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Reflection on IPL2 Experience

What do aglets, Gaddafi, scooters, Yanomami, the death toll of the French Revolution, statistical programming languages, and books without titles have in common? These are the subjects of the information needs of the users on IPL2! I was impressed with the wide variety of requests that I received and answered on this reference service.

Many users might just want an answer, but IPL2 is also a teaching tool that can help users with future searching and how to navigate the web for reliable, authoritative sources. I agree with Diane Kovac, who writes “The importance of a greeting is that users should be made to feel comfortable in an online format, especially since there is no eye contact between the user and the reference librarian”. So even though the required elements of a response seem a bit stilted and unnatural, this format should meet the needs of the user.

One might wonder why there is a need for an online reference service in the age of Google. Not all users are adept at searching the World Wide Web and have not been trained on how to evaluate a website. I believe that the main values of an online information service are expertise, reliability, accuracy, convenience, and time saving. Digital reference is convenient for users who have access to a computer but do not have access to local libraries. Services like IPL2 are especially great for users in remote locations, and provide a non-place-based expertise in reference.

Here are the questions that I had the honor of answering. I have removed the names, e-mails, and other personally identifying information to protect patron privacy but have included other pertinent details.

Practice Question:

What are the tips of shoelaces called?

location: mescalero, nm, usa

area: Other/Misc

reason: I'm a school librarian - our reference collection is very limited.

School: No

Practice Answer:

Greetings from IPL2,

Thanks for inquiring about what the tips of shoelaces are called.

The answer to your question is that the tips of shoelaces are called aglets.

You can find the answer to your question by reading Ian's Shoelace Site.

<http://www.fieggen.com/shoelace/aglets.htm>

Ian's Shoelace site is written by Ian Fieggen, who has been writing about shoelaces for at least ten years. The site is primarily informational and is not designed to be commercial, but does contain some advertisements to help pay for the website. I chose this site for relevance to the subject and believe the site contains authoritative information.

In order to confirm that the tips of shoelaces are called aglets, you can check the definition at Merriam Webster's Dictionary online.

<http://www.merriam-webster.com/>

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The Merriam-Webster dictionary confirms that aglet is "the plain or ornamental tag covering the ends of a lace or point."

I'll share how I found these references if you would like to do some searches of your own. I found the first source by doing a keyword search for "shoelace tips" on Google. (You will not need to type the quotation marks).

www.google.com

The first three sites in the search results were related to Ian's Shoelace tips. The second site is the direct link to information on aglets.

<http://www.fieggen.com/shoelace/aglets.htm>

Once I found the answer I wanted to confirm the accuracy with a reputable reference source. So I went to Merriam Webster Dictionary online.

<http://www.merriam-webster.com/>

I typed in the search term "aglet" into the search box (you will not need to type the quotation marks) to arrive at the definition. The definition confirmed the information found at the first source.

I hope this response has fully answered your question. If you need more information, please don't hesitate to write back. Thank you for using ipl2!

Feedback e-mail:

Hi, Patricia-

Thank you for answering this question! I just wanted to give you a quick reminder to include

http:// at the beginning of all your URLs. This hyperlinks them for the user so that she can just click on them instead of copying/pasting them into a browser.

You'll find more information about this and other tips for formatting URLs at the end of the "Sources or Answer" section of the training module here:

<http://training.ipl.org/backroom/refvols/students/module1.html#sources>

Thank you!

Amy, Sr. Ref. Admin.

Question:

i need to know how to find all the list of the new books relating to libya and the regime of moammar kazzafi,the books should be edited on 2009,2010 or 2012.please let me know where i can find those books to make a list of it and of their prices thank u in advance

location: lebanon

area: Other

reason: i cant understand what do u rly mean by this question but anyway ill check my inbox and if i didnt gt any answers ill msg u

back

school: No

sources_consulted: none

Answer:

Hello from ipl2,

Thank you for your question about how to find a list of recent books about Moammar Gadhafi's regime in Libya published between 2009 and 2012 with prices.

I would be happy to explain how to search for this list of books, but I first wanted to let you know that there are many spellings for the name Gadhafi since it has to be translated from Arabic into English and there is no standard way of doing that. The first thing I wanted to do is get more information on the spelling.

I remembered hearing an article on National Public Radio that there were many ways to spell Gadhafi's name. Their answer for the correct spelling is "Gadhafi" because the leader had sent a letter to some second graders back in 1986, he signed his name "Moammar Gadhafi." You can read about it in this article titled "Khadafi? Gadaffy? Qadaffi? Why We Spell It The Way We Do"

<http://www.npr.org/blogs/waitwait/2011/03/01/134163629/where-the-gadhafi-spelling-comes-from>

This link is quite long and could break, so here is a shortened version for your convenience.

<http://tinyurl.com/4fvax7h>

This article is written by Ian Chillag, a frequent contributor to National Public Radio (NPR). NPR is a reliable source because of their high code of conduct for honesty, integrity, impartiality.

Another site lists 112 different variations on Gaddafi's name. You can read about it on ABC News Nation section in a web article called "How Many Different Ways Can You Spell 'Gaddafi'?"

<http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/headlines/2009/09/how-many-different-ways-can-you-spell-gaddafi/>

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<http://tinyurl.com/3nnfpt>

This article is written by Sadie Bass, and I believe it to be reliable because her sources are the Library of Congress, the New York Times, and the Associated Press (all well-established sources).

Now that you know there are many different ways to spell his name, you can try the most common spellings when you do your search. I would recommend using "gadhafi" and "gaddafi" as keyword search terms when you make your list of books, but you are welcome to search on as many as you like.

A great resource for finding current prices on books is Amazon.com, an Internet bookseller. This is a link to their main page to find books.

I will refer you to a list of books on "gaddafi" from Amazon from 2009 to 2012:

http://www.amazon.com/gp/search/ref=sr_adv_b/?search-alias=stripbooks&unfiltered=1&field-keywords=gaddafi&field-author=&field-title=&field-isbn=&field-publisher=&node=&field-p_n_condition-type=&field-feature_browse-bin=&field-subject=&field-language=&field-dateop=After&field-datemod=12&field-dateyear=2008&sort=relevanceexprank&Adv-Srch-Books-Submit.x=28&Adv-Srch-Books-Submit.y=13

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<http://tinyurl.com/6vzdnzn>

I believe this source to be valid, because Amazon is one of the largest booksellers and should have a large selection of books. I will note however, that since they are a commercial site, their bias is to sell books.

Since your question is how to find books like this, I would like to describe how to search this site with your particular inquiry.

1. Connect to the site

<http://www.amazon.com>

2. In the blue bar at the top next to the word "Search" it says "All Departments". Click on the down arrow and select "Books" from the list.

3. Underneath that box, click on "Advanced Search." It brings you to this page:

http://www.amazon.com/Advanced-Search-Books/b/ref=sv_b_0?ie=UTF8&node=241582011

This link is quite long and could break, so here is a shortened version for your convenience.

<http://tinyurl.com/68hd75>

4. In the keyword box, type "gaddafi"

5. Since you are looking for a specific time period, in the box that says "Pub. date" click the down arrow and select "after" and select "Dec" for December for the month and select "2008" for the year. This will narrow your search to 2009 and later.

6. If you can think of any other criteria listed there you can further narrow your search (hardcopy, soft cover, Kindle, etc.) I left it unchecked.

7. Click the yellow search button at the bottom of the page.

8. This yields 164 results from the following page listing titles, prices, and format, and customer reviews from this page

http://www.amazon.com/gp/search/ref=sr_adv_b/?search-alias=stripbooks&unfiltered=1&field-keywords=gaddafi&field-author=&field-title=&field-isbn=&field-publisher=&node=&field-p_n_condition-type=&field-feature_browse-bin=&field-subject=&field-language=&field-dateop=After&field-datemod=12&field-dateyear=2008&sort=relevanceexprank&Adv-Srch-Books-Submit.x=28&Adv-Srch-Books-Submit.y=13

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<http://tinyurl.com/6vzdnzn>

9. Follow steps 1-8 with different spellings of his name if you need a larger list to choose from.

Here is another list of books about Gaddafi from a site called Alibris

<http://www.alibris.com/booksearch?keyword=gaddafi&qyear=2008&qyearhi=2013>

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<http://tinyurl.com/7vpqld9>

Alibris is the largest independently owned and operated book, music, and movie marketplace online, so I believe this site is relevant and reliable for your search.

I would like to describe how I did the search to receive these 78 results.

1. Connect to the site

<http://www.alibris.com>

2. In the search box in the upper-right-hand corner of the page, select "Advanced Search"
3. In the first box titled Find, select "Books"
4. In the box title Keyword, type "Gadaffi"
5. In the box titled Publication Year After, type 2008
6. In the box titled Publication Year Before, type 2013
7. Click the blue search button near the bottom.

Now that I have explained the controversy about Gadhafi's name spelling and directed you to some lists of books about Libya and Gadhafi, I would like to tell you how I found these sources so it might help you to do some independent searches.

I found my first source from Google, a prominent search engine.

<http://www.google.com>

I used the search terms "NPR gadhafi spelling". (You will not need to type the quotes). I chose the first link, because it was National Public Radio's article that I was looking for.

I wanted to confirm that it was a common problem in spelling his name, so I did another search from

<http://www.google.com>

I used the search terms "spelling Gaddafi". (You will not need to type the quotes). I chose the fourth result, a blog from the Washington Post, which included a link to the "112 variations of the spelling." That link led me to the second source called "How Many Ways Can You Spell Gaddafi?"

My third source is amazon.com. I selected this source, because they are a reliable source for book prices, and this site is relevant to your request because their holdings are current and you are looking for recent books.

<http://www.amazon.com>

and you can see the detailed nine steps of how I conducted my search above.

I wanted to get another source for the book lists, so I chose Alibris, a well-known independent bookseller.

<http://www.alibris.com>

The detailed seven-step process on how to search their site for books on Gaddafi is found above.

I hope this response has fully answered your question. I hope the initial lists give you some good books with prices to choose from, and I hope the search instructions help you to conduct your own searches. If you need more information, please don't hesitate to write back. Thank you for using ip12!

Question:

Trying to find the title of a book I checked out 4-5 yrs ago from library. The setting was in a city; possibly New York. The grandmother was telling grandkids about the Latin American tradition of leaving grass in a shoebox/shoe for the camels on Three Kings Day/Reyes Magos/Epiphany. The kid's dilemma was that since they lived in the city there was no grass easily accessible to them. The characters were Hispanic. The book might have been bilingual or in Spanish.

area: Literature

reason: To purchase book to add to my classroom library.

sources_consulted: Looked under subject, possible title in Amazon, Google, and at the library where I checked the book out.

Answer:

Hello from ipl2,

Thanks for your question about trying to find the title of a possibly Spanish book that you remembered was about kids celebrating Three Kings Day with a plot of not being able to find grass in the city to feed the camels.

I believe that the answer to your question is that the book is titled Verde Navidad.

The citation for the book is Álvarez, Astacio M, O'Neill J. Álvarez, and Carmen L. Rivera-Lassén. Verde Navidad. San Juan, P.R: La Editorial, Universidad de Puerto Rico, 2006. Print.

Here is a more detailed record about the book on the Library of Congress Online Catalog's website:

http://catalog.loc.gov/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?v1=1&ti=1,1&Search_Arg=verde%20navidad&Search_Code=GKEY^*&CNT=100&PID=Z5IrM8ZAAz6hWLAPWCxm0G1Pdhi&SEQ=20120125175355&SID=1

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<http://tinyurl.com/74enprg>

After several unsuccessful traditional searches (which I will not go into detail on) I found a blog that mentioned the plot of the book you were looking for, then I verified the title on two well-known bibliographic sites. I also checked to see if the book is available for sale since you mentioned you wanted it for your classroom. Here is a description of the successful searches that helped me to find this book.

On the Google search engine

<http://www.google.com>

I did a full-text search on [grass camel "three kings day" book plot]

This yielded many results, but the seventh link in the result set was very helpful. The site is called Mom's Clean Air Force, and the article is called Clean Air Books I Love to Read to My Daughter.

<http://www.momscleanairforce.org/2011/11/28/clean-air-books-i-love-to-read-to-my-daughter/>

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<http://tinyurl.com/6msns9x>

I chose this website, because it included an in-depth description of the plot of this book that helped me to find the title. I trust the validity of this source, because the writer of this blog post, Roxana A. Soto, is an Emmy-award winning bilingual journalist. The website is also current, with this posting on November 28, 2011. The third book that she introduced on the site met many of the criteria that you described in your quest. For instance, the book was in Spanish, the location was in a city, they are celebrating the Three Kings Day (Reyes Magos), and the kids had a hard time finding grass for the camels. With all those points you described, I believed that Verde Navidad is the book you are looking for. But I wanted to find more bibliographic information for you to verify this title and authors.

The second source I went to is Library of Congress Online Catalog.

<http://catalog.loc.gov/>

I did a search for [verde navidad] and found the bibliographic record.

http://catalog.loc.gov/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?v1=1&ti=1&Search_Arg=verde%20navidad&Search_Code=GKEY^*&CNT=100&type=quick&PID=g8oUEvjqWYc4HuWxvZiznJwD-d&SEQ=20120125183101&SID=1

This link is quite long and could break, so here is a shortened version for your convenience.

<http://tinyurl.com/77xjt9d>

This source is well-known and authoritative. You also mentioned that you may want to purchase this book for your library classroom, so I visited the Amazon website.

<http://www.amazon.com>

I chose the Amazon website, because it is one of the prominent online booksellers in the U.S. I did a search for [Verde Navidad] and found that this book is temporarily out of stock.

http://www.amazon.com/Navidad-Christmas-Pececitos-Raices-Spanish/dp/0847715647/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1327534856&sr=8-1

This link is quite long and could break, so here is a shortened version for your convenience.

<http://tinyurl.com/7woduqg>

I did one more search to see if it was for sale elsewhere. I went to Barnes and Noble, another well-known bookseller.

<http://www.barnesandnoble.com>

I did a search for [verde navidad] and found several used books for sale.

<http://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/verde-navidad-mrinali-alvarez/1008202443?ean=9780847715640&r=1&afsrc=1&>;

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<http://tinyurl.com/6pw9hah>

There were several available, ranging from \$1.99 in used condition to \$19.68 in very good condition.

Thank you for visiting IPL2. I hope that this is the book that you remembered reading. If you need any additional help locating books for your classroom, please come visit IPL2 again.

Patron replied:

Thank you so much! Yes this is the book I have been searching for. I remember the word green being in the title; but hadn't thought to search for it with Navidad. I had almost given up hope in finding it! Once again-Thank You!

<patron signed name>

Question

Hi!

Could help me find an electric scooter for \$150 or less that travels at a speed of at least 15mph? It does not matter the brand, rather it has a seat or not, color, anything. As long as it goes at least 15mph.

IF possible, I would like for it to be new, but used I guess would be okay.

Thanks so much for the help and Happy New Year!
TETO

location: United States

area: Other

reason: Electric Scooter Shopping

school: No

Hello from IPL2,

Answer:

Thanks for your question about trying to find an electric scooter that can travel at least 15 miles per hour and costs less than \$150.

After checking a few well-known electric scooter manufacturer sites, I compared prices and none of the scooters capable of traveling 15 miles per hour cost less than \$150 new. For \$150 or less, the top speed is about 10 miles per hour. The electric scooters that can travel at least 15 miles per hour range in price from about \$225-\$649(based on information from Razor, Currie Tech, and X-Treme websites).

Here are the detailed steps of my research process to find scooters that can travel 15 miles per hour.

To find the most common scooter brands, I went to Amazon. Their website is

<http://www.amazon.com>

Amazon is a reputable online seller that has been in business for many years. Their site is well organized.

Once I knew the common brands, I went to each manufacturer's site (Razor, Currie Tech, and X-Treme) to check the specifications for speed and price. I think the manufacturer is the most reliable source for specifications and prices of electric scooters.

The first brand I checked is called Razor. Razor's website can be found at

<http://www.razor.com/>

1. Choose your location (I picked United States)
2. Click on products
3. Click on electric scooters
4. By the picture of each one, you can choose the link to the model you are interested in. For example, choose E300.
5. Then click on the link "features" to see how fast it can go. Here is the site describing the E300.

<http://www.razor.com/us/products/e300/>

A summary of the Razor Scooters that can go 15 mph:

Model	Price
E300	\$259
E300S	\$279
EcoSmart Metro	\$399
Pocket Rocket	\$299

The next manufacturer's site that I visited is called X-Treme Scooters.

<http://www.x-tremescooters.com/>

1. Click on Electric Scooters on the left-hand side of the web page.
2. For each model they list some basic information, but to find out how fast they go, click on "more details" next to the picture of the kind you are interested in.
3. Once you have chosen a model, look for the word "speed" under "product specification."
4. To see the price, click "add to cart" (but don't give them any credit card information unless you plan to buy one).

Here is a summary of the ones they make that can go 15 mph from X-treme.

<http://www.internetwebpros.com/c/escoot.html>

Model	Price
X-250	\$225
X-300	\$349
X-360	\$399

The last manufacturer's site I visited is Currie Tech. They make the eZip electric scooters. They have included a picture, speed, and price conveniently on this page. Here is their website:

<http://www.curriotech.com/currie-technologies-electric-scooters.php>

This link is quite long and could break, so here is a shortened version for your convenience.

<http://tinyurl.com/82tf8z4>

Quick summary of ones that can go at least 15 mph:

Model	Price
eZip E-450	\$299
eZip E-500	\$349
eZip E-750	\$449
eZip E-1000	\$649

Since the electric scooters which can travel fast enough to meet your needs cost more than you specified, you might consider checking for used electric scooters.

Buying used goods can be more challenging than buying new, because there is no warranty and it is harder to buy something that you have not seen to evaluate in person. If you can try to find something locally, you can inspect it first.

Looking for used scooters, you can try Craigslist, Nextag, or Ebay. Now that you know which types are fast enough for you (listed above), here is where you can look for them. You can check three sites that I can recommend to look for used scooters

Craigslist

<http://www.craigslist.org>

Choose your location

Search for "electric scooter" under the category "all for sale/wanted"

When you buy anything used, be sure to ask lots of questions before you agree on a price since there is no warranty on a used item.

Another site that I can recommend to compare prices and find an electric scooter is called Nextag. Nextag is a website which is designed to compare many different stores for both new and used items.

Go to Nextag

<http://www.nextag.com>

1. Type "electric scooter" in the search box at the top.
2. You can sort by price (lowest to highest).
3. Look for the models that meet your criteria (15 mph/\$150 or less).

One other source to find a used scooter is Ebay. EBay sells many items (new and used) and uses a bidding process. Their website is

<http://www.ebay.com>

1. To search for a scooter, type in "electric scooter" in the search box at the top.
2. On the left-hand side of the website, you can type in your price range.
3. Watch for the models you know meet your criteria.
4. Don't forget that shipping is in addition to the price.

Thanks so much for seeking the help of IPL2. I hope that this information is helpful in determining which electronic scooters might work best for you. If you need any additional help finding information, please don't hesitate to contact us again.

E-mail feedback:

Hi Patricia,

Nice response to the patron. You provided a good amount of information, I think they will be pleased!

I have just one small note - You mentioned that you went to Amazon to find the most common scooter brands. One thing that might be helpful for the patron would be to let them know what your search terms were that you used on the site to locate the brands.

Just something to keep in mind for future questions.

Good work.

Donna
Sr. Ref. Admin.

(Ready Reference)Question:

What was the estimated death toll of the French Revolution?

location: Winterthur, Switzerland

area: History

reason: Assist a Grade 8 student in a research project

school: Yes

sources_consulted: Encyclopedia Britannica

Wikipedia

EBSCO History Reference Centre

Websites from Google search result list

Answer:

Hello from IPL2,

Thanks for your inquiry about the estimated death tolls during the French Revolution.

The answer depends on which part of the French Revolution you consider. I found the a reliable estimate at the Necrometrics Site, which is part of the Historical Atlas of the 20th century, under the section on the French Revolution.

<http://necrometrics.com/wars18c.htm#FrRev1>

Approximately 40,000 died during the Reign of Terror (compiled from Encarta, Britannica)

In the Vendee Rebellion approximately 300,000-600,000

According to Pitirim Sorokin, *The Sociology of Revolution* (1967), if you count all of the wars (1789-1801) the highest estimate is 1,400,000 including the Revolution, the Revolutionary Wars, and the Napoleonic Wars.

The next source for the death toll during the French Revolution an academic paper "The Terror in the French Revolution" written by Marisa Linton available as an online file at

<http://www.port.ac.uk/special/france1815to2003/chapter1/interviews/filetodownload,20545,en.pdf>

This link is quite long and could break, so here is a shortened version for your convenience.

<http://tinyurl.com/y9yyj6l>

She states that there were 16,594 death sentences during the Terror, but many more died without sentencing or in prison.

A study by Greer found about 41,000 died during the Terror.

At Vendee death estimates were 450,000 to 500,000

As you can see, the estimates vary from source to source but this should give you a good estimate of how many died during the French Revolution.

Here is a description of my search for this information, but I won't describe all the searches which were fruitless:

1. I started with Wikipedia

<http://www.wikipedia.com>

to familiarize myself with the major terms and dates of the French Revolution.

2. I went to Google, a major search engine

<http://www.google.com>

I typed in "death toll" "French Revolution".

I chose the fourth link down "20th Century Atlas - Death Toll"

<http://necrometrics.com/>

This site seemed authoritative because the author is Matthew White, a librarian, who maintains this site as part of the Historical Atlas of the 20th Century. His work has been cited in 326 books and 92 scholarly journals. The website was last updated in March 2011.

I chose the heading 18th century (1700s)

<http://necrometrics.com/wars18c.htm>

He considers the French Revolutionary Wars (1782-1802) to be split into three parts

- * The Revolution (including all French conflicts)
- * The Revolutionary Wars
- * The Napoleonic Wars

I chose the link to the Revolution

<http://necrometrics.com/wars18c.htm#FrRev1>

3. To confirm this information I wanted another reliable source.

I started with Google (search engine)

<http://www.google.com>

I typed the search terms "death statistics French Revolution"

The first link is an article "The Terror in the French Revolution"

<http://www.port.ac.uk/special/france1815to2003/chapter1/interviews/filetodownload,20545,en.pdf>

This link is quite long and could break, so here is a shortened version for your convenience.

<http://tinyurl.com/y9yyj6l>

I wanted to know more about the author Dr Marisa Linton, Kingston University, UK. It seemed like a scholarly source since she is affiliated with a university, but I wanted to know more about the author.

So I searched for her name "Marisa Linton" on Google.

<http://fass.kingston.ac.uk/faculty/staff/cv.php?staffnum=116>

I found that she has published extensively on the politics and political culture of eighteenth-century France and the French Revolution and has a doctorate of philosophy in history from the University of Sussex. I feel that her paper is an authoritative source on the French Revolution.

I hope that this helps with your question about the death toll during that time.

If you need any further assistance, or have another question please visit IPL2 again.

Question:

Where can I find tutorials, preferable video tutorials, about the statistical programming language R?

Thankful for information.

area: General Reference

reason: Own learning.

school: No

Answer:

Greetings from IPL2,

Thank you for your question about finding video tutorials on statistical programming language R.

Here are two sources which have video tutorials about the statistical programming language R:

1. "Learn via Web" has about 20 introductory videos to choose from and can be found at this site:

<http://www.learnviaweb.com/videos/>

Just select the video and click "Play R Video".

2. "RVideos" has 20 videos providing an introduction to R on topics such as bootstrapping, ANOVA, Graphs, Dates, Sampling, Help, and more. Just click on the one you want to view. Here is the site for RVideos:

<http://dist.stat.tamu.edu/pub/rvideos/>

Here is a description of my search for sources.

I first went to Amazon (a well known online distributor) to see if they sold videos about the statistical programming language R.

<http://www.amazon.com>

I typed [programming language R] (you don't need to type the brackets) and found that they sold many books on the subjects, but when I narrowed my search to videos by selecting the department [movies and TV] from the drop-down menu of departments, they only had one result which did not seem pertinent as it focused more on C++ and numerical methods.

In my next search, I decided to check Google for video tutorials. I went to the Google site (a popular search engine)

<http://www.google.com>

and typed [video tutorial r statistics] in the search box. (You wouldn't need to type the brackets). I clicked on the sixth link down and found the R-bloggers website, which is "R news and tutorials contributed for 300 R bloggers" at this site:

<http://www.r-bloggers.com/r-video-tutorial-for-spatial-statistics/>

This link is quite long and could break, so here is a shortened version for your convenience.

<http://tinyurl.com/7gck5np>

I chose this site, because it is current and all the contributors are dedicated to contributing knowledge in the area of programming and the subject you were inquiring about (R programming language).

Once at their site, I typed [video tutorials] in the search box. You would not need to type the brackets.

On the second page I found an article "R Links for the Beginner on World Statistics Day" at this link

<http://www.r-bloggers.com/r-links-for-the-beginner-on-world-statistics-day/>

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<http://tinyurl.com/6nlq46m>

This article was contributed by Jeromy Anglim, who focuses his work on I/O and statistics in psychology. The article was contributed about a year ago so is fairly current. In his article "Videos on Data Analysis with R: Introductory, Intermediate, and Advanced Resources" he compiled several links to resources on videos about R.

<http://jeromyanglim.blogspot.com/2010/05/videos-on-data-analysis-with-r.html>

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<http://tinyurl.com/25wevk8>

Feel free to explore all the links listed in this article, but I recommend beginning with the two beginning sources listed above "RVideo" and "LearnViaWeb" because they are the most systematic, indexed, and comprehensive.

Again, the links to those sources are Learn Via Web

<http://www.learnviaweb.com/videos/>

and RVideos

<http://dist.stat.tamu.edu/pub/rvideos/>

Thanks again for your question. I hope these resources prove helpful in learning R. If you have any additional questions don't hesitate to contact IPL2 again.

Question:

I need websites to understand the Yanomami Indian tribe better. I

don't understand it very well and can't find very many reliable sites.

location: Antioch California

area: History

reason: For a research report for English class

school: Yes

sources_consulted: facinghistory.org, Lexis Nexis

Answer:

Hello from IPL2,

Thanks for your inquiry about finding web resources about the Yanomami.

Here is a list of four free Internet sources that may be helpful:

1. Yanomami

<http://pib.socioambiental.org/en/povo/yanomami>

2. Yanomamö

<http://www.everyculture.com/South-America/Yanomam.html>

3. Indigenous People of the Rainforest (section3 Yanomami)

<http://www.rainforestinfo.org.au/background/people.htm>

4. Rain Forest Tribe's Charge of Neglect is Shrouded by Religion and Politics

http://www.nytimes.com/2008/10/07/world/americas/07venez.html?pagewanted=1&_r=1

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<http://tinyurl.com/89ykd5k>

Here is a description of my search process.

I first visited Wikipedia to familiarize myself with some general ideas about the Yanomami and where they are from. Once I found out that they are from South America, specifically near the border of Brazil. I also learned that they are sometimes called Yanomomo. I performed a web search using Google.

<http://www.google.com>

I typed in "indigenous people Brazil" (you won't need to type the quotes). I chose the fourth link down

<http://pib.socioambiental.org/en>

On the navigation bar at the top, I chose "Table of Indigenous Peoples"

<http://pib.socioambiental.org/en/c/quadro-geral>

Then I chose "Yanomami"

<http://pib.socioambiental.org/en/povo/yanomami>

Each topic of discussion about the Yanomami are found on the navigational links on the right hand side, and include information about their land, contact with others, the homes, shamans, etc. I think this is a reliable source, because they list their sources for the information. Here is a link to a list of their sources (some are in Spanish), but the website is in English.

<http://pib.socioambiental.org/en/povo/yanomami/1827>

2. The second search on Google

<http://www.google.com>

I typed "Yanomami history" (you won't need to type the quotes).

The fourth link down looked promising called "Yanomamo" at Every Culture.com

<http://www.everyculture.com/South-America/Yanomam.html>

Although this site has some commercial ads, the author of the section about Yanomomo is written by an authoritative scholar, Raymond Hames who has written a book that was published by a scholarly publisher. Here is the citation for his book: Hames, Raymond (1983). "The Settlement Pattern of a Yanomamö Population Bloc: A Behavioral Ecological Interpretation." In Adaptive Responses of Native Amazonians, edited by Raymond Hames and William Vickers, 393-427. New York: Academic Press.

On this site you can find the following links about the Yanomomo: Orientation, History and Cultural Relations, Settlements, Economy, Kinship, Marriage and Family, Sociopolitical Organization, Religion and Expressive Culture.

3. I searched Bing (a popular search engine)

<http://www.bing.com>

I typed in "yanomami culture"

On the second page of results this second link was helpful from suite101.com an article written by Andy Thomason in 1999 called "Yanomami":

http://archive.suite101.com/article.cfm/fourth_world/20044

This article briefly discussed the Yanomami culture and begins to explore the threats to their survival. This article was written over 10 years ago so is not current, but does have good information on the culture.

4. The last search I did was also using Bing.

<http://www.bing.com>

I typed in "indigenous culture Brazil"

After browsing many of the results I found an article about how modern-day Yanomami are affected by politics and religion of the Brazil.

http://www.nytimes.com/2008/10/07/world/americas/07venez.html?pagewanted=1&_r=1

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<http://tinyurl.com/89ykd5k>

This news article is from the New York Times which is reliable, and is written in 2008 so is more about current events and how the modern world is affecting the Yanomami way of life.

I hope this will help with your project. If you need any more help, please don't hesitate to contact IPL2 again.

This last response is how I would help someone if they had access to UW Libraries print and paid subscription databases through University of Washington Libraries. (Note this was not sent to an IPL2 user).

Thanks for your interest in studying the Yanomami. I can recommend several reliable sources to you.

To find basic information about the Yanomami, log in to the Gale Reference Library

http://go.galegroup.com.offcampus.lib.washington.edu/ps/start.do?userGroupName=wash_main&prodId=GVRL

Type "Yanomami" into the search box. I get 32 search results with basic background from reliable encyclopedias.

If you need other articles, start at the University of Washington Libraries home page

<http://www.lib.washington.edu/>

Select the "articles" tab just above the search box. Type in "Yanomami", and then limit your results to "full-text articles" by clicking in the box on the right hand side and click update.

There are 351 results relating to the Yanomami.

I hope these resources are helpful to your studies. If you need any additional support, please don't hesitate to ask for more help. Thanks for using IPL2.