

# The Savvy Researcher

## What Can Google Do For You?

### Tips and Tricks for using the basic Google search box:

- Use a hyphen or minus symbol ( - ) in front of words you want to exclude from your search.
  - Example: [music -lyrics]
- Use a tilde mark ( ~ ) to search for a word AND its synonyms
  - Example: [music ~lyrics]
- Use quotation marks to search for a phrase.
  - Example: ["like a rolling stone"]
- To have Google "fill in the blank," use an asterisk ( \* )
  - Example: ["like a rolling stone" was written by\*]
- Use "OR" to get results that contain either word or phrase.
  - Example: ["Bob Dylan" OR "Robert Allen Zimmerman"]
- Use "define:" to get a definition of a word or abbreviation.
  - Example: [define: folk music]
- Use "filetype:" to search for specific file type.
  - Example: [filetype: ppt]
- Use "intitle:" to focus search results.
  - Example: [intitle:land reform]
- Make conversions and do math calculations
  - Examples: [500 euros in US dollars], [10 degrees C in F], [1534/22]  
<http://www.googleguide.com/calculator.html>
- To search university and college websites:  
<http://www.google.com/options/universities.html>

### Advanced search strategies:

([http://www.google.com/advanced\\_search](http://www.google.com/advanced_search))

- Search for topics within certain domains (.gov, .edu, .org)
- Search for pages located in specific countries or in specific languages

### Cool Stuff:

- Use "airport:" Example: [airport:CMI]
- Use "weather:" Example: [weather:Cairo]
- Use "time:" Example: [time:afghanistan]
- Use "stocks:" Example: [stocks:ebay]
- Use "movies:" Example: [movies:90210]
- Use "bphonebook:" Example: [bphonebook:jupiter's]