsa/booklistawards/nonfiction/nonfiction.cfm
      3. Orbis Pictus Award for Outstanding Nonfiction for Children: http://
         www.ncte.org/awards/orbispictus
   B. Coretta Scott King Book Awards:
      http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/rts/emiert/csksbookawards/index.cfm
      See www.TeachingBooks.net/csks for a wealth of resources to teach about the
      Coretta Scott King award.
   C. More info on book awards:
      1. Awards and Best-of-the-Year Lists from Univ. of Wisconsin’s Cooperative
         Children’s Book Center: http://www.education.wisc.edu/ccbc/links/
         links.asp?idLinksCategory=2
2. Database of Award-Winning Children’s Literature:  http://www.dawcl.com

D. Reading motivators & info sites
2. Guys Read: http://www.guysread.com
3. Reading site by James Patterson: http://www.readkiddoread.com/home
4. VSBA: http://www.tasltn.org/ Click on VSBA link.
5. Books in series:
   a. YA: http://yaseries.bettendorflibrary.com/index.php/Main_Page
   b. Juvenile: http://www.mymcpl.org/cfapps/juvser/title.cfm?browse=A
   c. http://www.teachingbooks.net/crc.cgi?id=5
7. http://www.teensreadtoo.com  (Includes Author Directory and Books-by-Release-Date Calendar)
8. Book Trailers:
10. http://www.literature-map.com/ Type in name of author and find similar books to read.
11. http://www. whatshouldireadnext.com  Type in an author and click on the link that best matches to find other books to read. (Note: some adult novels come up in both 10 and 11 so you may want to supervise the use of these sites or make a disclaimer.)
13. Scholastic Resources for teachers: http://www2.scholastic.com/browse/home.jsp
    Check out the blog by a 6-8 teacher: http://blogs.scholastic.com/classroom_solutions/mary_blow/
15. Picture Books to teach or introduce skills: http://www.lebanon.k12.mo.us/profdev/picturethis_20070418.pdf

E. Books & Authors:
3. http://www.kidsreads.com/authors/authors.asp
7. http://comminfo.rutgers.edu/professional-development/childlit/AuthorSite/index.html
8. Talking with Artists, volumes 1, 2, & 3. Available in many library collections.
9. Good Conversation video series (Tim Podell interviews various authors) in many libraries and the SCS Media Library (look under series)
10. Pronouncing author names: http://www.teachingbooks.net/pronunciations.cgi

V. Technology Integration
A. Web sites students should know and use:
   1. TEL: http://tntel.tnsos.org/
   2. Britannica Online: http://www.school.eb.com/
B. Ideas for projects using the web:
   1. Book Trailers: See Book Trailers under IV. C8. Here's a how-to:
http://www.booktrailersforreaders.com/How+to+Make+a+Book+Trailer

2. Wall Wisher: http://www.wallwisher.com  Create a wall to which students add brief posts about what they’re reading.

3. Students can submit book reviews online at http://www.bookhooks.com

C. AASL’s 25 best web sites for teaching and learning: http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/aasl/guidelinesandstandards/bestlist/bestwebsites.cfm
Check out the Landmark Sites link at this address too!


E. Try this search tool: http://www.search-cube.com


G. Internet teaching & safety:
   5. http://safeonline.me/default.html
   6. MTV’s Sexting, Cyberbullying, Digital Use & Abuse site: http://www.athinline.org/ (probably only with 7th or 8th grade)

H. Keyboarding skills: http://webinstituteforteachers.org/~gammakeys/

I. Technology for Teachers: http://www.freetech4teachers.com/

J. http://www.symbaloo.com/ Use this tool to make a custom screen for your library computers, using the sites you want your students to use.