“Researching Japan on the Internet”
Student Tip Sheet

General Online References & Resources

**Almanacs** – Good for statistical data, BUT not for detailed information!

**Encyclopedias** – Good for detailed information. Navigate the underlined hot links to find specific information.

**Atlases** – Good for at-a-glance map information. Always look for the title to determine the map’s theme and for the legend to interpret the symbols/colors used.


Some General Geography Websites

[https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html](https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html) This is the C.I.A. World Factbook site, listing valuable information for all the countries of the world. Scroll down the alphabetical list to select a country.

[http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/](http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/) This is the U.S. Department of State’s Background Notes on countries of the world. Scroll down the alphabetical list to select a country.

[http://www.worldclimate.com/](http://www.worldclimate.com/) You will need to type in a SPECIFIC city name for a country to find its average monthly temperature, average monthly precipitation, and latitude and longitude readings.

[http://www.lonelyplanet.com/destinations/](http://www.lonelyplanet.com/destinations/) You will need to choose a Region, then a Country, to get to a wide menu of choices about geography and travel tips for the tourist.

Some Japan-Specific Websites

[http://www.jinjapan.org/](http://www.jinjapan.org/) Japan Information Network Website: SUPER portal to the following Japan websites . . .


♦ [http://web-japan.org/region/](http://web-japan.org/region/) Regions and Cities: Take a virtual tour of Japan by accessing information resources and Web sites of Japan's nine major regions or its prefectures and major cities.


Japanese National Tourist Organization

Asia For Educators, Columbia University  
Click on the Related Resource Links for Japan

National Clearinghouse for U.S.-Japan Studies  
Stanford University – Great links to Internet Guides and Bibliographies on Japanese topics

Japan Guide Website: Schauwecker's Guide to Japan

[http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/jptoc.html](http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/jptoc.html)  
Library of Congress: Japan - A Country Study

Ask Asia – Educational website – Search Japan

[http://asiasource.org/](http://asiasource.org/)  
Asia Source – A resource of the Asia Society. Numerous links to info and resources on Asian countries – Search Japan