

## #MyZeitgeist: how to search for news stories

Before you start your Trio or Meograph you will want to find the biggest stories of 2014 and write down important information about each one. There are many ways to search for the top news stories from 2014; we've listed some of them below. Using PBS NewsHour will help you to find out which news stories were biggest each month and Google Trends will show you stories and topics that were the most searched during each month and year. Use your Project Outline page to help record the **headline**, a **date**, a **short summary**, **image** or **video**, and **source**.

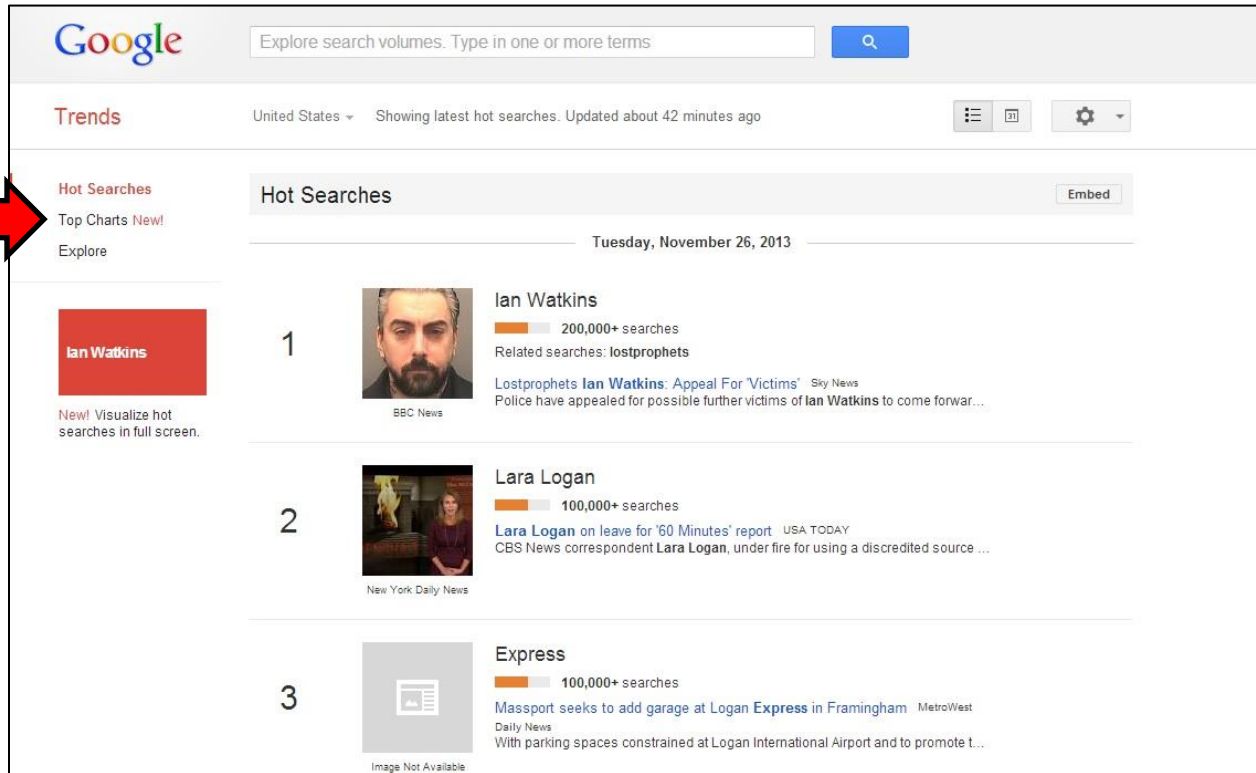
### PBS NewsHour

1. Go to <http://www.pbs.org/newshour>. Use the Search This Site box (see red arrow) and type in a month and 2014 (for example, "January 2014"). See the results below in the second box.



## Google Trends

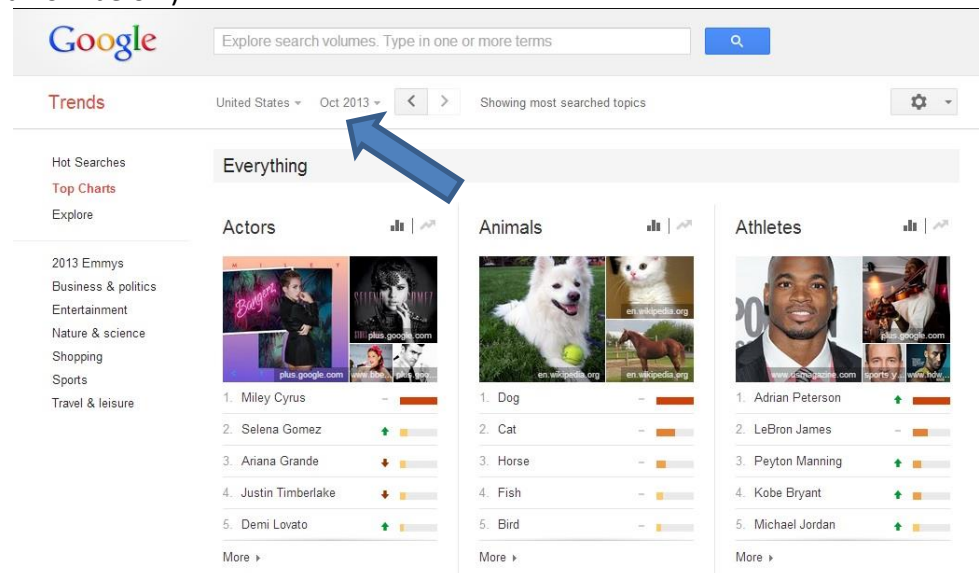
1. Go to <http://www.google.com/trends/> and click on the Top Charts (see red arrow).



The screenshot shows the Google Trends interface for the United States, displaying the top hot searches for Tuesday, November 26, 2013. A red arrow points to the 'Top Charts' link in the left sidebar. The main content area shows three hot searches:

- 1. Ian Watkins**: 200,000+ searches. Related searches: lostprophets. News snippet: "Lostprophets Ian Watkins: Appeal For 'Victims' Sky News Police have appealed for possible further victims of Ian Watkins to come forward..."
- 2. Lara Logan**: 100,000+ searches. News snippet: "Lara Logan on leave for '60 Minutes' report USA TODAY CBS News correspondent Lara Logan, under fire for using a discredited source..."
- 3. Express**: 100,000+ searches. News snippet: "Massport seeks to add garage at Logan Express in Frammingham MetroWest Daily News With parking spaces constrained at Logan International Airport and to promote t..."

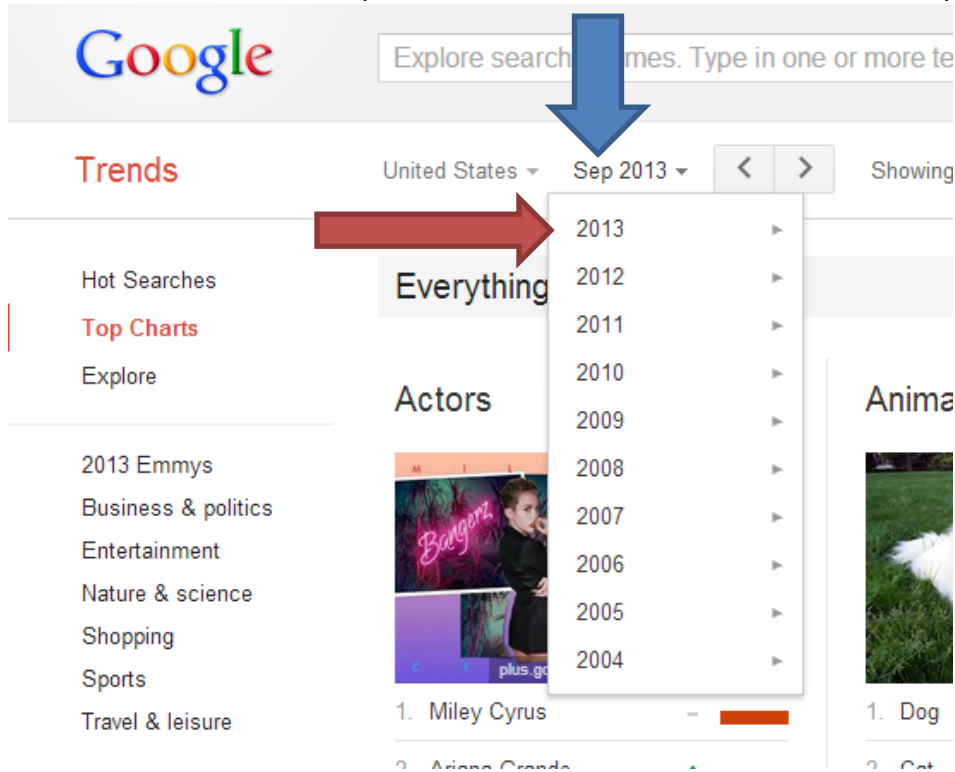
2. This will bring you to the biggest searches from many categories from October 2013 (see blue arrow below).



The screenshot shows the Google Trends interface for the United States, displaying the biggest searches from October 2013. A blue arrow points to the 'Oct 2013' dropdown menu. The main content area shows three categories of searches:

- Actors**:
  - 1. Miley Cyrus
  - 2. Selena Gomez
  - 3. Ariana Grande
  - 4. Justin Timberlake
  - 5. Demi Lovato
- Animals**:
  - 1. Dog
  - 2. Cat
  - 3. Horse
  - 4. Fish
  - 5. Bird
- Athletes**:
  - 1. Adrian Peterson
  - 2. LeBron James
  - 3. Peyton Manning
  - 4. Kobe Bryant
  - 5. Michael Jordan

3. First click on the date “Sept. 2014” and then click on “2014” in the drop-down box.



4. When you click on “2014” you will see a box of months (see below). Choose a month that you want to see results for and repeat for each month.

