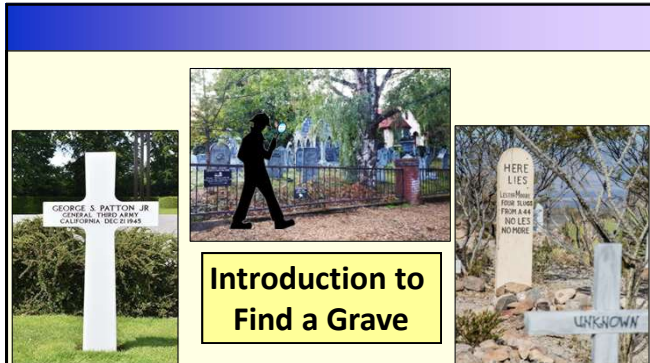


Introduction to Find a Grave

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Agenda

Data Rich Tombstone



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A Genealogist's Tombstone



Find a Grave

- Introduction
- Information Provided
- Cemetery Types
- Finding Cemeteries
- Searching for People
- Example Results
- Contributing

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What is Find a Grave?

The best genealogical website on the internet to look for burial and other deceased information



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What Find a Grave Provides

- **Details** about cemeteries and individual memorials for many people buried in those cemeteries
- **Information** including birth, death and burial information and may include pictures, biographies, and family information
- **Contributions** by members on what they know, valid information edits, and additional cemetery remembrances
- **Tools** that let people work together, share information, and build an online virtual cemetery experience
- **Thousands of new listings**, cemetery updates, information corrections, photographs and the benefits of virtual visits

Find a Grave's mission is to help people from all over the world work together to find, record, and present final disposition information

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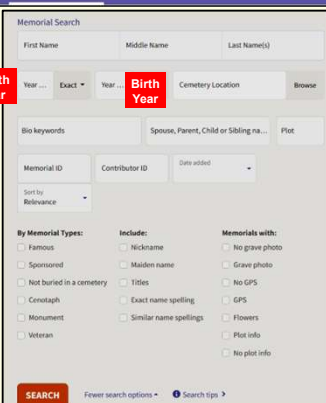
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Fill in the form

Death Year **Birth Year**

Year Estimator

Many Choices





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Sometimes it is Difficult to Recall Cemeteries

- Never went there as a child
- There were several in my town
- I believe the name was changed
- It was a black only cemetery
- He might have been cremated
- He was of _____ religion in that town

- There was a big fight and she was moved
- She was buried with her fourth husband
- I think he was buried on the family farm
- I don't know if he had a marker
- He was in the military check the VA
- I believe the state took care of him

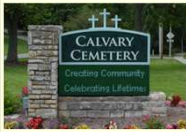
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- **Monumental:** A traditional style of a cemetery that features upright headstones or other upright monumental memorials.
- **Memorial:** A cemetery that features lawn-level memorials in order to make the cemetery look and feel like a garden or a park.
- **Garden:** This Cemetery combines upright monuments attempting to incorporate a natural or garden like look and feel. (botanic garden or arboretum).
- **Religion:** Cemeteries owned and operated by a religious group in order to serve a specific religious community.
- **Municipal:** Cemeteries are owned by the local city or county. The upkeep and maintenance may fall under the supervision of the public works department

Cemeteries may change sizes and names
They may not have markers

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- **Natural Burial Grounds:** Emphasizes minimal environmental impact funeral and burial practices. The specific rites and rituals allowed will vary based on the climate and topography of the area.
- **Green Burial Grounds:** A specifically certified and monitored type of natural burial grounds. May have multiple levels of green burial based on the specific practices of the given cemetery.
- **VA:** Owned, operated, and controlled by the Veterans Affairs Administration on both the state and national levels. Burials are limited to those individuals who qualify for veteran burial benefits.
- **Graveyard:** A small burial ground historically attached to or associated with church property. A graveyard is a specific type of cemetery.
- **Family Burial Ground:** Privately held parcels of land specifically designated for the burial of members of the same family. Commonly used in rural America throughout the 19th and 20th centuries. Located on family farms, dedicated to a single family, largely unregulated.

Cemeteries may be active, dormant, filled

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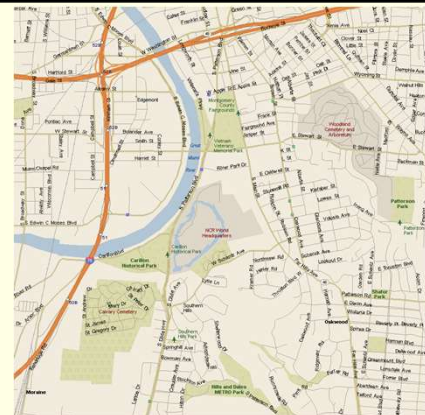
Search 655,818 cemeteries in 251 different countries

Number of Cemeteries

- US, 144,000
- Ohio, 4,100
- Montgomery Co, 40
- Greene Co, 30
- Clark Co, 31

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"I've been to this Cemetery Before." Says he.



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Cemetery Maps

Area Map

Grave Map

Cemetery Family Plot Record

GALVARY AND ALLIED CEMETERIES
1011 First Avenue (Room 1740), New York, NY 10022-4134
49-02 Laurel Hill Blvd, Woodside, NY 11377-7396

| Decedent Name | Month | Date | Year | Buried | Block | Place |
|---------------|-------|------|------|--------|-------|-------|
| George Jones | May | 25 | 1935 | 19 | 19 | 19 |
| William Smith | July | 17 | 1948 | 19 | 19 | 19 |

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Famous Grave Search

Most Popular

- George Washington
- Benjamin Franklin
- William Shakespeare
- Walt Disney

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Try Wilbur Wright

Famous Grave Search

Enter name and/or key words:
Wilbur Wright

Search

Only search name fields

521 matching records found Page 1 of 27 Settings

- Wilbur Wright**

16 Apr 1867 – 30 May 1912
Pioneer Aviator, Inventor. Wilbur Wright was the older of the two...

Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum
Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio, USA
- Johnnie Wright**

13 May 1914 – 27 Sep 2011
Country Music Singer, Songwriter. He was an American country...

Spring Hill Cemetery
Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee, USA
- Wilbur Daigh Mills**

24 May 1909 – 2 May 1992
US Congressman. He was educated in the public schools of Kansas...

Kensett Cemetery
Kensett, White County, Arkansas, USA
- Orville Wright**

19 Aug 1871 – 30 Jan 1948
Pioneer Aviator, Inventor. Orville Wright was the younger of the...

Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum
Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio, USA
- Syreeta Wright**

28 Feb 1946 – 6 Jul 2004
R&B Singer, Songwriter. She emerged out of the 1970s Motown scene...

Inglwood Park Cemetery
Inglewood, Los Angeles County, California, USA

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Wilbur Wright

BIRTH 16 Apr 1867
Millville, Henry County, Indiana, USA

DEATH 30 May 1912 (aged 45)
Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio, USA

BURIAL Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum
Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio, USA [Show Map](#)

PLOT Section 101, Lot 2533

MEMORIAL ID 1131 · View Source

Genealogical Information

Photos & Memorial (Narrative)

Added by RPO3

Added by Joel Farringer

Pioneer Aviator, Inventor. Wilbur Wright was the older of the two Wright brothers, who would invent the prototype to the modern airplane, starting the aeronautical age. The brothers' interest in flying was encouraged by their father, Milton, a well-educated bishop in the Church of The United Brethren in Christ, who traveled away from home frequently. The brothers inherited their mother Susan's mechanical ability, as she made small appliances and toys. She even made toys that would fly. Wilbur had planned to attend Yale University but a serious ice hockey accident in the winter of 1886 caused him to become depressed while recuperating, thus he left high school but was self-taught reading books. Their mother died in 1889 from tuberculosis. Orville, his younger brother, left high school in his senior year. At this point, the brothers started a printing business producing two newspapers in their hometown of Dayton, which soon expanded to a [third paper](#). [This page](#) became interested in...

Bio by: Linda Davis

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Other Family Members

Family Members

Parents

- Rev Milton Wright 1828–1917
- Susan Catherine Koerner Wright 1831–1889

Siblings

- Reuchlin "Reuch" Wright 1861–1920
- Lorin Wright 1862–1939
- Ida Wright 1870–1870
- Otis Wright 1870–1870
- Orville Wright 1871–1948
- Katharine "Kate" Wright Haskell 1874–1929

Other Family Records

Records on Ancestry

- Geneanet Community Trees Index [REVIEW](#)
- 1880 United States Federal Census [REVIEW](#)
- 1910 United States Federal Census [REVIEW](#)
- Ohio, U.S., Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center Obituary Index, 1910-2016 [REVIEW](#)

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Father

Rev Milton Wright
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Famous Father Wright

BIRTH 17 Nov 1828
Rushville, Rush County, Indiana, USA

DEATH 3 Apr 1917 (aged 88)
Oakwood, Montgomery County, Ohio, USA

BURIAL Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum
Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio, USA [Show Map](#)

PLOT Section 101, Lot 2533

MEMORIAL ID 10348 · View Source

Bishop in the Church of the United Brethren in Christ. Father of aviation pioneers, Wilbur and Orville Wright.

Published April 5, 1917 - New Castle Daily Courier, New Castle, IN

MILTON WRIGHT DEAD
Father Of Aeroplane Inventors Found Dead By Daughters.
FORMER LOCAL MINISTER

Rev. Milton Wright, age 88 years, well known as the father of Wilbur and Orville Wright, the inventors of the aeroplane, died at the home of his son, Orville Wright, in Oakwood, near Dayton, Ohio, Tuesday after a few days serious illness. His death was very sudden, and he was alone at the end, being found dead in bed afterward by his daughters, Miss Katherine Wright.

Milton Wright was born in Rush county, Ind., and is well remembered by the older residents of this county, having lived in the county for about fifteen years. It was in Henry county, near Millville, in Liberty township that his eldest son, Wilbur Wright, now dead, was born.

While in this county, Mr. Wright was a minister in the United Brethren church. He was bishop in the U. B. church for a total of thirty two years. On leaving here, he went to Dayton, the headquarters of the U. B. church, where he has lived since. His wife died in 1889.

When visiting here, during the more recent years, he always stayed with Jacob Byer and family. Mr. Byer was one of the pillars of the U. B. church here when Mr. Wright was minister.

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Father Wright

Family Members

Parents

- Dan Wright Jr 1790–1861
- Catharine Reeder Wright 1800–1866

Siblings

- Samuel Smith Wright 1817–1842
- Elder Harvey Wright 1820–1906
- Rev William Wright 1832–1868

Spouse

- Susan Catherine Koerner Wright 1831–1889 (m. 1859)

Children

- Reuchlin "Reuch" Wright 1861–1920
- Lorin Wright 1862–1939
- Wilbur Wright 1867–1912
- Otis Wright 1870–1870
- Ida Wright 1870–1870
- Orville Wright 1871–1948
- Katharine "Kate" Wright Haskell 1874–1929

Wilbur's Grandparents

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Mother Wright

Susan Catherine Koerner Wright

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BIRTH 30 Apr 1831
Wilbur, Loudoun County, Virginia, USA

DEATH 4 Jul 1889 (aged 58)
Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio, USA

BURIAL Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum
Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio, USA [Show Map](#)

PLOT Section 311, Lot 2332

MEMORIAL ID 10380 [View Source](#)

Mother of aviator pioneer, Wilbur and Orville Wright.

Family Members

Parents

- John Gottlieb Koerner 1791–1876
- Catherine Frey Koerner 1796–1889

Siblings

- Daniel Koerner 1824–1805
- Silas H. Koerner 1829–1864

Spouse

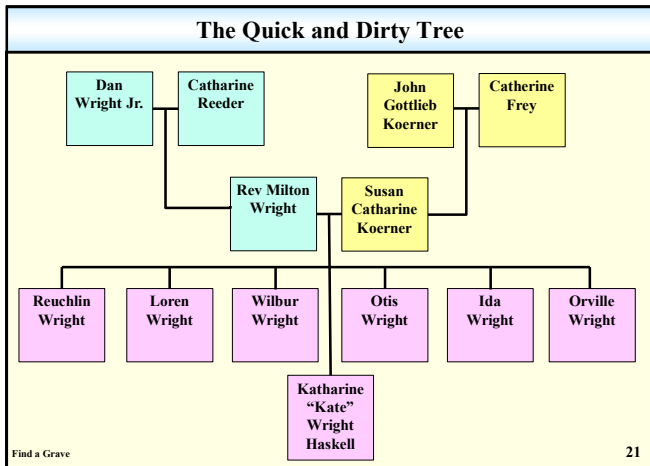
- Rev Milton Wright 1828–1917 (m. 1856)

Children

- Susan Maria "Beauch" Wright 1861–1920
- Lavin Wright 1862–1939
- Wilbur Wright 1867–1912
- Orville Wright 1870–1870
- Ida Wright 1870–1870
- Katharine "Kate" Wright Haskell 1874–1929

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Sometimes You Get

ALLEGANY CEMETERY
(Dedicated April 24, 1841)
4734 Butler Street, Lawrenceville, PA 15241-2999
(412) 682-1624

⚠ No matches found for

Lowell Mason Lawrenceville, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, USA

Lowell M Mason

BIRTH 8 Feb 1925

DEATH 1 Feb 1993 (aged 67)

BURIAL Allegheny Cemetery
Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, USA [Add to Map](#)

PLOT Section: 6 Single Grave: 480

MEMORIAL ID 122471093 [View Source](#)

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1. Adding a Memorial

Then Provide Information

Add a Memorial

Step 1 of 2 — Memorial Location

1. Choose a Cemetery

Cemetery Name

Allegheny Cemetery
Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, USA

Address

Website

*Only displays locations with memorials

Not buried in a cemetery?

Name

Show prefix and suffix (Examples: Mr., Dr., Sr., Jr.)

Nickname Maiden Name

Gender Male Female

Birth Location Browse

Death Location Browse

Grave marker includes age at death

Bio Information

Burial Information

Cemetery Plot #

Burial Coordinates

Inscription

Genealogy Details

Additional grave marker options

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People Request Headstone Photos

Photo Requests

353 photo requests found
Excluding 127 requests with problems reported. Show problem reports

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| Requester | Request Date | Status | Actions |
|-----------------------------------|--|--------|-----------------|
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| Delora Cookson - 1956-2009 | Requested By: Preston Wulfsberg on 27 Oct 2025 | Open | CLASS FULFILL |
| Robert Stanghelincker - 1903-1995 | Requested By: Karen Ann King on 25 Oct 2025 | Open | CLASS FULFILL |
| Delora Basile - 1894-1988 | Requested By: Blanca on 25 Oct 2025 | Open | CLASS FULFILL |
| John Pottenger - 1961-2024 | Requested By: Steve Pottenger on 23 Oct 2025 | Open | CLASS FULFILL |

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An Example Search

Grandfather: Salvatore Maria Garrambone



Salvatore Garrambone

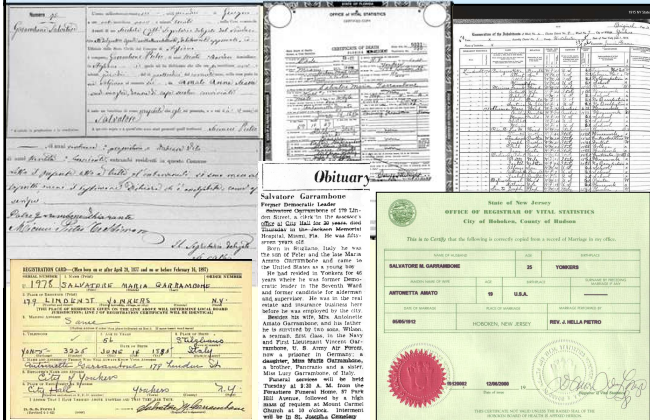
BIRTH 1886
DEATH 1944 (aged 57–58)
BURIAL [Saint Joseph's Cemetery](#)
Yonkers, Westchester County, New York, USA
MEMORIAL ID 146260152 · [View Source](#)

- Salvatore Maria Garrambone
- Birth 14 June 1886
- Stigliano, Matera, Basilicata, Italia

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I Have Data



Obituary


Salvatore Garrambone
Francesco Domenico, leader
Immigrant Operative of the International Order of the Broom, died at his home, 179 Linden St., New York City, on Oct. 11, 1944, at the age of 57. He was born in Stigliano, Italy, on June 14, 1886. He came to this country in 1901. He was a barber, insurance agent, realtor, city official and officer in the Yonkers Sons of Italy Lodge. He lived at 179 Linden Street in the Park Hill Italian district of Yonkers (7th Ward), Westchester County, New York. He ran for Alterman and Supervisor. Children: Peter (Circa 1915), Wilson (1 Nov 1916), Vincent (1919), and Marie (1921). In Florida for his health, he died at Jackson Memorial Hospital, Miami, Miami-Dade County, Florida on 11 May 1944. Buried at St. Joseph's Cemetery, Yonkers, NY. Photograph circa 1912, location Yonkers, NY? Brother to Vincenzo (date), Pancrazio Garrambone (6 Feb 1883) and Lucia (Garrambone) Amie (18xx)

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2. Writing a Memorial

Salvatore Maria Garrambone
Child of Pietro (dates) and Anna Maria Amato (dates)
Born 14 June 1886 in the town of Stigliano, Province of Matera, Region of Basilicata, in South Central Italy
At 16 years old, he departed from the port of Napoli, Italy to New York City on the SS Bolivia arriving on 15 October 1901
He married Antoinette Amato of 500 Grant Street, Hoboken, Hudson County, New Jersey on 12 May 1912 at St. Ann's Church, Hoboken, NJ
He was a barber, insurance agent, realtor, city official and officer in the Yonkers Sons of Italy Lodge. He lived at 179 Linden Street in the Park Hill Italian district of Yonkers (7th Ward), Westchester County, New York. He ran for Alterman and Supervisor.
Children: Peter (Circa 1915), Wilson (1 Nov 1916), Vincent (1919), and Marie (1921)
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3. Upload Photos




Upload Photos for Transcription

Upload Photos

Add Headstone Photos to Transcribe

Upload to transcribe myself (beta)

Upload and allow the community to transcribe

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4. Suggested Edits

Suggested Edits

Suggested Edits - Pending

SUGGESTIONS FOR ME (0) SUGGESTIONS I'VE SENT (0)

Pending | All Suggestion Types | More Options

All Suggestion Types

- Names
- Dates
- Locations
- Bio
- Memorial Details
- Relationships

Memorial: Veteran

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Language: English

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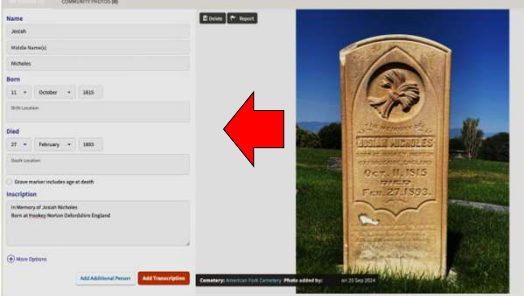
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5. Transcribe Photos

Transcribe Photos

Transcribe: The process of transcribing the information found from the grave photo into the correct fields in order to create a memorial and attach the grave photo at the same time.



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6. Upload Spreadsheet

Upload Spreadsheet

Upload spreadsheet to a Cemetery

Download a Blank Template

- XLSX (Microsoft Excel 2007+) UPDATES
- XLS (Microsoft Excel Before 2007)
- ODS (Open Document Spreadsheet) UPDATES
- CSV (Comma Separated Values) UPDATES

1. Choose a Cemetery

Cemetery Name

Cemetery Location (City, County, State, or Country)*

Browse *Only displays locations with cemeteries

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Special Things to Know about Find a Grave

- Not everyone in a cemetery has been recorded
- Many cemeteries have only paper records
- Many graves do not have tombstones
- Graves have been relocated or removed over time
- Thousands of researchers contribute to Find a Grave
- There are new listings and cemetery updates daily
- Researchers and family members make information corrections
- Information on tombstones can be in error

Data in stone can be in error

Rare to find any documentation

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Summary

Find a Grave MEMORIALS CEMETERIES FAMOUS CONTRIBUTE

- Find a Grave is an outstanding source of genealogy information
- It is easy to use and can provide needed information
- It requires the typical index data of name, dates, locations
- It has aids for searching nearly everything
- Mistakes, errors, and omissions can easily be corrected
- Thousands of researchers contribute to Find a Grave
- There are other cemetery research programs on the net

Researchers must corroborate information with other sources

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Abstract

Findagrave is a genealogical website and the best place on the internet to look for burial and other deceased information. This free website is huge and growing, contains unique data, and may provide outstanding images and important family information. This presentation will show you what Findagrave has to offer, what information is available, and how to get it. The interesting examples will strengthen your background in genealogy and allow you to tell stories about your own family. You will learn the website's demands and useful techniques and tricks to always get good research results.

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