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Some useful websites for research:

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Wikipedia: Because this encyclopedia is written and edited solely by its readers you cannot trust everything you find here. But it has links which can lead you to related authors, topics, and related material. This is often a good place to start. http://www.wikipedia.org/

ERIC: This is a good educational website offering both abstracts and full text. Google Scholar also searches ERIC. http://www.eric.ed.gov/

Questia: This is one of the best full-text sources for books and articles in education and related subjects. It is a membership site costing between $10 and $20 (US) per month depending on how many of the databases you want access to. It is well worth it while you are involved in masters classes and having to write research papers. http://www.questia.com/Index.jsp.

Infomine: Most of the resources here are fee-based but there are a lot of web-based journals that will allow you to read articles online. http://infomine.ucr.edu/

Library of Congress: This has many good resources for teaching as well as research. http://www.loc.gov/index.html.

Research Guide for Students: This Website is an extremely good resource for researchers. It provides guidelines for the technical aspects of writing a paper such as layout and style guides as well as links to other research resources on just about every topic imaginable. http://www.aresearchguide.com/