

# Biomes Pathfinder



**Check out our library's databases first!!** They have tons of reliable information about your topics, including **PRINT SOURCES** like magazine articles and articles from books, as well as multimedia content (video, images, etc.). Databases are the next best thing to books. ☺

## **Gale**

Includes two databases:

1. **Student Resource Center**
  - a. general topics
2. **Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center**
  - a. debatable issues, exploring different sides of various issues (for controversial topics)

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## **A Hint About Searching for General Websites ☺**

You can specify with Google which domains you want the search engine to return (.gov or .edu., for example).

After you get your list of results, scroll down to the bottom of the page and click "Advanced Search." Then, you can type in which domain(s) you want Google to search in the box under "Then narrow your results by..." and "site or domain." The most reliable domains are .gov and .edu.

## **General Biome Websites**

1. The World's Biomes: <http://www.ucmp.berkeley.edu/glossary/gloss5/biome/>
  - a. Written by the University of California Museum of Paleontology, this site provides a great overview of all different types of biomes, breaking each one down into further into more specific types.
2. Kids Do Ecology: <http://kids.nceas.ucsb.edu/biomes/index.html>
  - a. Written by UC Santa Barbara, each section contains information about a biome's location, weather, plants, animals, and its relationship to people.
3. Mission: Biomes: <http://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/Experiments/Biome/index.php>
  - a. NASA's educational website about biomes. It includes information about each biome's temperature, precipitation, vegetation, location, and basic description. Also includes temperature and precipitation graphs from a sample location.

4. Missouri Botanical Garden: <http://www.mbgnet.net/index.html>
  - a. Choose one of the biomes along the top of the page. You can skip the links to the people in the middle of the page, but be sure to check out the links along the left-hand side!
  
5. Terrestrial Biomes: <http://www.nature.com/scitable/knowledge/library/terrestrial-biomes-13236757>
  - a. A higher level description of terrestrial biomes, along with graphical illustrations (climographs) of an example location's average monthly precipitation and temperature.
  
6. Exploring the Environment: <http://www.cotf.edu/ete/modules/mseese/earthsysflr/biomes.html>
  - a. Provides easy-to-read descriptions of various biomes, along with climographs and links to plants and animals.