Library Resources

Books -- Print
- Spaceship Earth Special Collection
- Reference and check-out books
- Valley Writers Collection

Books – Online (free, full text, username/password access)
- CREDO Reference
- EBSCO eBooks (180,000+)
- GVRL/Gale Virtual Reference Library
- SALEM: History, Literature, Science

Databases: magazines, journals, newspapers, and more (access with PC Library username/password)
- EBSCO 31
- Access Science
- GALE-Cengage 7
- Newsbank
- ProQuest Direct
- SIRS

Media – DVDs viewed in Library

Evaluating Web Sites:
https://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/library/evaluating-websites

Consider Internet websites from:
.edu = education
.gov = government(s)
.org = organizations

Cite it Right (MLA, APA, etc):
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Exploring the Interaction between People and our Planet

A research guide for information

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Sampling of Topics:

- Agriculture
- Biotechnology
- California history: Native Americans, Spanish, missions, Gold Rush, agriculture, immigrants, migrant labor, Bracero Program, Owens Valley, and more
- Carbon footprint
- Central Valley history: Native Americans, immigrants, oil, migrants, agriculture (ranches, irrigation, grapes, raisins, cotton, nuts, fruits, dairies, olives, citrus, wine, other)
- Civilizations – rise and fall
- Colonialism
- Conquests/empires/invasions: Romans, Alexander the Great, Vikings, Columbus, Cortez, Pizarro, Mongols, other
- Digital/Information Age
- Dust Bowl
- Dystopian & apocalyptic/post-apocalyptic future views
- Earth Day
- Eco-Art
- Eco-Criticism
- Eco-Literature: poetry, nonfiction, essays, fiction
- Ecology
- Eco-Music
- Endangered/exploited/extinct species (beaver, American Bison, whales, Passenger Pigeon, Delta Smelt of Sacramento–San Joaquin Delta, cod, & more)

- Energy: renewable, sustainable, green, alternative, wind, solar, etc.
- Environmental justice: race, poverty, environment
- Environmental Protection Act
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Environmentalism/environmentalists/activists
- Food security, ethics, politics
- Food trade and demand: salt, sugar, spice, peppers, coffee, tea, potatoes, corn, wheat, rice, & other
- Fracking
- Genetic engineering
- Global warming/climate change
- History - United States: Colonies, American Revolution, slavery, Industrial Revolution, Manifest Destiny, Lewis and Clark, pioneers, Native Americans, Louisiana and Alaska purchases, Mexican-American War, other
- Human cultural development: writing, money, property, cities, consumerism, suburbs, economic systems (barter, capitalism, socialism, etc.), political systems (monarchies, tribal, democratic, dictatorships, etc.), beliefs, values, other
- Human migrations and diasporas
- Human starvation
- Hunter-Gatherers
- Ice Ages
- Indigenous Peoples/First Nations – past, present, future
- Industrial agriculture: monocultures, GMOs, CAFOs
- Industrial Revolution
- Invasive species
- Local/regional food movement
- Local history: Porterville and surrounding communities, San Joaquin Valley, Tulare Lake, more
- Love Canal

- NAFTA and trade agreements
- Parks: National (Yosemite, Sequoia, etc.), state parks, city parks
- Native American views of the planet earth
- Natural disasters – past, recent, future: Hurricanes Katrina and Sandy, San Andreas Fault, asteroids, tsunamis, volcanos (Mt. Vesuvius/Pompeii, Krakatoa, etc.), floods, other
- Nuclear energy: safety, problems (Three Mile Island, Chernobyl, California nuclear plants, other)
- Oil pipelines: Alaska, Keystone
- Oil spills
- Oil: politics, economy, wars
- Organic food
- Overpopulation of humans
- Paleo-Lithic, Neolithic, Bronze Ages
- Pollution and garbage: air, water, oceans, landfills, litter, etc.
- Religion and the environment: Native Americans, Christians, Buddhists, others
- Slavery
- Technology: fire, axe, wheel, irrigation, dams, sails, compass, telescope, electricity, steam power, Panama Canal, atomic energy, trains, cars, airplanes, computers, Internet, and more
- Urban sprawl
- Vegetarianism
- Wars
- Water: ground, shortage, droughts, floods
- Water rights: legal, ethics, commercial/privatization
- Wildlife: fish, game, etc.