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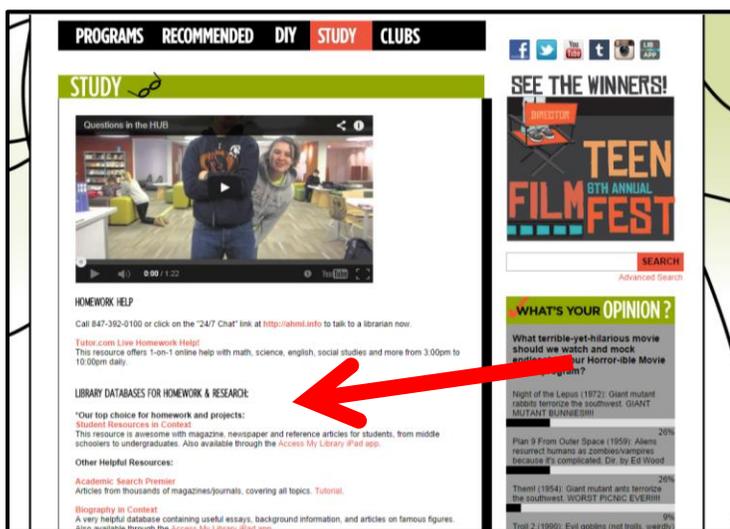
- **Grades 3**: Keep track of your grades, assignments, and more! Figure out the exact grade you need for each assignment to earn the grade you want for a class. Alerts you of upcoming assignments and tests.

- **AHML**: Access your library account to place holds, renew books, and search the catalog. Use your iPad's camera to check out books and search the library's catalog. Have a question? Chat or email a reference librarian.

- **Access My Library**: Search any library's Gale databases and eBooks within a 10 mile radius without a library card or account. Access Hub staff's top choice for homework and projects: *Student Resources in Context*!

- **Evernote**: Organize notes, projects, and more in this free app! Ability to save and search notes, documents, audio, pictures, and websites. Accessible on iPad and desktop computer.

- **Skitch**: Annotate images, websites, maps, and create your own diagrams (chemical equations, flow charts, etc.) – easily imports into Evernote!

- **Dropbox**: Backup your files and access them wherever you have the internet. Easily share files with a link instead of attaching to an email.

- **Flashcards+**: Create and study flash cards without writing them out. Ability to mark cards that you've learned, shuffle the deck, and search for a specific flash card. No time to make your own deck? Use one of the millions of decks already created!

Where should you begin your research?

Go the Hub's website, ahml.info/teens.

Click on *Study*.

Scroll down for our suggested databases.

Search Strategies:

- Boolean Searching: Use operators to narrow or broaden search.
  - AND & NOT will narrow search (e.g. Lincoln AND "civil rights" or Lincoln NOT "civil rights").
  - OR will broaden search (e.g. "right to vote" OR suffrage).
- ADJ searches for words in a specific order (e.g. Democratic ADJ Convention).
- NEAR returns items with both words in the same sentence (e.g. alcohol NEAR violence).
- Nesting puts keywords into sets using parentheses (e.g. (feminine or female) and stereotype).
- Quotation marks will search for a specific string of words (e.g. "moving truck").
- Truncation: Use asterisk (*) to broaden search. Truncation will pick up variations of a word stem.
- Wildcard: Use question mark (?) to broaden search. The wildcard symbol replaces one letter in a word. Results returned will match all letters while varying the wildcard (e.g. wom?n will return results for woman and women).
- Use built-in filters to drill down to the most relevant search results.
- Read summary or abstract to determine whether an article will be useful. It will save you time!
- Searching the web? Evaluate your sources! Use the CRAAP (www.csuchico.edu/lins/handouts/eval_websites.pdf) or SMELL (goo.gl/4usSqQ) test.