

## Searching for Content by Standards, Subjects, Themes, or Find

### Search Tips

The results from a search will appear in a results window. The window will have the **title** of the media item, a **question mark**, and a **MediaCart** icon. Each of these features serves a specific purpose:

- Title** Clicking on the title of the media item will launch, or start, the media item.
- ?** Clicking on the **?** (the **question mark** icon) will pull up more information about the media item. This helps you to be efficient in your search.
- MediaCart** Clicking on the **MediaCart (shopping cart)** icon allows you to save the item for later use. If you're interested in using a media item in a lesson, always add it to your **MediaCart**. You can take it out later if it's not needed. It is like shopping on-line, but for instructional purposes. We call this method of searching "shopping with a purpose."

### Searching by Standards

Because standards are defining the curriculum, this method of finding content on KnowledgeBox is being widely used. First, click on **Standards** on the teacher interface. Using the drop down menus, choose your state, subject area, and grade level. Press **GO** and the standards will appear. Simply click on a standard to see which media items align to it. This method of searching can often bring the most specific results in the most efficient manner.

Some teachers use the results from the previous year's standardized tests to identify the areas that can be improved upon. They then search KnowledgeBox for specific standards, and build or assign lessons with media aligned to those standards.

### Searching by Subjects

Some teachers team-teach, where each teacher of the team is responsible for one or two subject areas. Searching by subject may fit these teachers' needs perfectly. When you search by subject, you will find many different media items that could fit within your instruction. Plus, all the media that relates to the topics within a subject area will also appear.

To search by subject, click on **Subjects** on the teacher interface. Then, choose the subject and grade span that you are looking for. Then, click on the media type you are interested in. Look through the list of media items, and choose those that fit into your lesson. Under **KnowledgeBox Lessons**, you will find the pre-built lessons within that subject area.

### Searching by Themes

Many teachers, especially those teaching primary grades, teach thematically. Searching one of the eight common themes in KnowledgeBox is an excellent way to find cross-curricular material that can be used in a lesson or unit of instruction.

Searching by theme is very simple. First, click **Themes** on the teacher interface. Then, choose a theme and click on the appropriate grade level. The media that is available to enhance and support that theme will appear.

### Searching by Find

The **Find** tool works much like any Internet search. First, click **Find** on the teacher interface. Then, type in a keyword and click **GO** to view the results. You can refine this search by selecting a subject, theme, or grade level. Knowing the specific keywords related to different series will produce useful results. These keywords can be found in the Quick Start Guide under KnowledgeBox Series.

When searching by **Find**, follow these tips:

- Use singular or root words; they will return more results.
- Instead of two words, think of a single word that fits your teaching objective.
- Refine your search by using a specific grade level, subject, or theme.
- If no results are returned, think of more general terms that are associated with your teaching objective.