

# Teens: Marriage, Divorce, Runaways, Depression, Suicide, & Gangs (oh, my!) Pathfinder



After you know what your research questions are, your first step is to hit the card catalog! This will search for both books in our library and websites about your topic.

Try using the search words below to get you started.

Possible Search Key Words for <i>Teens</i> Topics	Dewey Numbers for Topics (Check the Reference Collection, too!)
Marriage	306.81
Gangs	303.6 & 364.1
Depression	616.85 & 618.92
Suicide	362.28 & 616.85
Teenagers or Teenage	

## Databases

**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

\*\*To logon, go to <http://infotrac.galegroup.com/default>

Username and password information is available at the circulation desk in the library.

## Open Websites

### 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).

Just click the little link to the right of the search bar that says, "Advanced Search." Then, at the bottom of the search box is a place you can type in which domain(s) you want Google to search.

## General Sites

KidsHealth.org: <http://kidshealth.org/>

Many articles on runaways, suicide, and depression. Click on the "Parents" site and search for your topic to see all available articles.

## **Marriage & Divorce**

Center for Law and Public Policy's "Is Teen Marriage a Solution?":

[http://www.clasp.org/admin/site/publications\\_archive/files/0087.pdf](http://www.clasp.org/admin/site/publications_archive/files/0087.pdf)

*New York Times* Article on Teen Marriage:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2008/09/04/fashion/04marriage.html>

This article summarizes the views of a few experts regarding teen marriage.

Discovery Health Article about Teens' Views of Marriage:

<http://health.discovery.com/centers/teen/relationships/teenintro.html>

National Marriage Project: Teens' Views of Marriage:

[http://www.virginia.edu/marriageproject/pdfs/print\\_teenattitudes.pdf](http://www.virginia.edu/marriageproject/pdfs/print_teenattitudes.pdf)

National Marriage Project: Helpful Facts for Young Adults:

<http://www.virginia.edu/marriageproject/pdfs/pubTenThingsYoungAdults.pdf>

National Marriage Project: 10 Myths of Divorce:

<http://www.virginia.edu/marriageproject/pdfs/MythsDivorce.pdf>

National Marriage Project: 10 Myths of Marriage:

<http://www.virginia.edu/marriageproject/pdfs/MythsMarriage.pdf>

National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy's "Making a Love Connection: Teen Relationships, Pregnancy, and Marriage":

[http://www.virginia.edu/marriageproject/pdfs/Love\\_Connection.pdf](http://www.virginia.edu/marriageproject/pdfs/Love_Connection.pdf)

The State of Our Unions 2008: <http://www.virginia.edu/marriageproject/pdfs/2008update.pdf>

Statistics and graphs of various data related to marriage.

California Law Regarding Marriage: [http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/waisgate?WAISdocID=45959613592+0+0+0&WAIAction=retrieve)

[bin/waisgate?WAISdocID=45959613592+0+0+0&WAIAction=retrieve](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/waisgate?WAISdocID=45959613592+0+0+0&WAIAction=retrieve)

## **Runaways**

Runaway Children: <http://criminaljustice.state.ny.us/missing/aware/runaway.htm>

From the New York State Criminal Justice Department, this site details the signs of a child who is contemplating running away, and what to do if they do leave home.

National Runaway Switchboard: <http://www.1800runaway.org/default.html>

Take a look at the "Research" link, then "Third Party Runaway Statistics" for basic facts about runaways. Also check out the "Articles for Youth & Parents" under the "Educational & Promotional Materials."

## Depression

Discovery Health: <http://health.discovery.com/centers/depression/depression.html>

Click on the links along the left side of the page to learn more about depression.

Psych Central: <http://psychcentral.com/lib/2006/an-introduction-to-depression/>

Be sure to also check out the “Teenager Depression” link on the left side. There are also numerous other links to more articles related to adolescents and depression, as well as children and depression.

National Institute of Mental Health:

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/topics/depression/index.shtml>

Look for the links specifically to depression in children and adults near the bottom of the page under “Related Information.”

Medline Plus: <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/depression.html>

Check out the link to information related to teenagers in the “For You” section.

Adolescent Depression: <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/ency/article/001518.htm>

Take a look at the “Medline Plus Topics” link to “Teen Mental Health.”

American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry:

[http://www.aacap.org/cs/root/facts\\_for\\_families/the\\_depressed\\_child](http://www.aacap.org/cs/root/facts_for_families/the_depressed_child)

Quick description and fact sheet.

American Academy of Pediatrics: <http://www.aap.org/healthtopics/depression.cfm>

## Suicide

National Institute of Mental Health Suicide Statistics:

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/publications/suicide-in-the-us-statistics-and-prevention/index.shtml>

Medline Plus: <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/suicide.html>

Check out the link to information related to teenagers in the “For You” section.

American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry:

[http://www.aacap.org/cs/root/facts\\_for\\_families/teen\\_suicide](http://www.aacap.org/cs/root/facts_for_families/teen_suicide)

Quick description and fact sheet.

American Academy of Pediatrics: <http://www.aap.org/healthtopics/depression.cfm>

## **Gangs**

Office of Juvenile Justice: Gang Reports:

<http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/search/SearchResults.asp?ti=6&si=23&kw=&p=topic&strItem=&strSingleItem=Publications&PreviousPage=searchResults>

Includes highlights from national gang surveys, as well as a few research reports that target specific gang issues.

National Center for Victims of Crime:

<http://www.ncvc.org/ncvc/main.aspx?dbName=DocumentViewer&DocumentID=32352>

National Youth Violence Prevention: <http://www.safeyouth.org/scripts/facts/gangs.asp>