Google Custom Search

Topic: Holocaust

Grade Level: 8th Grade or Middle School

Subject: Language Arts

Teachers: LA teacher Mrs. Decker & Librarian, Mrs. Bottenfield

My Custom Google Search titled ***Holocaust Research Resources*** can be found by clicking on the following URL link: <http://www.google.com/cse/publicurl?cx=003061837432827032950:c0uhdncrb0s>

**Why would a Google Custom Search (GCS) be a solution for this group?**

I chose to do a GCS for Mrs. Decker’s 8th grade Language Arts class. Every year her class completes a Holocaust unit. Students select a topic (a person, an event, concentration camp, etc) to research. In order to help her class do more effective research, I have compiled a variety of quality resources to help assist them. This is something that will be used every year.

Creating a GCS is a safe, effective way to search. This Google Custom Search includes rich, quality sites that are also are age-appropriate. The sites selected include rich detail with facts, art, poetry, oral stories, timelines, and video. Resources can be added or deleted easily. Because this custom search was developed in collaboration with another teacher, I can add her as a user, which will give her the capability to add or delete resources as she feels necessary, too. This type of custom search can lead to students creating final products using web 2.0 tools where they collaborate and share.

The Google Custom Search supports the following PA Common Core Standards:

* CC.1.2.G – Use information from various mediums to understand a topic
* CC.1.2.L – independently, use various print & digital resources
* CC.1.4.I – Evaluate source for credibility, relevance, currency, and accuracy
* CC.8.5.G – Integrate information from various mediums to understand topic or issue
* CC.8.6.H – Select information from informational texts that support analysis, reflection, and research
* CC.1.5.C – Research and analyze information using different media formats (e.g. visual, quantitative, oral)
* CC.1.4.V – conduct short research projects
* CC.1.4.S, W - As part of grade-level appropriate research process,
  + draw conclusions from evidence in information sources,
  + use quotes, paraphrasing, and summarizing in work without plagiarizing, and
  + cite sources using standard bibliographic citation format
* CC.8.6.G – As part of grade-level appropriate research process,
  + gather information that pertains to topic from various print & digital resources,
  + conduct search using proper terms,
  + evaluate print & electronic resources & information, and gather appropriate information, and
  + use only credible resources

List of Websites that I selected for my Google Custom Search: ***Holocaust Research Resources***:

<http://art.holocaust-education.net/home.asp?langid=1&submenu>

<http://www.ushmm.org/outreach/>

<http://www.holocaust-history.org/>

<http://www.yadvashem.org.il/>

<http://www.theverylongview.com/WATH/>

<http://www.newseum.org/holocaust/>

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/holocaust/>

<http://voices.iit.edu/>

<http://www.wsherc.org>

<http://www.history.com/topics/the-holocaust>

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