

UQL Cyberschool Subject Guide: Global Warming

Getting started

What information are you seeking? Write down key words from your assignment topic to use in your search. Make a list of keywords and synonyms you will be able to use as search terms.

Keywords	Synonyms

Now start your search for information.

Reference

If you are not sure what your topic is all about, look it up in a dictionary or encyclopedia. Start with definitions, maps, timelines or biographical snapshots, to put your topic into perspective. A handbook or yearbook can provide facts and figures.

Title	Location	Call Number
Companion encyclopedia of geography: the environment and humankind	SS&H	G116.C645 2002
Encyclopedia of environment and society	SS&H Ref	HM856 .E53 2007 V. 1-5
Global warming in the 21st century	SS&H	QC981.8.G56 J643 2006 V. 1-3
Encyclopedia of global change: environmental change and human society	SS&H Quarto 3 day	GE149 .E47 2002 V. 1-2

Books

Books are a good starting point and may provide a lot of the information you need. Use the Keyword search option in the Library catalogue. You can search on words like global warming or environmental sciences or global warming international. (Tips: use an asterisk * at the end of a word to expand your search e.g. environ* will find results for environment, environmental). Try the subject search for subjects such as Air -- Pollution -- Law and legislation, Global warming -- Government policy -- International cooperation, Greenhouse gases -- Government policy -- International cooperation, Climatic changes -- Government policy -- International cooperation. You can also browse the catalogue using keywords to find SUBJECT HEADINGS, or browse the shelves at the CALL NUMBERS indicated e.g. GE and GF – Environment. Now add resources you have found, using the Keywords you listed for your topic.

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Journals

For recent information, journal articles are often the best sources. Looking through journals in the hope of finding relevant material is time consuming. It is better to use full text databases to find articles on

your topic. If your school subscribes to databases through UQL Cyberschool, you can access them at school (or home) through your Library network. See your Teacher Librarian for details and passwords. Some of the databases available to schools for free through your local Council Library or the State Library of Queensland are found at <http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/find/articles>

JSTOR	JSTOR is a multidisciplinary archive of high-resolution scanned scholarly journals. It is not a current issues database. Because of JSTOR's archival mission, there is a gap, from 1 to 5 years, between the most recently published journal issue and the back issues available. Subject areas covered include economics, law, history, Asian studies, Middle Eastern studies, language, literature, music, film studies, performing arts, religion and visual arts.
Humanities & Social Sciences Collection (Informit)	Covers agriculture, arts, Asian studies, business, cultural studies, education, history, indigenous studies, law, media, political science, reference, social sciences, science and technology. Content sources include peer-reviewed journals, monographs and books, conference proceedings, research papers and reference materials.

Refer to the Keywords you listed above to use as initial search terms. For example, to find information about specific features of **global warming** such as the economic impact of international sanctions you could search **JSTOR** using a phrase such as **international solutions global warming** in a Keyword search.

Internet resources

To find specific information on the Internet relevant to your assignment search, use the right search tools.

UQL Cyberschool Internet Sites Database – contains selected for use in your assignments. It is searchable by keyword and by your school subject e.g. Ancient History.	http://cyberschool.library.uq.edu.au/index.phtml
A range of Internet Search Tools will help you to locate required information	http://www.library.uq.edu.au/how-to-guides/internet-web-searching
Environment Portal - information from Australian governments	http://www.environment.gov.au/
Ecology WWW page	http://www.people.fas.harvard.edu/~brach/Ecology-WWW.html
Envirolink Network - environmental news	http://www.envirolink.org/
EarthTrends - The environmental information portal	http://earthtrends.wri.org/

Other resources

For some topics you will need to consult specialist information sources.

Quick Reference Collection An online reference collection providing quick links to Government sites, statistics, biographies, facts, figures, definitions and dates	http://www.library.uq.edu.au/quickref/index.html
News How to Guide Media releases, the latest news and some freely available archive material.	http://www.library.uq.edu.au/how-to-guides/news-and-newspapers
UQ Library Subject Guides Get started – find books, journal articles, using databases, relevant Internet resources and specialised information in your subject area or handy hints on a specific topic.	http://www.library.uq.edu.au/findit/index.html



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