

## **State Research Website Resources**

### **Questions to ask when looking for reliable websites**

- how do I know I can trust this site?
- who made this site?
- are there ads?
- is this site “up to date”?
- who “owns” the site?

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### **Reliable sites for US States research:**

U.S. Census Population Data 2015

<http://www.census.gov/quickfacts/table/PST045215/08,00>

Netstate - Learn About the States

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

Fact Monster - The Fifty States

<http://www.factmonster.com/states.html>

IPL2 - Stately Knowledge (closed site)

<http://www.ipl.org/div/stateknow/>

National Geographic Travel: States Guide -

<http://travel.nationalgeographic.com/travel/united-states-guides/>

### **Subscriptions:**

World Book Online (Kids) - (from home: Username - BVSD1, password - home)

<http://worldbookonline.com/wb/products?ed=all&gr=Welcome+Boulder+Valley+Primary+Schools%21>

### **What NOT to use**

Example of a “crummy” website - Facts.co - Funfacts

(<http://delawarefunfacts.facts.co/delawarefunfactsforkids/delawarefunfacts.php>)

-difficult to search

-too many ads

-home base is INDIA!

Example of factual website, but NOT kid-friendly - United States Census Bureau

<https://www.census.gov/schools/facts/delaware.html>

-detailed info

-too much text, difficult for kids to read

-not the right kind of “facts” for this project