Advanced Google Searching

- Include or ignore words and characters in your search by putting a minus sign — in front of the word you don’t want - for example...
  If you didn’t want results to include the American Civil War, but wanted other civil wars, “civil war” — American

- Search within a specific site by putting site: and type or name at beginning of search – for example...
  site:edu "civil war"
  site:nytimes.com “Andersonville”
  op-ed site:nytimes.com “Occupy protesters”

- Find related pages to a website you have found and liked by putting related: in front of the site – for example...
  If you liked a certain page on the Civil War and wanted to find more:
  related: http://www.ipl.org/div/pf/entry/48451

- Use an asterisk (*) within a search as a placeholder for any unknown or "wildcard" terms and use with quotation marks to find variations of that exact phrase or to remember words in the middle of a phrase. – for example...
  “a * saved is a * earned”
  educat* for the variations of educate, education, educating

http://www.google.com/insidesearch/tipstricks/basics.html