## **Locating Academic Quality Websites**

1. Use a Search Engine (<u>Google</u>, <u>Bing</u>, <u>Yahoo</u>) or metasearch engine (<u>Dogpile</u>, <u>Yippy</u>, <u>Metacrawler</u>). Learn the pros and cons of both <u>here</u>.

\*Search engines do not determine the quality of the websites they list within their search results, nor do they fact-check the information on websites, so you must do a full website evaluation.

2. Do an Advanced Google Search

Type your search term, then NARROW YOUR RESULTS

Last Update: "within the past year"

Site or Domain: type ".gov" or ".edu" (to limit your results to governmental information or college/university sites)

- 3. Use an Academic Search Tool where there has been some human evaluation of the results
  - Sweetsearch
  - Infotrek
  - Infotopia
  - Virtual Learning Resources Center
  - Finding Dulcinea
- 4. Use websites that have already been reviewed by Stratford teachers and librarians. Ask Bunnell teachers what they recommend, and see Mrs. Pellegrino's recommended websites for each subject area on the <u>Class Links</u> page of the Bunnell Library website.