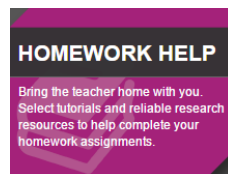


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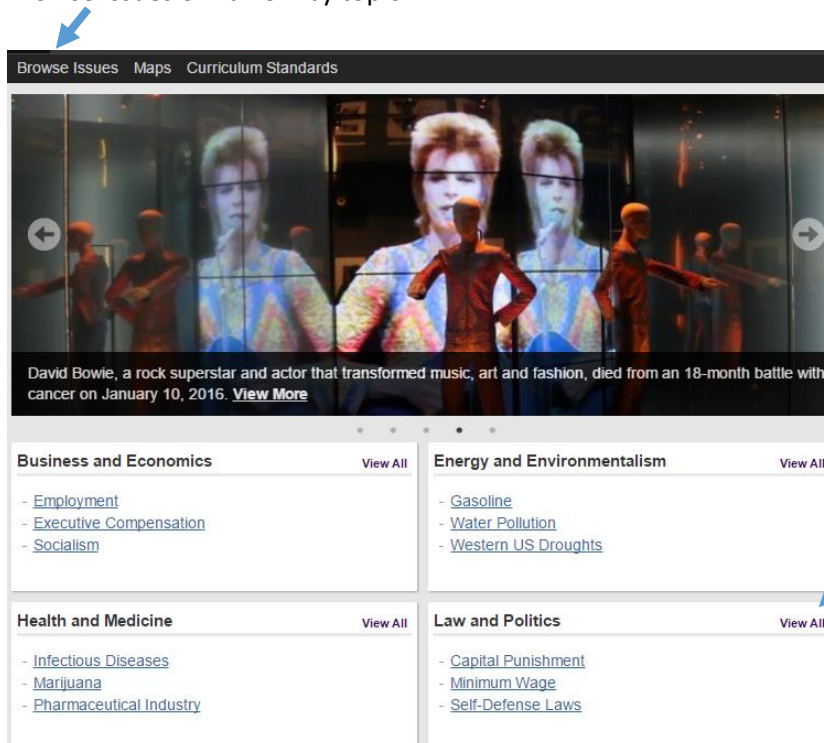
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Animal Rights



Protestors from Animal Rights Coalition and Minnesota Animal Liberation

The issue of animal rights revolves around the question of whether animals should be given the same protections as humans. Ingrid Newkirk, cofounder of the animal rights group People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), claims that animals are more like people than objects. She famously declared in 1989, "There is no rational basis separating out the human animal. A rat is a pig is a dog is a boy." On the other hand, many people—including some who actively oppose cruelty to animals—believe that animals lack the mental and spiritual qualities of humans and that it is appropriate for... [View More](#)

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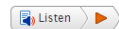
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Research [animals](#) are animals that humans use solely in scientific research; in medical and veterinary investigations and training; in the testing of [drugs](#), cosmetics, and other consumer products; and in educational programs. It is not known how many animals are used in research, testing, and medical and veterinary training programs in the United States, but the number is certainly in the millions. The [Animal Welfare Act](#) only requires certain species to be counted; it excludes birds and specific breeds of mice and rats. Mice in particular are believed to make up the vast majority of the animals used. Sharon Oosthoek notes in "How the 'Mouse Man' Changed [Medical Research](#)" (*New Scientist*, no. 2692, January 28, 2009) that approximately 25 million mice are used in the world's research laboratories annually. In *Some We Love, Some We Hate, Some We Eat* (2010), Hal Herzog of Western Carolina University presents estimates of the number of mice that are used in U.S. laboratories, ranging from 17 million to "well over 100 million." Millions more research animals may be kept as classroom [pets](#) or teaching aids to educate children in schools.

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