FAQ:
An Alternative Research Paper

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Here's a good question:

- Why do we have to teach the research paper?

So we'll know how to write a dissertation

A DESCRIPTIVE STUDY OF WAYS

WRITING PROJECT TEACHERS

USE PORTFOLIOS

A Dissertation

Submitted to the Graduate School

in Partial Fulfillment of the

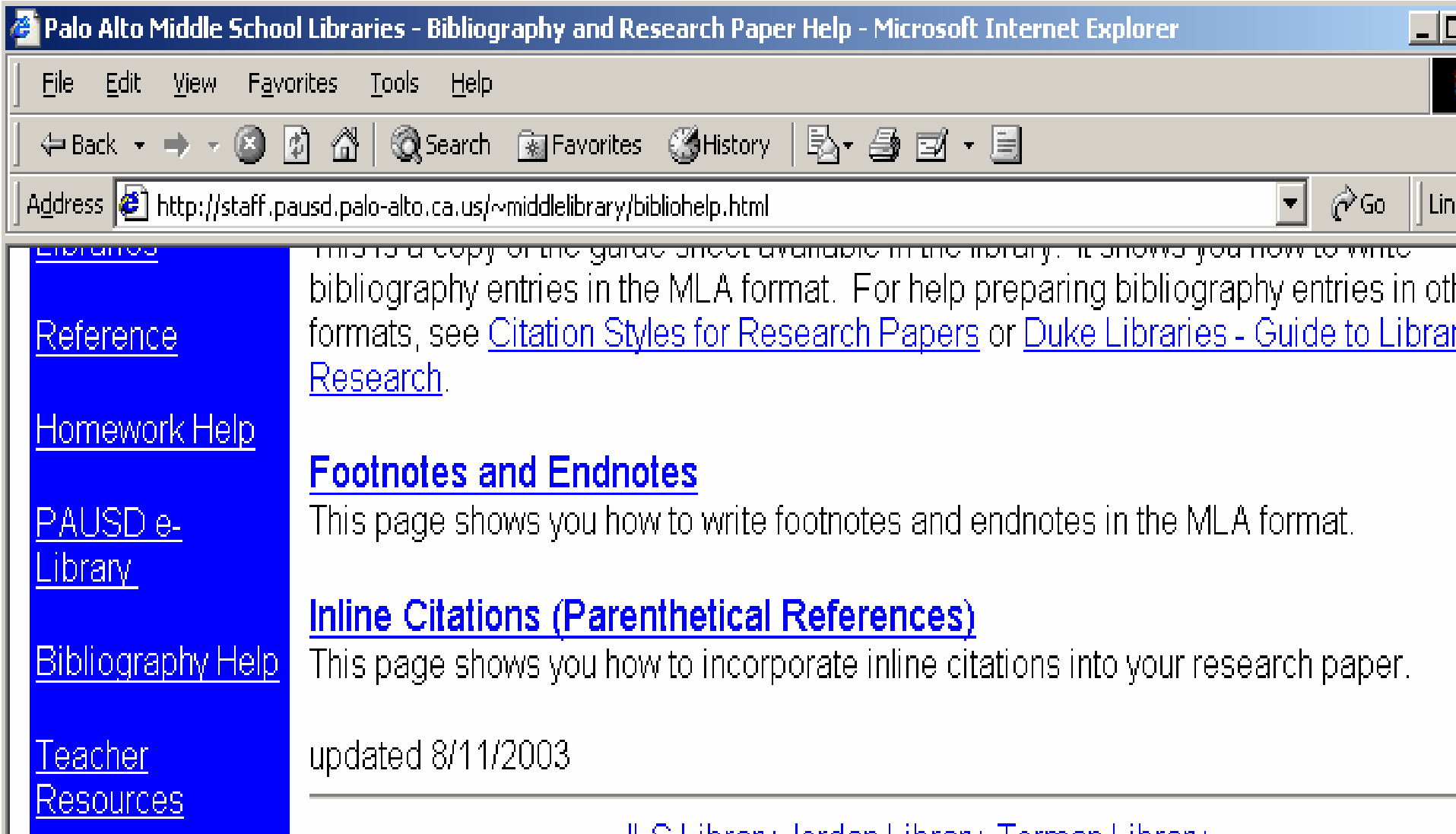
Requirements for the Degree

Doctor of Philosophy

And chances are, if you have to write a dissertation….

- You'd better learn for your Masters thesis!
- And, if you're going to write a Masters thesis, chances are you'd better learn to write a "term" paper (maybe a Senior thesis as well)
- And, if you're going to write a "term" paper in college, chances are you'd better learn to do one in high school
- And if you're going to have to write one in high school, chances are …

That's right---Middle School 4th Grade!



But, don’t worry…

- Technology will come to your aid.
- There are websites devoted to help the most elementary research paper writer.

research.html - Microsoft Internet Explorer
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Address http://www.ri.net/schools/East_Greenwich/research.html
Go Links

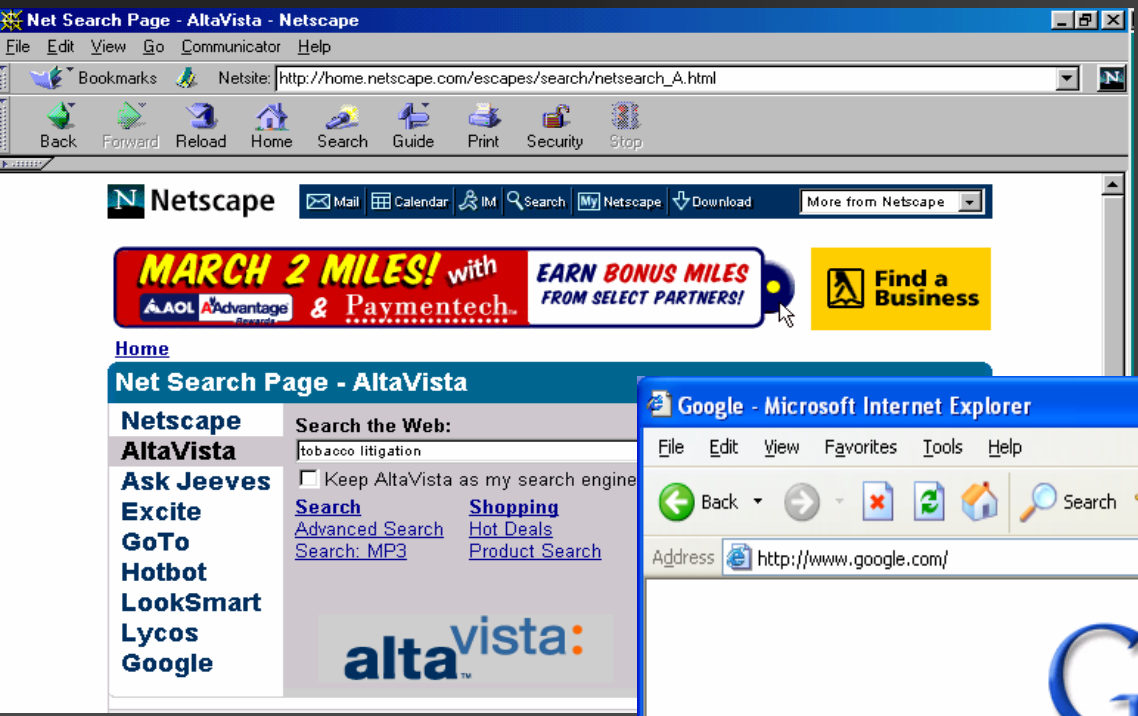
So you have to do a Research Project?

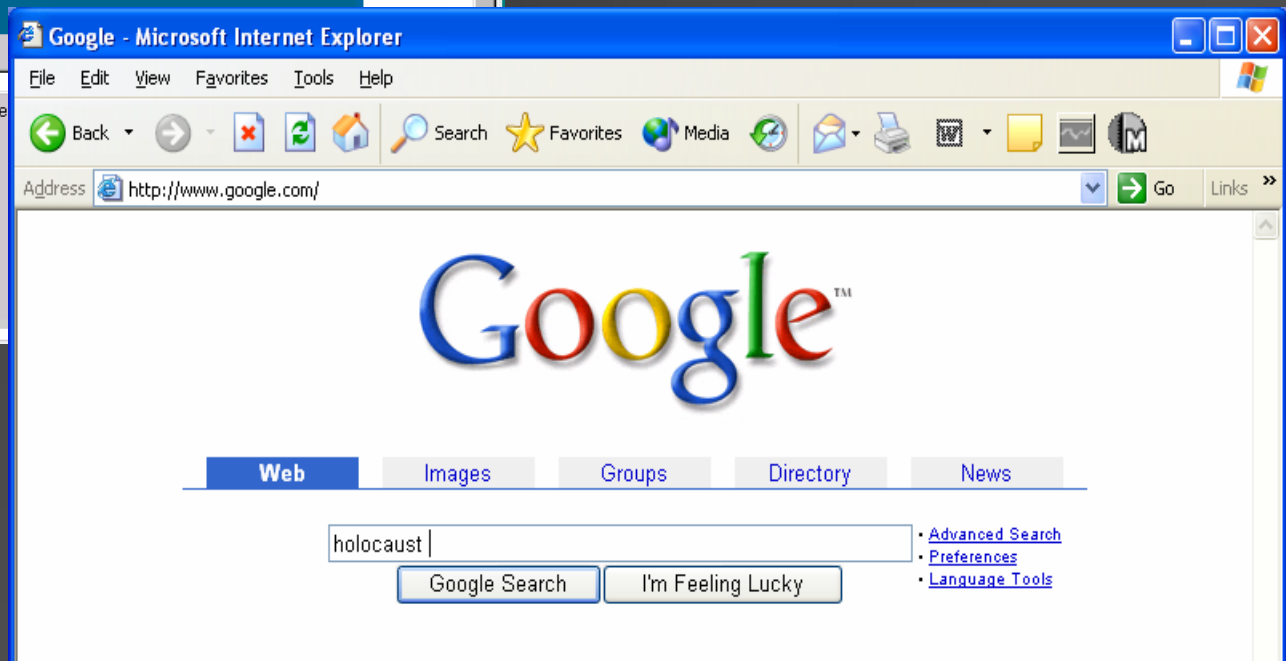
Don't hit the panic button! This page is here to help!

Getting started	Organizing your thoughts	Online reference tools	Using the right information tool	Libraries Online
Use the Internet	Using search engines	Evaluating sites	Completing your project	Evaluating your work

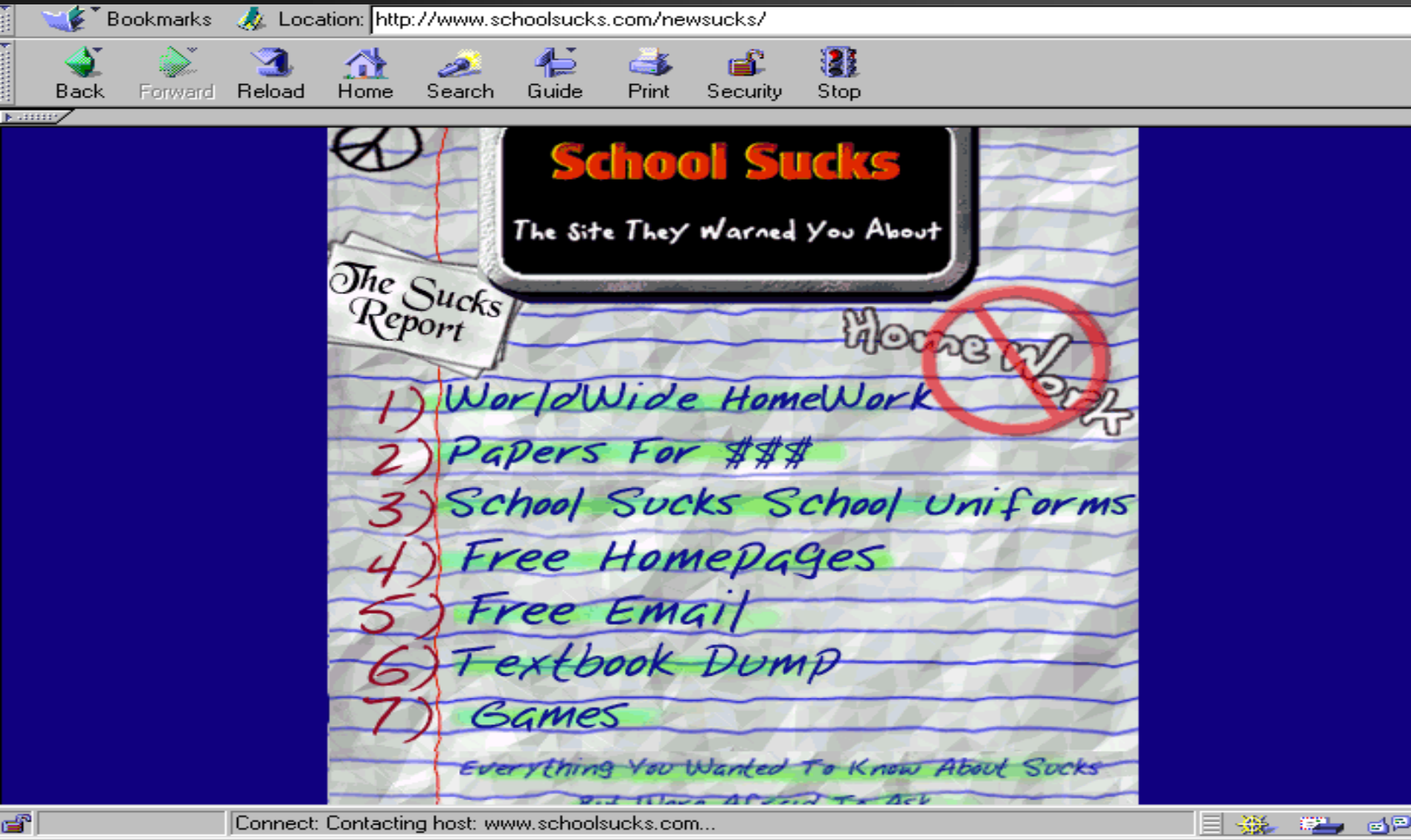
Internet

And search engines…





And places to even BUY ‘term’ papers and,



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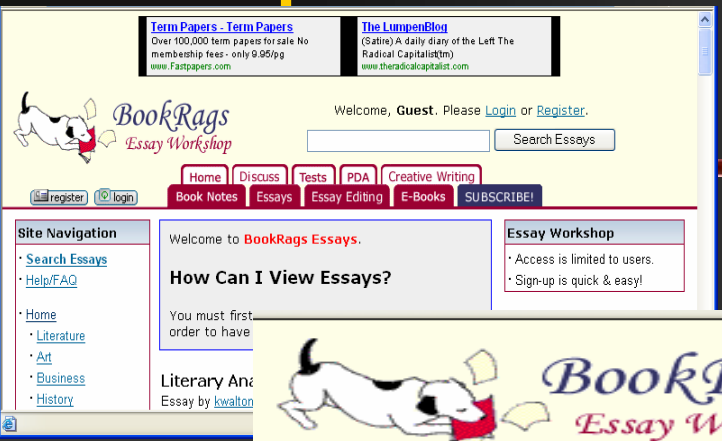

And websites to CATCH those who buy research papers…

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- Which makes me wonder,

  Why assign a research paper in the first place?

  (Other than writing a dissertation)

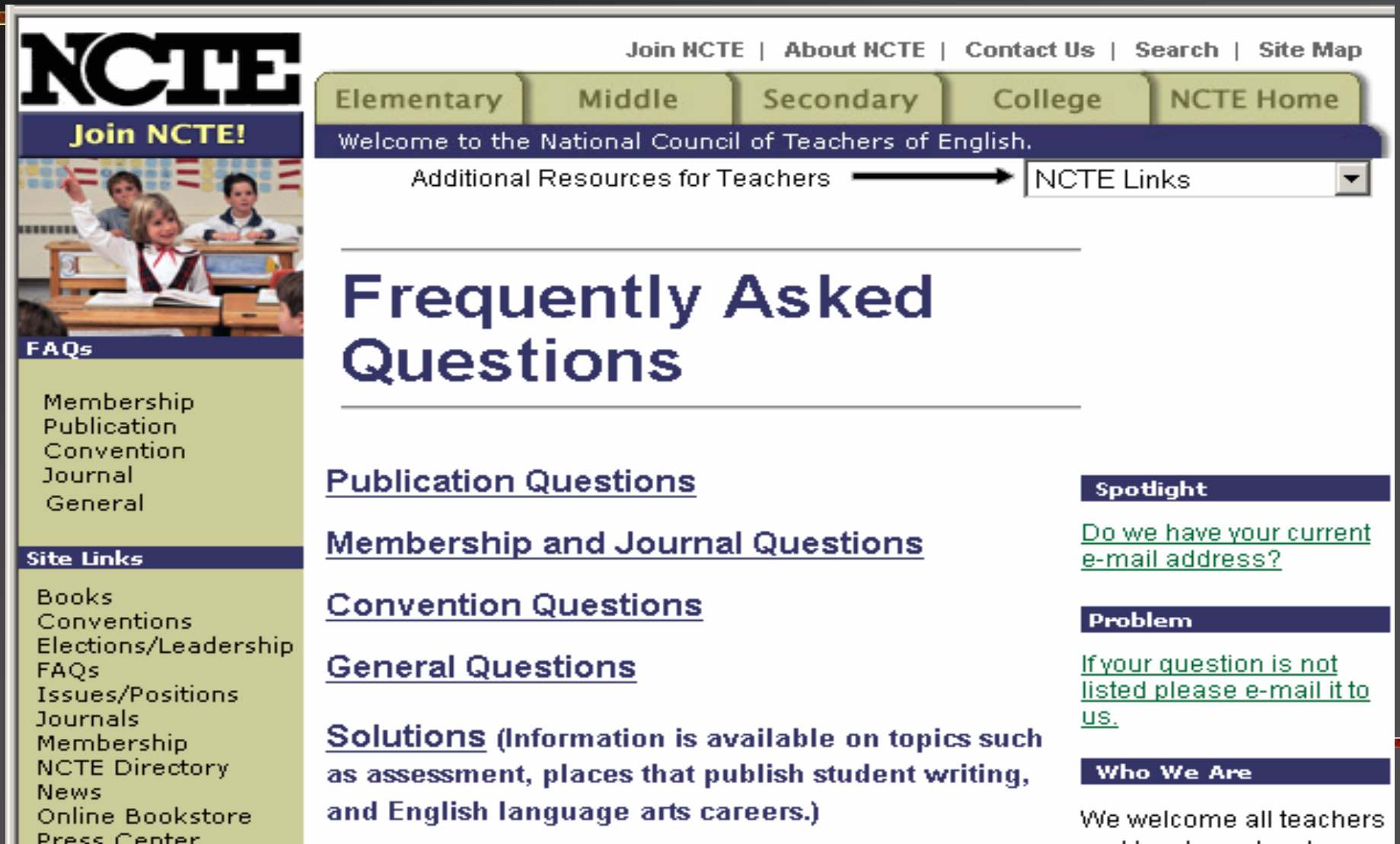
Instead, since no one in the real world writes research papers

as taught in high school and college

- I've discovered its replacement
- Created by technology
- A new form or genre of writing
- Indigenous to the computer, though turning up everywhere

The FAQ

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Suddenly, every website has

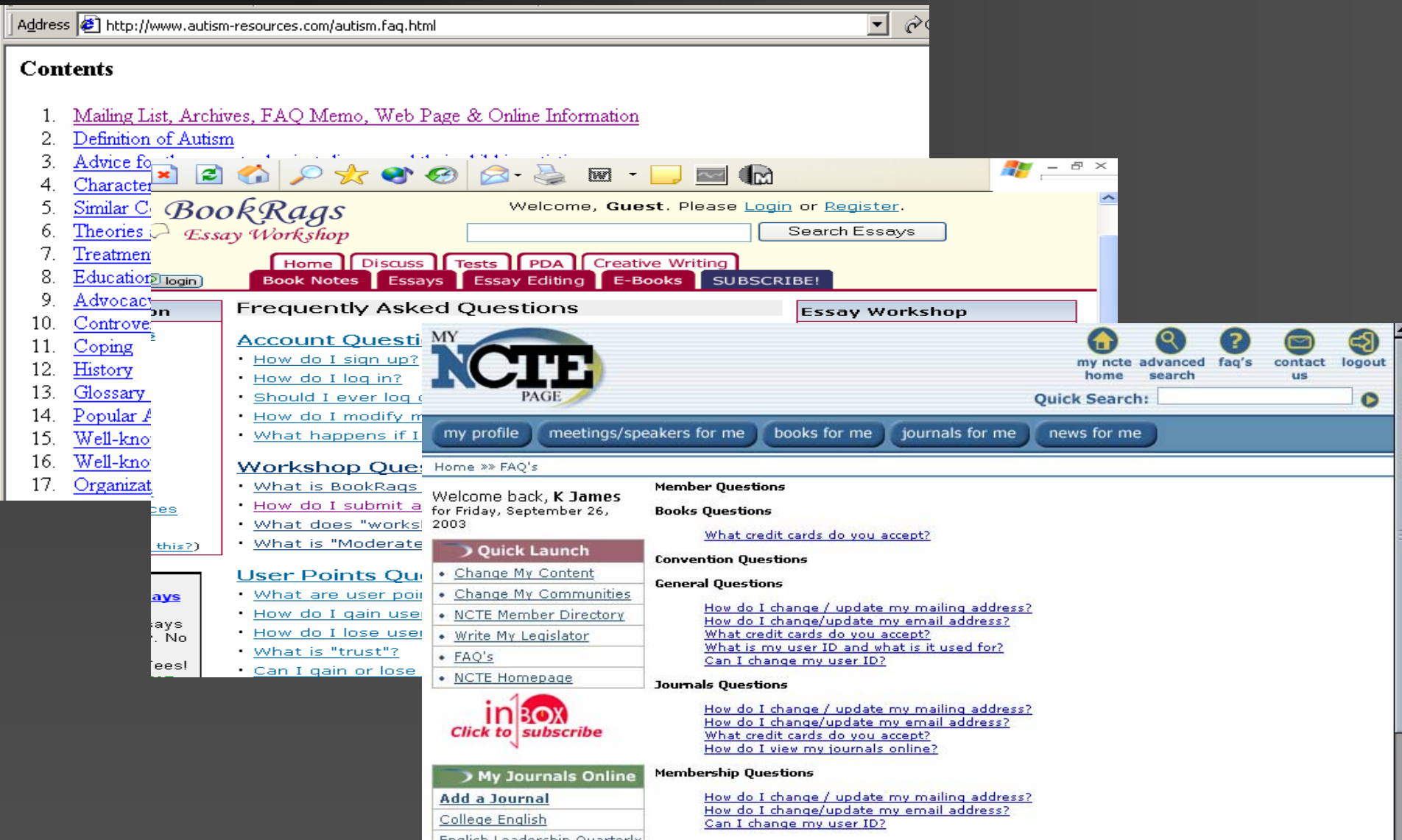
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

..... AUTISM RESOURCES .....

Welcome to **www.autism-resources.com**, offering information and links regarding the developmental disabilities **autism** and **Asperger's Syndrome**.

- **Links**. A large classified index of links to autism-related web sites. Included are web resources of all kinds including sites with information about various treatment options, sites dedicated to Aspergers, sites with accounts of the experiences of autistic people and their parents, autism organizations, and more.
- **Frequently Asked Questions Memo (FAQ)**. A wealth of information and background material regarding autism contributed by people online. Includes definitions and descriptions of autism and Asperger's, a glossary of terms and acronyms, lists of related disorders, treatments, books, movies, history, organizations, initiatives, etc. Aimed at people who discover they need to know about autism, but valuable to all.
- **Advice to parents who discover their child is autistic**. A collection of messages from several parents on the AUTISM mailing list offering what they would have liked to have known when they found out their child was autistic.
- **Book Information**. Collected information about every autism-related book I find reference to. Includes recommendations of parents and other readers, books for children, for parents, for teachers, for professionals, accounts of autistic people, fiction

With Table of Contents-like headings or questions



…with the answers a click away

Address http://www.autism-resources.com/autismfaq-trea.html Go Link

Autism FAQ - Treatment

See also the comments below under "Controversies".

There is no standard, universally accepted treatment of autism; in fact, every single method has its detractors. General approaches may be summarized as follows:

- Biochemical (food allergies, medication, food and vitamin supplements)
- Neurosensory (sensorial integration, over stimulation and patterning, auditory training, facilitated communication, daily life therapy)
- Psycho-dynamic (holding therapy, psychotherapy and psychoanalysis, option institute(which also falls in behavioral))
- Behavioral (Discrete trials (Lovaas and others), behavior modification with and without aversives, TEACCH)

Note: Many of the programs mentioned above also use other approaches to some degree and an attempt was made to place them in the most appropriate category.

The literature seems to show that food allergies and the possibility of candida should be checked immediately because a significant number of children may be autistic because of these problems which can be controlled through drugs or diet. As far as other kinds of drug therapy are concerned, there is no drug that is universally successful in treating autistic

FAQ (frequently asked questions)

- FAQs are a type of heading and document format developed because computer texts are difficult to read.
- Headings are written as questions
- Students can create FAQs by dividing longer texts into self-contained sections with a question as a section heading.
- They help organize the text and creating them teaches reading strategies.

No one really asks the questions

much less asks frequently

- That's merely an organizational convention
- And the answers are short essays focused around a 'thesis,' a question if you will.
- Someone has to research the 'answer' to the FAQ question
- And write the 'answer'
- And organize the webpage

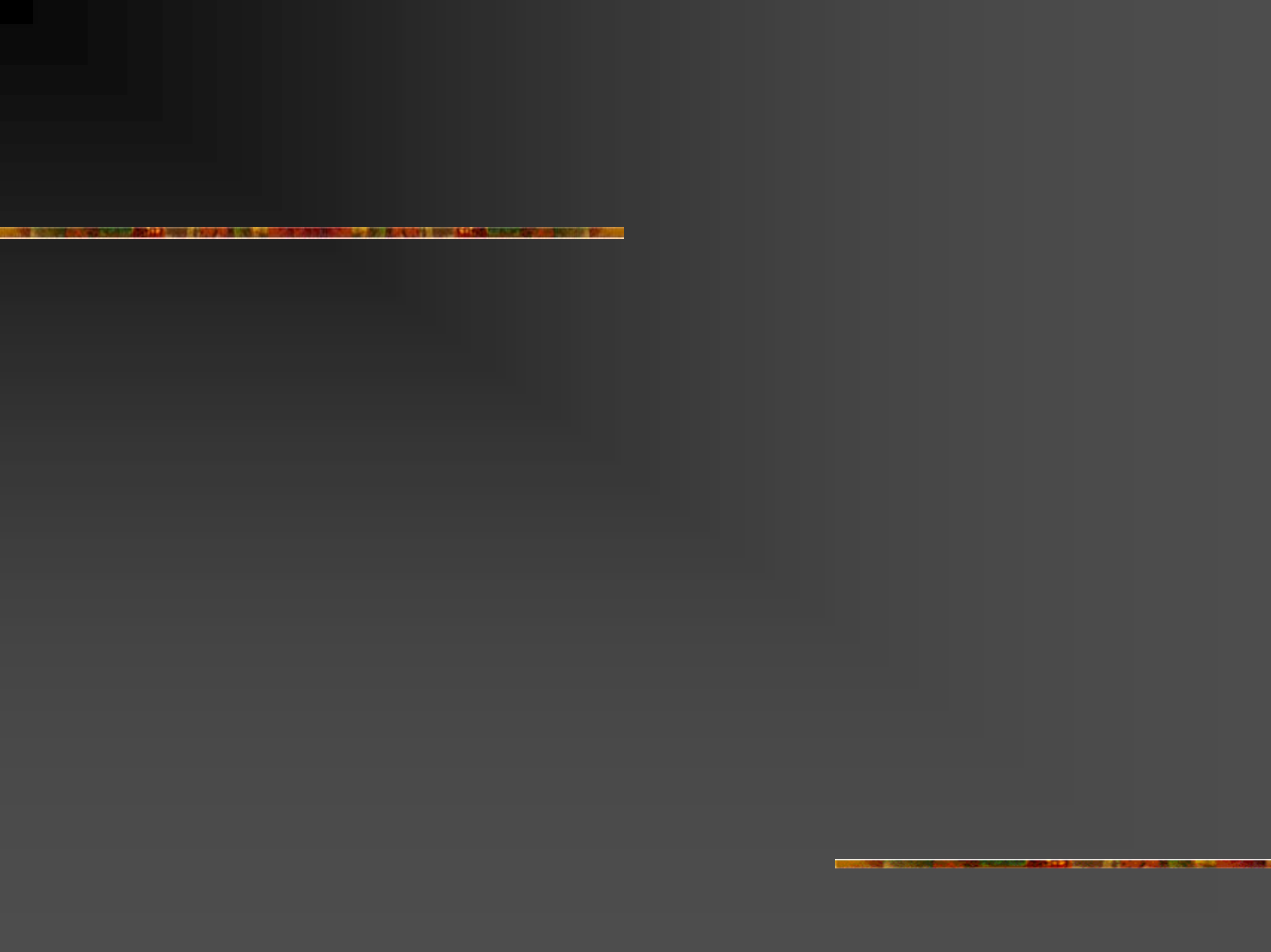
And that's what we wanted to accomplish with the research paper in the first place, wasn't it?

- Technological literacy skills
- Synthesized research skills
- Organizational writing skills
- Real World Applications

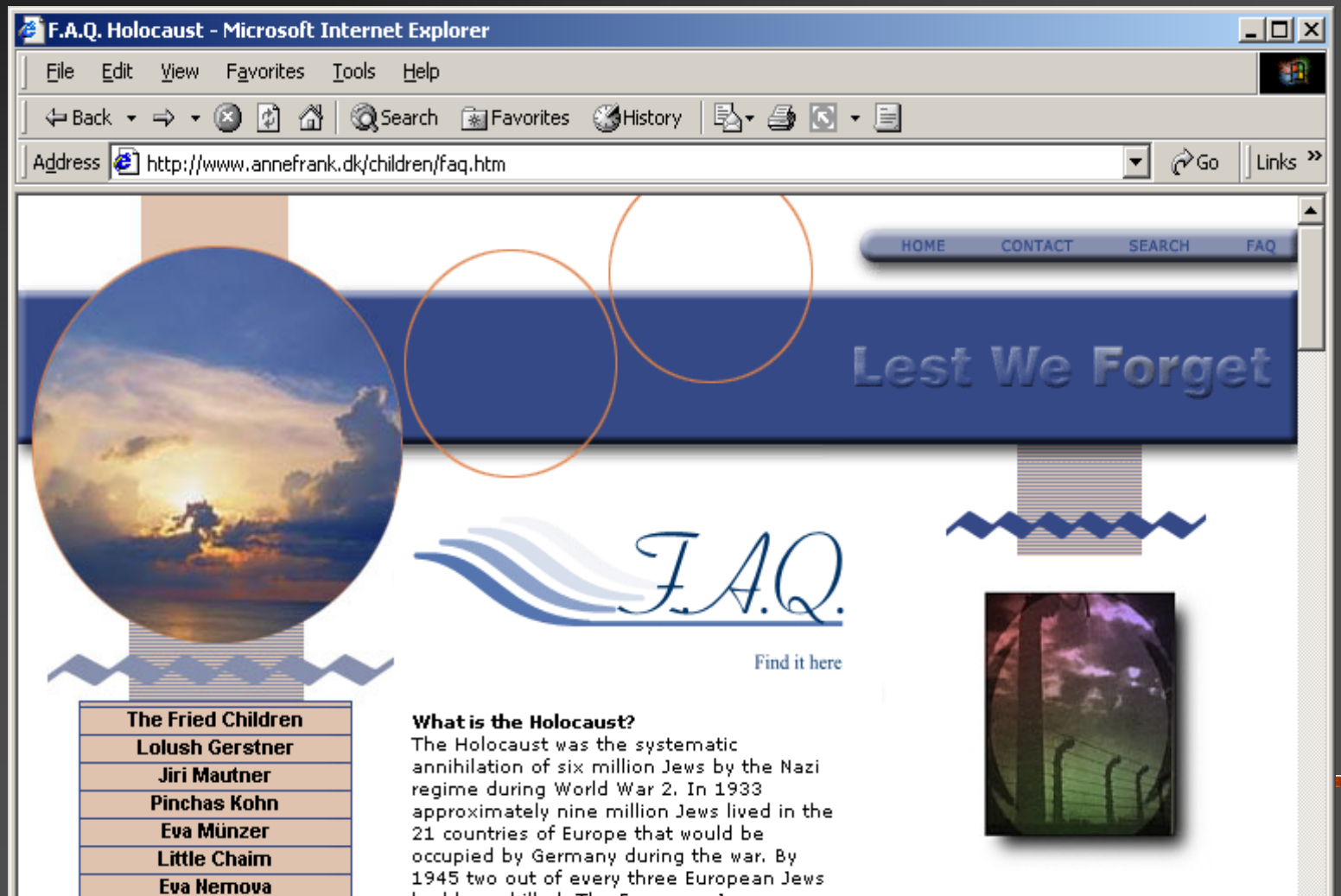
FAQ – the new research paper

- The actual directions for creating the FAQ page follow on the handout

- Thank you
  - Thank you
    - Thank you
      - Thank you
        - Thank you

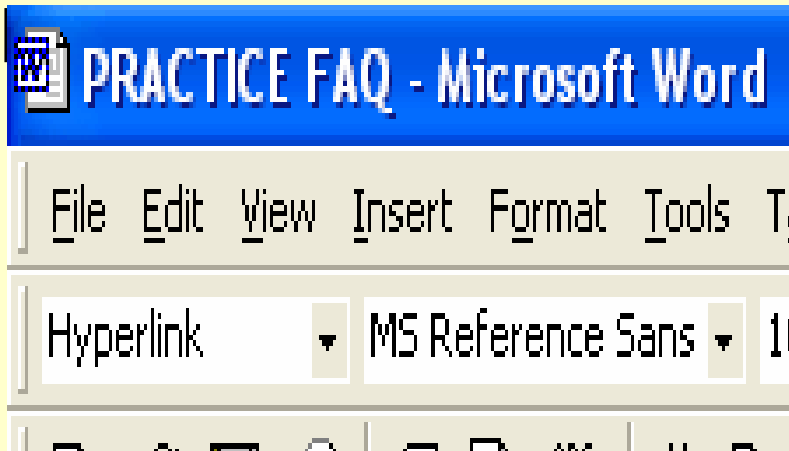


These directions handle just the FAQs; web design is up to you



One may either write the questions first and then the answers or write the text and divide it with headings posed as questions; for this example let's imagine we have written a passage on a certain topic that has been researched.

- Decide on a heading that can function as a section heading. You may write it in the form of a question. Type it above the section and skip a space.
- Return to the first letter of the question-heading and mark it with a bookmark in this way. Go to the {Insert} menu and select t



- Type in one word where it says bookmark name, one that will be memorable, not necessarily the first word of the question. Click Add when you’re done.
- The dialogue box will disappear and you’ll be back at your text.

Return to the question-heading you've written,

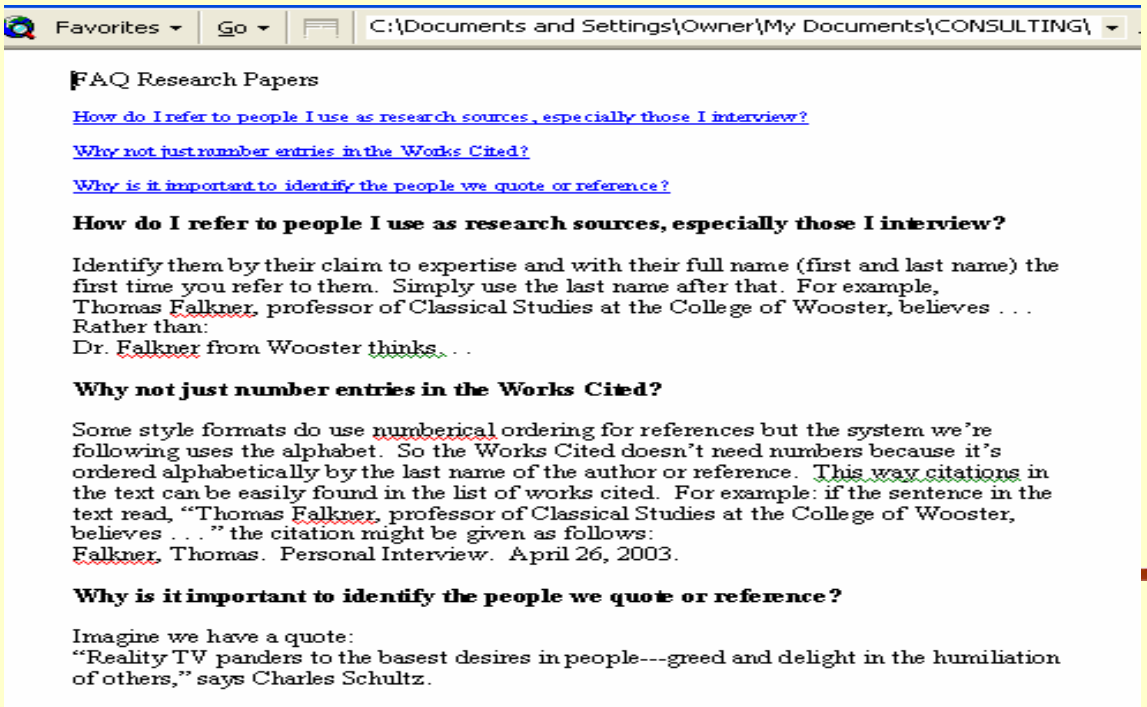
- Highlight it and copy it to the top of the first page.
- Highlight it once more, and link it to the bookmark by clicking on the {Insert Hyperlink} tool on the third menu bar.
- It looks like a globe with a paperclip below it.
- If you hold your cursor over the icon, it will show a label that confirms "insert hyperlink"

The highlighted question-heading should appear in the “text to display” box

- Click on the Bookmark button on the right side to browse for the bookmarks you’ve created.
- Click on the bookmark you just created.
- Click Okay.

The question-heading should now appear in blue.

- If you click on the blue text, your cursor should jump to the location in the document the heading refers to.



- Write or call if you have difficulties
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