

Hello, I'm Walter Gajewski. Welcome to episode three, How to Access the *New York Times Select*, free of charge.

As you could probably guess, it's easy to see a lot of the New York Times for free on line just by going to their website at www.nytimes.com. So, what is the New York Times Select? Well, according to the Times website, New York Times Select offers: Exclusive Access to Op-Ed Columnists, The Archive, Web Tools, Multimedia, Times Preview (offering an advanced look at selected articles coming up in the Sunday Times), News Tracker that sends personalized e-mail alerts on the topics you choose, and more.

This is an amazing storehouse of knowledge. Access to The Archive alone is an invaluable research tool. It allows you to search issues of the NY Times, going back to before the American Civil War.

Regarding free access: I'm not talking about the two week trial period you may have seen advertised, I'm talking about the same unlimited access offered to home delivery subscribers to the NY Times.

Just recently the Times announced that it is offering this unlimited free access to any student or instructor at a College or University.

Essentially, they will let you access NY Times Select if you have an email address that was issued by a college or university. Most of these email addresses would end in dot edu. Mine is gajewski@csulb.edu.

Here's how you sign up. Start by going to the NY Times website at www.nytimes.com and at the top of the page, next to where it says "Times Select," click on "14 day free trial."

Next, click on "University Faculty and Student Subscription." When the dialog box appears, insert your university email address in the text field and click "Submit."

The Times will send an email message to that address. It will contain a link that takes you to a "log in" page.

Don't try to log in yet. Instead, on the log-in page, click the "Upgrade" button and that will take you to the short form that asks for your name and the name of your university. From there, the Times website guides you through getting started with your access to Times Select.

Thank you. I'm Walter Gajewski. Thanks for listening and stay tuned.