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Google Cultural Institute	<a href="http://www.google.com/culturalinstitute">http://www.google.com/culturalinstitute</a>	Artwork, photos, and videos that you cannot find in other online collections.	A site redesign has made searching a little more cumbersome, but the site has great items. You cannot download any photos, only screen capture. I won’t tell.

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Mongabay's Most Common Surnames	<a href="http://names.mongabay.com/most_common_surnames.htm">http://names.mongabay.com/most_common_surnames.htm</a>	Surname rankings from 1 to 100,000 from the 1990 census.	This is pretty straightforward to explore, but fascinating.
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The Historical Thesaurus of English	<a href="http://historicalthesaurus.arts.gla.ac.uk">http://historicalthesaurus.arts.gla.ac.uk</a>	Relationships between words throughout history and when they were first used.	The only problem here is that definitions link to the OED, which is a subscription service.

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