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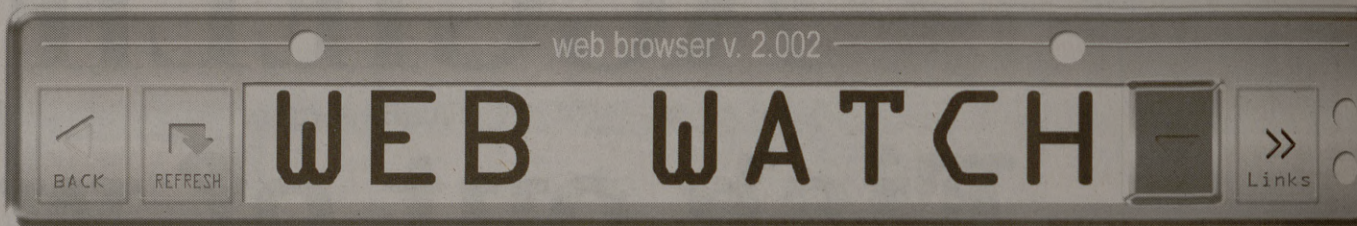
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### www.taxsites.com/federal

Between now and April 15, tax returns will be at the front of most working students' minds.

What will it be this year? End up owing? Boo! Refund? Yay!

Either way, when it comes to income taxes, the law can get rather tricky. [www.taxsites.com/federal.html](http://www.taxsites.com/federal.html) tries to explain all the federal tax laws as thoroughly as possible. The Web site discusses dozens of tax topics, has full details on tax legislation and court decisions, and even discusses Internal Revenue Service Codes. Any question about taxes can probably be answered on one of the many pages of this site.

The problem will be finding the answers. Links lead to more links, which lead to more links, which often lead to other Web sites. It gets so ridiculous that the frustration that led users to the site in the first place is quickly multiplied. The Web site is one that is probably good for the tax professional, but the average American who just wants to know a little more about tax laws would be best advised to stay away. It all gets a little too confusing.

★★★★★ —Denise Schoppe

### www.emode.com

For those who have ever wondered what kind of monkey they are or what their alter ego is, there is [www.emode.com](http://www.emode.com). Claiming to be the number one destination for "self-discovery," this Web site offers a variety of personality, relationship, health, pop culture, identity and career tests that will determine such things as a user's movie

mood for the night or their perfect work-out. And, as if it's not enough to learn which Friends characters they most resemble, users can take a personality test and be matched with someone who has similar interests. Emode also provides advice on improving careers, personalities or relationships through Emode's Ph.D. certified self-improvement programs. The Web site says its purpose is to be "entertaining, simple and...meaningful." A few tests may be entertaining, but to say that it is meaningful may be stretching it for a Web site that boasts tests such as "What breed of dog are you?" and "Who's your inner rock star?"

Jumbled amongst finding your comfort cocktail and your psychic strength, you might find a few tests that actually give you information you can work with, such as your best quality or your career personality. But it is hard to take those seriously on a Web site that will tell you what kind of kisser you are.

★★★★★ —Lyndsey Sage

### www.sparknotes.com

It's the night before the test and nothing makes sense. Sparknotes is the solution to this all-too-common scenario. At the click of the mouse lies the explanation of Shakespeare's poetry, the theories involved in abnormal psychology and the properties of chemical bonds.

More than just a study guide, [www.sparknotes.com](http://www.sparknotes.com) offers reference tools, such as a thesaurus and dictionary, and research materials for even the most current events. Users can even download

classic books online from the Web site or work to raise their test scores through a prep course. The Web site also has a message board where users can communicate with others as well and post some of their own work. The search engine allows users to search the entire site to match what they are looking for from all divisions.

With more than 1,000 study guides on the most popular educational Web site in the world, [www.sparknotes.com](http://www.sparknotes.com) allows you free online access to plot summaries, content analysis and practice questions for literature, American and European history, algebra, geometry and calculus lessons and problems—just to name a few of the subjects offered. It is as simple as creating a log-in name to sign on under. The site is easy to navigate even for the most basic users. While it may not be the kind of site to surf for hours on end, it is the kind of site that just may make life safer the night before the biology test.

★★★★★ —Lyndsey Sage

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