

English Literature for Asst Prof Exams

First things: basic awareness

Today's Class

Logistics: class rules

GTKY: Bharat

Revision/Test

Qualities I want to see in an 'aspirant'

Format of the Exam

Paper 1 syllabus

Finding out

Basic Skills: Skills 1: ICT

Basic Skills: Skills 2: The Internet

Skills 2: What will you search with? The importance of Vocabulary (KE)

Skills 2: Vocabulary

Basic Skills: Skills 2: Searching the internet

Some Queries I ran yesterday

Demo: searching/scouring for Shakespeare on the Internet

Sources of information and their evaluation

Talking about types... and Machine Understanding™

Main authors

How to read

Secondary sources etc.

Why do you want to do this and what are your backup plans? (10 min)

- ugc.ac.in/jobportal (Times of India, 2021 online article)
- curec.samarth.ac.in
- How many of you have a computer?
- How many of you use Google?
- Which websites do you use to study English literature?
- What books have you studied so far?
- How many of you are regular library users?
- How many of you do not have access to libraries?
- Quiz: if you don't know, learn now—it's OK not to know; no one can know 'everything'
 1. What's the fullform of SARS, HTTP, LLM?
 2. What do you understand by 'automation', 'knowledge economy', 'freemium'?
 3. What's the body that governs funding in Higher Education in India?
https://studyinindia.gov.in/regulatory_bodies_in_higher_education
<https://www.rti.org/insights/growth-of-higher-education-in-india>

Revision/Test

- 1. Who is the host that takes the pilgrims to St. Becket's shrine in Chaucer's the Canterbury Tales?
 - A. The Knight B. Harry/Henry Bailey C. The Nun D. The Miller
- 2. True or false. The General Prologue sketches out descriptions of all but the highest and the lowest of contemporary hierarchy as it existed in 14th century England.
- 3. True or false. The General Prologue contains a reference to the battle between the Amazons and Theseus.
- 4. True or false. Chaucer borrowed from French and Italian poetry of the time.
- 5. True or false. The Canterbury Tales contain all the tales planned by Chaucer.
- 8. Book 1 Canto 3 contains an episode where a thief enters a dwelling where Una is resting temporarily and the thief is killed by the lion.
- 9. Book 1 Canto 3 contains the following comparisons and references: mariner, Odysseus, Neptune, Aldeboran, Cassiopeia and Orion. Cf. Metaphor: tenor (referent) and vehicle (substitute) (see Britannica page on the topic). You can call them x and y . You don't *have to* call them x and y .

Format of the Exam (5-7 min)

- Logistics: online exam—reach well before time, pen and paper is provided at the exam centre.
- Paper 1: Aptitude, Research Skills and HE in India
 - Teaching Aptitude, Research Aptitude, Reading Comprehension, Communication, Reasoning, ICT, Logical Reasoning, DI, People and Environment, Higher Education System
- Paper 2: English Literature
 - My personal aim: read as much as I can as widely as I can. Your time-bound possibility: read the main ones, starting with Shakespeare.
- Online exam: pen and paper for working problems
- Most authentic sources: past papers, books and government websites.
- **Your questions**

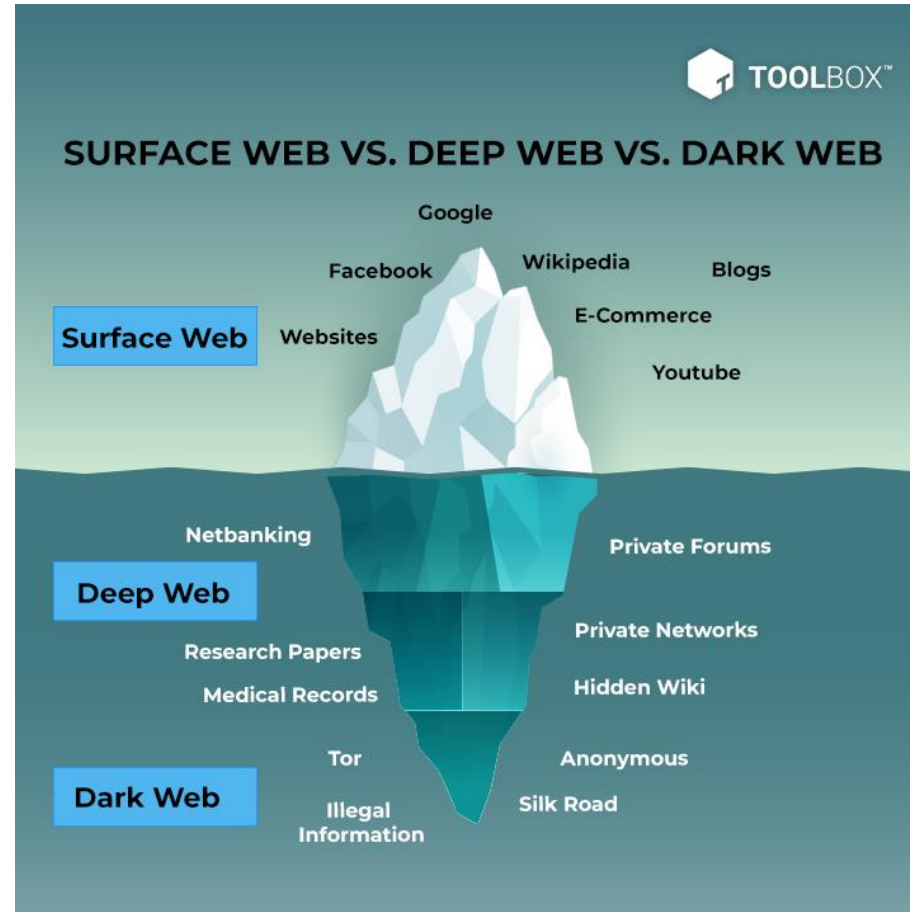
Paper 1 Syllabus (5-7 min)

- Teaching aptitude: most important theoretical development and understanding of basic concepts
- Research aptitude: basic understanding of terms and statistical concepts
- Reading Comprehension: as you read, you develop—you need to keep reading daily
- Aptitude: Reasoning, ICT, Logical Reasoning, Data Interpretation
- Communication, People and Environment
- Higher Education System

Finding Out (10 min)

- Have the vocabulary to be able to perform searches
- Have the courage to try new ideas
- Have the forwardness to ask questions
- Have the will to try many, many times (by rephrasing, of course!)
- Have the right skills: Google search operators
- Vocabulary: ‘database’, ‘bibliography’, ‘timeline’, ‘research journals on X, Y, Z...’, ‘summary of ...’, ‘key debates in/on/about/ ...’, ‘main ideas ...’, ‘core concepts ...’, ..., ‘short history’, ‘recent developments ...’, ‘influence of ...’, ‘conditions in Victorian era ...’,
- Homework: make a phrasebook to collect all we come up with and discover as we find!!!

Basic Skills 1: ICT and The Internet (5 min)



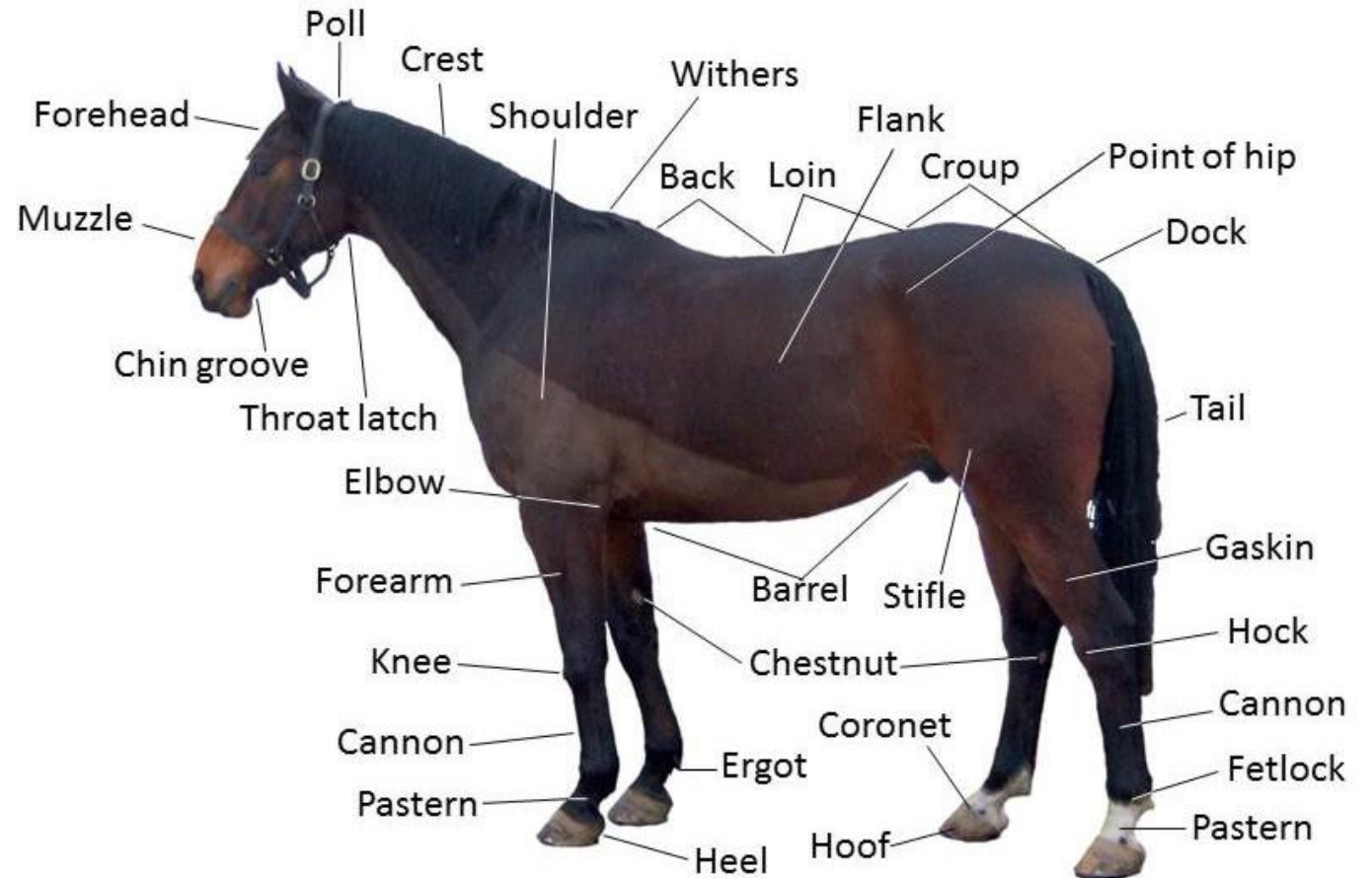
Skills 2: What will you search with? The importance of Vocabulary (KE)

- SEO has a key parameter: ‘keywords’ (What’s SEO?)
- N-grams are a recent development: you won’t find compilations of phrases on the internet unless we’re talking about corpora compiled for specific ML.
 - What is the name of the web-based corpus on which LLMs like GPT3.5 are based? (answer in white)
- Have the courage to be creative—that does not mean, e.g., that you have to be profane or something. E.g., Khajuraho.
 - But note that polysemy is an essential feature of English vocabulary.

Skills 2: Vocabulary (KE)

Talking about things: wordgames (what do you mean by 'cultural materialism'? What do you mean by 'facts of life'?). Heard of semantics?

Be on your guard: when I say "no formalities", am I inviting you to say or do just about anything? *Introduction to Psychology!!!* Anyone heard of pragmatics?

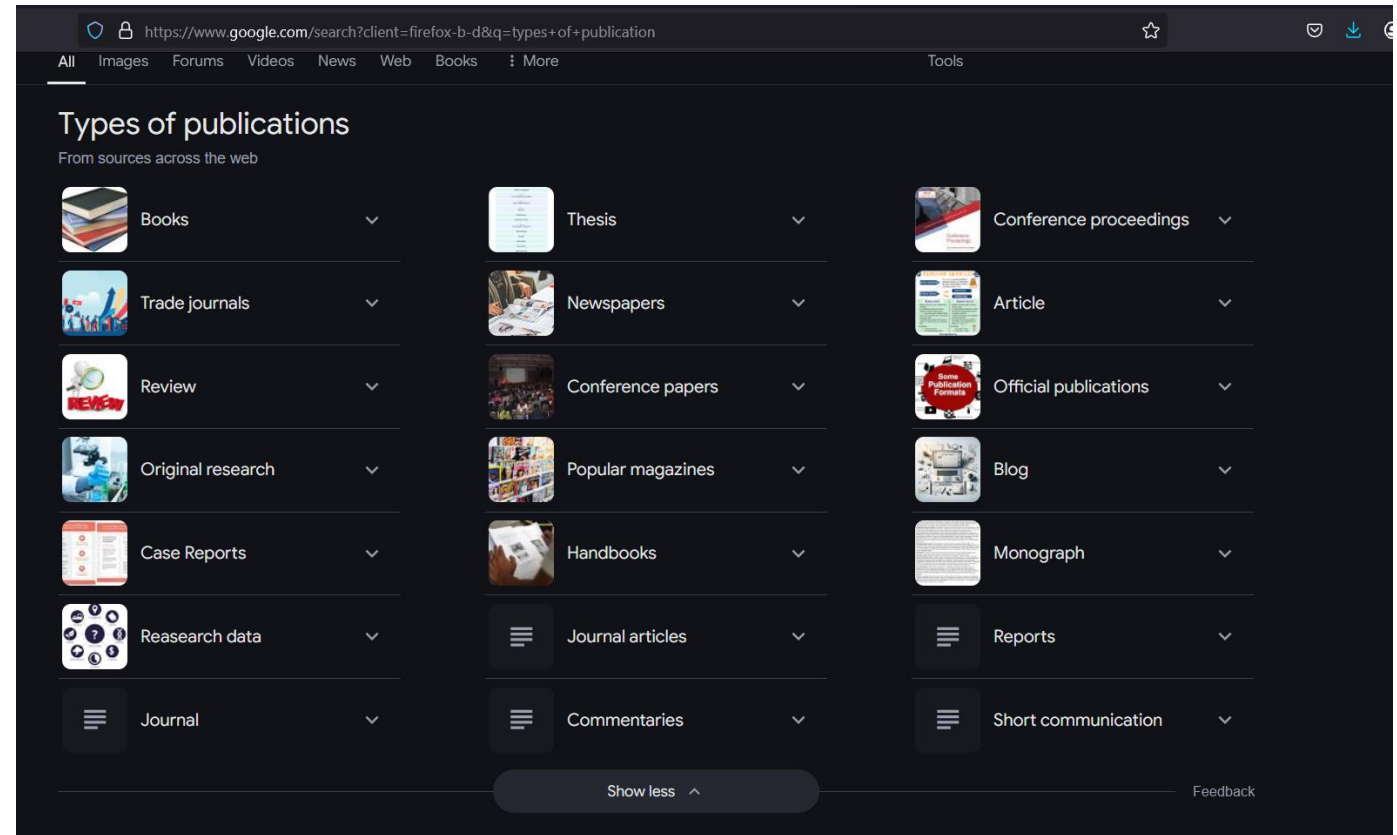


Skill 2: Vocabulary—be on your guard

- Resource control—Silo is a great example!!!—Creating awareness about ‘vocabulary list for manipulative tactics’:
- 1. gaslighting, 2. withholding, 3. triangulation, 4. projection, 5. lying, 6. moving the goalposts, 7. changing expectations, 8. using insecurities, 9. love bombing, 10. isolation, 11. abusive anger, 12. name-calling, 13. coercive behaviour (cf. controlling behaviour), 14. using guilt trips, 15. smear campaigns, 16. silent treatment, 17. playing the victim, 18. emotional blackmail, 19. shaming, 20. generalizations, 21. passive aggression, 22. aggressive humour.

Skills 2: Vocabulary (KE)

- If you are looking for a 'guide' and you search for a 'casebook', you won't get what you want. Jargon is the reason. eg, <https://umbraco.com/knowledge-base/web-acronyms/>
- Fig: Types of publication
- 1st result: <https://www.reading.ac.uk/library/finding-information/publication-type>
- HW: search for book publishing vocabulary



Basic Skills: Skills 2: Searching the internet

- Google search, gmail search, regular expressions, labels, keywords, file types etc.
- How is the internet organized (visualization)
- Sources and evaluation of sources
 - Gutenberg/Gutenberg Australia, librivox, ... other sources for public domain texts and other media
 - Wikipedia, Britannica ...
 - Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy, Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy
 - Search by file types (2012): ppt, pdf, notes, lecture notes, lecture transcripts, ...
 - Search by filtering in/out domains: university websites
 - Search by databases: IEEE, JSTOR, EBSCO, EBBO, LION, ...
 - Search by journal??? YWES, YWCCT
 - Dictionary of arguments (whose brain? My brain.)

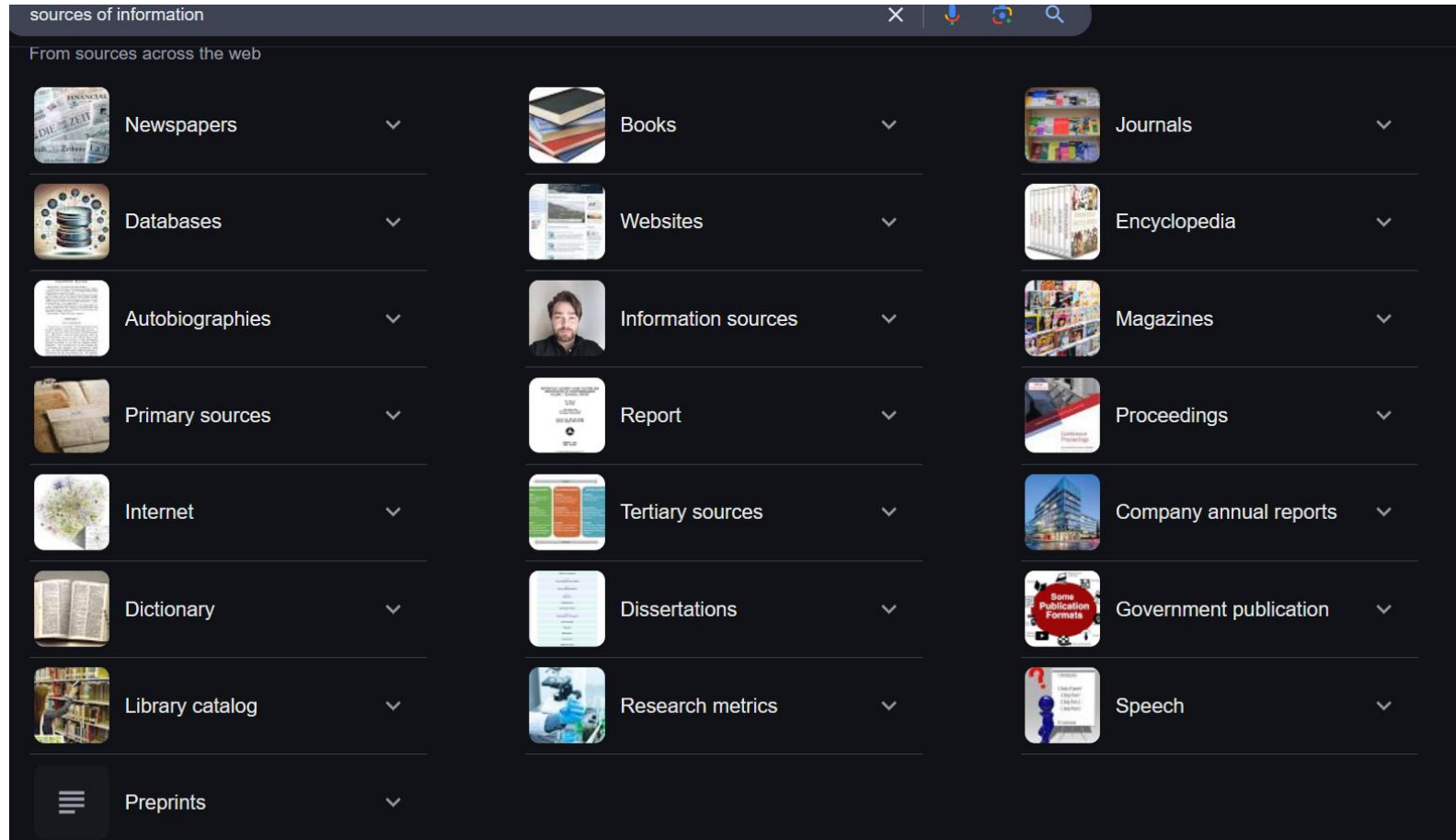
Some queries I ran yesterday

- list of websites for public domain texts
- list of websites for public domain audio librivox.org
- sources for public domain texts "gutenberg" ... list ranked aggregated ...
- https://gmatclub.com/?srsltid=AfmBOopWd5h5k8ZB5vB7xOImgdyfLmv_RNU936YVLJEvsrFWLQzoSA6b
- "github" "topics" "themes" "nlp"
- word formation in english emily bauer (University Library)

Demo: searching/scouring for Shakespeare on the Internet

- shakespeare texts online
- shakespeare notes annotations texts ...
- <https://www.latimes.com/books/jacketcopy/la-et-jc-folger-open-source-digital-shakespeare-20121206-story.html>
- <https://publicdomainreview.org/collection/natural-history-of-shakespeare-being-selections-of-flowers-fruits-and-animals-1877/>
- shakespeare free public domain annotations
- ai annotator of literary texts ... has anyone tried the idea?
- free annotations of shakespeare's plays online
- shakespeare concordance over the years
- **Moby Shakespeare,**

Sources of information and their evaluation



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- We have seen types of publication/books: textbook, journal, primer, casebook, ready reckoner, handbook, guide, DIY books, **news**, flyers, posters, infographics, 'tweets', 'koo's', 'Google snippets/blurbs', ...
- current affairs for UPSC CSE
- Query: burger king pune **news**.google.com (also the Bible?)

Koo's closure was **due to tough social media competition and the lack of a strategic outlook for Indian companies**. Despite initial success, the platform struggled to secure funding for future growth and revenue generation.5 Jul 2024
Indian social media app Koo shuts down - Times of India

As an outcome of the Appeal filed by Burger King Corporation, **the Hon'ble Bombay High Court stayed the Pune Court's decision and reinstated an injunction**. The Plaintiff is incorporated under the laws of Florida, U.S.A. Established in 1954, it is a global fast-food chain with over 13,000 outlets worldwide.3 Jan 2025
Burger King Corporation v/s Burger King Pune – Lexology
<https://www.thequiz.com/can-you-match-the-logo-to-the-company/>

- Multimedia *in our time*: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZaqpcybxUqs&themeRefresh=1>
- Data dumps: <https://openlibrary.org/developers/dumps>, https://github.com/akulez/NLP-Topic_Modeling, https://raw.githubusercontent.com/abhinav-neil/nlp-topic-modelling-movie-plots/refs/heads/main/wiki_movie_plots.csv
- types of government records: PIB India <https://pib.gov.in/indexd.aspx>
- Misinformation, fake news, disinformation
- Social media: bits of information, one bit a week/day/fortnight ... waste of time!!!!
- Primary research: polls collected on Zoom, WhatsApp, Mentimeter ...

Skill3: Working with information

- basic OS int: demo: search for a name
- q: how much of original source code did gates build DOS on?
- <https://spectrum.ieee.org/did-bill-gates-steal-the-heart-of-dos>
- <https://www.wired.com/2012/08/ms-dos-examined-for-theft/>
- social media screening by universities
- <https://www.google.com/search?client=firefox-b-d&q=social+media+screening+by+universities>
- <https://www.whatuni.com/advice/applying-to-uni/how-to-clean-up-your-social-media-before-applying-to-university/68888/>
- <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Treemapping>
- Cf. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_data_structures
- By the way, List of commonly used abbreviations in academic literature
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Latin_abbreviations
- <https://www.streamlink.af/org-chart.html>
- <https://www.internetsociety.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Internet-Ecosystem-EN.png>

Working with information: visualizing information

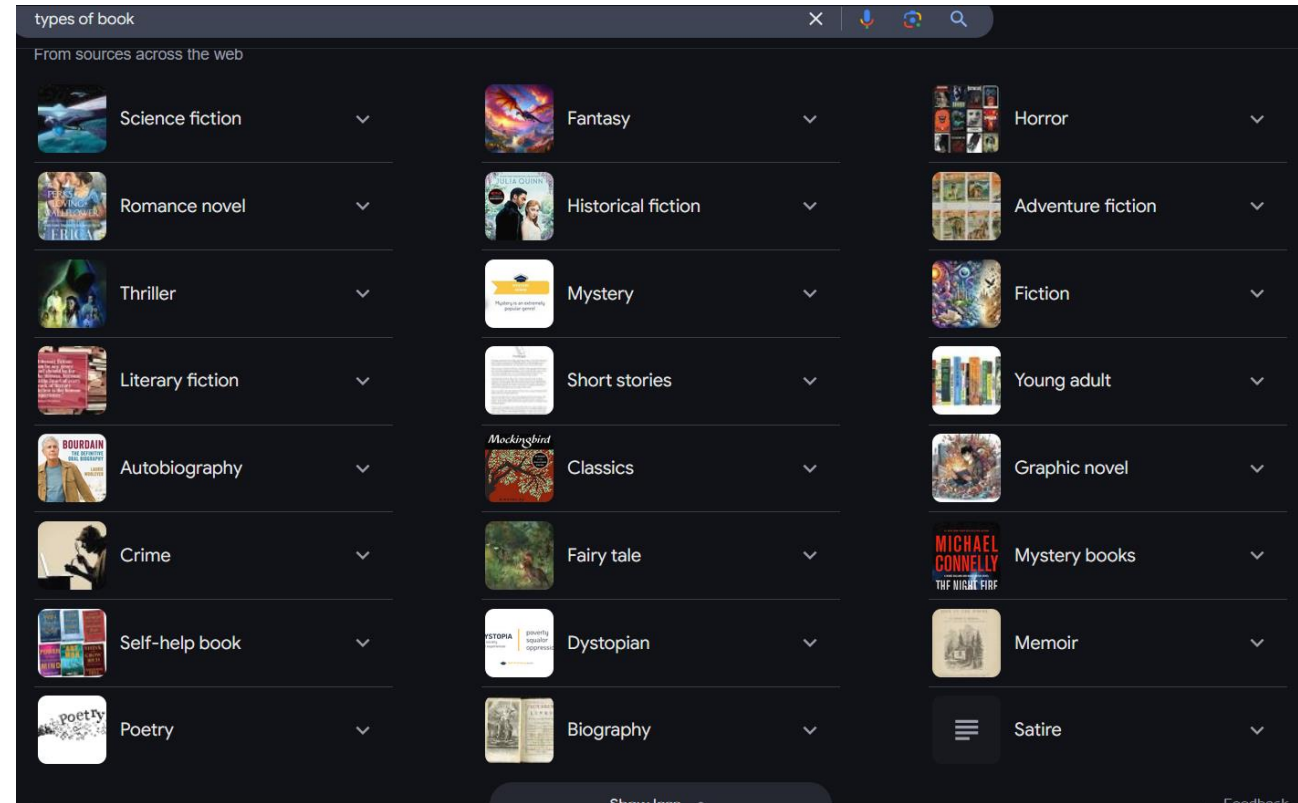
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Image types	Chart · Diagram · Engineering drawing · Graph of a function · Ideogram · Map · Photograph · Pictogram · Plot · Sankey diagram · Schematic · Skeletal formula · Statistical graphics · Table · Technical drawings · Technical illustration		
People	Pre-19th century	Edmond Halley · Charles-René de Fourcroy · Joseph Priestley · Gaspard Monge	
	19th century	Charles Dupin · Adolphe Quetelet · André-Michel Guerry · William Playfair · August Kekulé · Charles Joseph Minard · Francis Amasa Walker · John Venn · Oliver Byrne · Matthew Sankey · Charles Booth · John Snow · Florence Nightingale · Karl Wilhelm Pohlke · Toussaint Loua · Francis Galton	
	Early 20th century	Edward Walter Maunder · Otto Neurath · W. E. B. Du Bois · Henry Gantt · Arthur Lyon Bowley · Howard G. Funkhouser · John B. Peddle · Ejnar Hertzsprung · Henry Norris Russell · Max O. Lorenz · Fritz Kahn · Harry Beck · Erwin Raisz	
	Mid 20th century	Jacques Bertin · Rudolf Modley · Arthur H. Robinson · John Tukey · Mary Eleanor Spear · Edgar Anderson · Howard T. Fisher	
	Late 20th century	Borden Dent · Nigel Holmes · William S. Cleveland · George G. Robertson · Bruce H. McCormick · Catherine Plaisant · Stuart Card · Pat Hanrahan · Edward Tufte · Ben Shneiderman · Michael Friendly · Howard Wainer · Clifford A. Pickover · Lawrence J. Rosenblum · Thomas A. DeFanti · George Furnas · Sheelagh Cpendale · Cynthia Brewer · Jock D. Mackinlay · Alan MacEachren · David Goodsell · Kwan-Liu Ma · Michael Maltz · Leland Wilkinson · Alfred Inselberg	
	Early 21st century	Ben Fry · Jeffrey Heer · Jessica Hullman · Gordon Kindlmann · Aaron Koblin · Christopher R. Johnson · Manuel Lima · David McCandless · Mauro Martino · John Maeda · Miriah Meyer · Tamara Munzner · Ade Olufeko · Hanspeter Pfister · Hans Rosling · Claudio Silva · Moritz Stefaner · Fernanda Viégas · Martin Wattenberg · Bang Wong · Hadley Wickham	
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Our interest & Research

1. Academic websites like ...
 2. Social media verification?
 3. Reddit? Stack Exchange?
 4. Wikipedia? Duckduckgo?
- JSTOR and other databases ...
 - What's research?
 - What's empirical research?
 - Research ideas: searching for 'x' yields 'y0, y1, y2, ...' for text results and 'z0, z1, z2, ...' for images.
 - Statistics: correlation, causation, ... chi-square tests, ...
 - METAPHOR!!! E.g. David Punter (2022/2023), E. Said, R. Williams, poststructuralism, postmodernism, ...

Talking about types... and Machine Understanding™ (KB)

- Types of text useful for our purposes:
- Types of meter? greek dithrambs most famous
 - Books of names??? Cyclops and Cyclops (Philoxenus, Homer). Macguire *Shakespeare's Names*.
 - Annotated eds.
 - Review articles
 - Journal articles
 - Bibliography
 - Dictionary
 - Encyclopedia
 - Collected anthology essays, stories, poems
 - Biographical sources
 - Gazetteer? Playbook? Toolkit? Yearbook? Specialist books?
 - <https://www.thegazette.co.uk/> cf. "gazetted officer"
 - types of government records; types of record (not vinyl record, of course!)



How to read

- Read fast, read the original; understanding does not matter much!
- Read multiple times
- Read particular parts carefully
- Memorise the most important passages—write if you need to write to memorise
- Read one primary text daily
- Read the shorter ones in bulk: essays set are examples; essays from literary theory and philosophy may be difficult, depending.
- Ask questions!!! That is the whole point. Have a view about it—keep a journal!

Secondary Sources I

- Read in parallel with primary sources
- Read from trusted sources like Britannica—Wikipedia is OK for very well-established facts but not OK for particulars
 - E.g., research about Shakespeare’s biographical details is vague—Wikipedia is definitely not a source you want to read on it!
- Look at the source and look at your purpose: if you want to understand something, sources meant for high school can be a starting point
- If you want more knowledge and specialized knowledge, sources like journals and scholarly books are appropriate (e.g. Whittome for A and AS and Kerrigan’s *Shakespeare’s Originality*).

Secondary Sources II

- Read a mix of types of text
 - Types of text include, *but are not limited to**, the following:
 - Journal article: on a particular, focussed topic, new information, new speculation, new meaning constructed (for various reasons, including [you answer the question in the chat])
 - Journal review: good for having a summary on a book (which can be of any type, again)
 - Gives you a summary of what the book is all about
 - Gives you what it is worth: both positive and negative points
 - Book chapters: these things appear as journal articles—it depends on the type of book
 - E.g., *The Critical Tradition* by one Ritcher used by Paul Fry in Open Yale Courses Introduction to Literary Theory
 - Bibliographical surveys, Literature reviews,
 - Digest, handbook, diary (entry), public records, periodical, encyclopedia (entry), dictionary (entry) ...
- *Q to you: Why have I italicized it???

Types of Notes

- Weekly Review: Go through material covered on Sat and Sun
- Not everything fits in a formula; mnemonics help
- Revise from different types of notes—you will have to organise them
 - Timelines
 - Summaries of texts or parts of texts (parts thereof—[what's the difference?])
 - Brainstorming charts: can contain questions, key events in a novel/epic, different types of relations/connections between characters, ... litcharts sells these but if you learn enough programming, you don't need litcharts
 - Besides, there are free alternatives!!! Just search.
 - Cheatsheets: generally in the sciences and maths where there are formulas etc. But who's stopping you from coming up with your own?
 - Lecture notes and stuff as ppt, pdf, of course, but unless they make sense ...
- I will send you the notes every week.

Easy and necessary topics on the syllabus

- ICT: use your computer as much as you can and you will learn all you need. The questions will be simple, not technical as degree/diploma on Computer Applications etc. would test.
- Research Methods: it's a must and you should find out something on this every day.
- Find out is a necessary habit you need to develop: it is a basic research skill.
- Some databases:

Studying Faerie Queene

1. Save time: don't let things kill your time—e.g. if I wanted you to come to me for help and if I could control your activities, I would make it so difficult for you to take time that you would be forced to ask for help. That can be called 'controlling behaviour'.
- **Read the summary of a canto and then read the canto if that helps because this way you will save a lot of time and time is the most important resource we have.**

Faerie Queene Canto 3

- Content development and all the ‘pseudo-publishing’ or cottage publishing, shall we call it?

Notes Canto 3: by the way, what is a *canto*?

- Discuss 13, 16, 21, 22, 24 lines 2, 3 and 4, 27 imagery, 36,
- The word is ‘episodic’. Una is sad. Una meets lion, accompanied by him. Una meets Abessa on the way cf. meetings on the way...? Cf. on the foot of the great hill ... ? (allusion, ‘interext’, ‘palimpsest’ from Smith? ‘Crossings’ as used for Joyce’s *Ulysses* by some scholar?)
- They enter a house, two new characters: old ‘invalid’ (blind catholic woman) and her daughter, names, Corceca and Abessa resp.
- ‘Criminal’ (cf. Romanticism and e.g., Byron?—back and forth through time!!!) forcefully enters the house. Killed by lion.
- Una back on the way meets Archimago disguised as Redcrosse. In pursuit to avenge his brother Sansfoy, Sansloy attacks Archimago-as-Redcrosse and realizes his true identity. Archimago is friends with Sansloy. Una is abducted by Sansloy.