# Image Resources on the Internet

Many general search engines, such as those listed below, provide an image search function. Search engines are a quick and easy way to find images, but because they are searching the entire web, results will vary widely in quality and relevance. Each result will need to be evaluated individually for accuracy and authority.

Look at:

**Purpose:** What is the purpose of the photo? Is it intended to inform? Entertain? Persuade? What is the purpose of the website containing the photo?

**Authority:** Who is responsible for this image? What is the nature of the source webpage? Where did the image originate? Look at the caption or credits for source information.

**Accuracy/Authenticity:** Examine the photo for evidence of manipulation, such as blurred or jagged edges, or for inconsistency of its visual elements (for example, exact duplication of elements or shadows falling in different directions). Consider the plausibility of the image---could this really have happened? Think about any motivation which might exist for faking an image.

#### **General Image Search Engines**

Flickr Photo Sharing <http://www.flickr.com/>

Google Image Search <http://images.google.com/>

Yahoo Images <http://images.search.yahoo.com/images>

Library of Congress Flickr Photo Stream <http://www.flickr.com/photos/library_of_congress/>

#### **News Photographs**

Reuters Pictures <http://photos.reuters.com/pictures/>

#### **Art Images**

Artcyclopedia <http://www.artcyclopedia.com/>

Many museums and galleries maintain an online presence, including digitized reproductions of parts of their collections. These are excellent, reliable resources; those listed below are but a small sampling.

Museum of Modern Art <http://moma.org/>

National Gallery of Art <http://www.nga.gov/search/index.shtm>

Art Institute of Chicago <http://www.artic.edu/aic/collections/index.html>

The Louvre Museum [http://www.louvre.fr/](http://www.louvre.fr/louvrea.htm)

#### **Science Images**

NASA Image eXchange (NIX) <http://nix.larc.nasa.gov/>

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Digital Library System <http://images.fws.gov/>

National Geographic Photo Gallery <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/siteindex/photogallery/>

Getty Images <http://creative.gettyimages.com/source/home/home.aspx>

**Terrific Films:**

[Snag Films](http://www.snagfilms.com/)

[Free Documentaries](http://freedocumentaries.org/index.php)

[PBS Films](http://www.pbs.org/)

**Do you have other suggestions? Share them with the class!**