Welcome! In this video we’ll be looking at using Google to find sources for your assignment.

When you’re looking for sources like news articles, blog posts, and statistics or other government information, general internet searches will usually be more helpful than a library database.

I know we’re all probably familiar with the basics of using Google, but there are a few tips and tricks that will help you better get at the kinds of sources that would be appropriate for your work.

The first is called a site search. By using the site search option we can narrow our search to a certain domain, or even a specific website. To use the site search, type your search terms followed by **site:** and the domain or website you want to search.

As an example, I’m going to search refugee resettlement “north Dakota” with quotations around North Dakota so it looks for that exact phrase, and then site: gov Looking through the results we can see everything ends with .gov so they’re coming from things like North Dakota government sites, or similar national sites.

We’ll do the same search in the Fargo Forum, removing North Dakota because it’s a local paper and likely covering local news, and change it to site: inforum.com

Now we can see the results from inforum.com matching our results.

Looking through these, I notice some of the results begin with “letter,” usually meaning letter to the editor. We’re able to remove these using the minus (-) symbol. So to remove these, I add –letter to the search, and the results no longer include these.

Thank you for watching this tutorial! If you have any questions or want to know more about Libraries resources, contact a librarian through our chat reference or reach out to your subject librarian.