



Resource Descriptions

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Academic OneFile (Gale)

For college-level and adult researchers

Comprehensive database of academic journals for scholarly research

- Articles from 8,000+ peer-reviewed journals and reference sources, the majority in full-text, covering the disciplines of science, technology, medicine, social sciences, the arts, theology, literature and more
- Full-text *New York Times* content (1995-)
- Podcasts and transcripts from National Public Radio (NPR), Cable News Network (CNN), and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC)
- Updated daily

AccessScience (McGraw-Hill)

For high school, college-level and adult researchers

Gateway to authoritative information in all major areas of science and technology, featuring the online, fully illustrated version of the 10th edition of the McGraw-Hill *Encyclopedia of Science & Technology*

- Research updates from the McGraw-Hill *Yearbooks of Science & Technology*
- More than 110,000 definitions from the McGraw-Hill *Dictionary of Scientific & Technical Terms*
- Headline news from *Science News Magazine*
- Biographies of prominent scientists
- Links to evaluated related Web sites
- Learning resources and study guides
- Updated daily

Biography In Context (Gale)

For all age groups

Comprehensive source for biographical information

- More than 600,000 biographies of people from around the world and throughout history
- Full-text articles from hundreds of magazines, daily newspapers and newswires
- More than 170 Gale reference titles
- Multimedia content that includes video, audio clips and images
- Features include ReadSpeaker text-to-speech technology and foreign language translator

Book Review Index Online Plus (Gale)

For librarians and readers of all ages

Comprehensive reference database for locating reviews of books, periodicals, books-on-tape and electronic media

- Contains the entire backfile of *Book Review Index* print content (1965-)
- More than 5 million review citations
- More than 634,000 full-text reviews

Books & Authors (Gale)

For librarians, teachers and readers of all ages

Readers' advisory resource for fiction and nonfiction

- Numerous search criteria, genre lists, plot summaries, author information, award lists, etc.
- Book jacket images, book reviews from more than 30 sources
- User-friendly tools that allow users to store reading and search lists and create reviews and ratings
- Visual search technology for narrowing choices and graphically viewing search term relationships



Britannica Elementary (Britannica)

For PreKindergarten students and up

Learning level that includes access to age-appropriate encyclopedias and related materials

- Includes *Britannica Elementary Encyclopedia*, with thousands of shorter articles on numerous subjects
- Numerous search and browse options, as well as features showcasing current events, geography, biography, history, video and more
- Access to *Britannica Learning Zone* for early childhood

Britannica High School (Britannica)

For high school students and up

Learning level that includes access to age-appropriate encyclopedias and related materials

- Includes *Encyclopaedia Britannica* content
- Numerous search and browse options, as well as features showcasing geography, biography, history, video and more
- Links to *The New York Times* and *BBC News*
- Access to the *Britannica Blog*, stimulating dialogue covering a wide range of topics

Britannica Learning Zone (Britannica)

For children aged 4-7

Interactive learning environment of developmentally-appropriate activities for early childhood

- Interactivity focused on maps and videos, games and learning materials, word and letter activities
- Fundamental early childhood concepts include animals, colors, geography, numbers, shapes, sounds, time and more
- “Teacher Tools” allows teachers to customize content for student access, review the content used by students and generate reports

Britannica Middle School (Britannica)

For middle school students and up

Learning level that includes access to age-appropriate encyclopedias and related materials

- Includes *Compton's by Britannica* encyclopedia content
- Numerous search and browse options, as well as features showcasing current events, geography, biography, history, video and more

Britannica Online Academic Edition (Britannica)

For college and university students and faculty

Comprehensive source of encyclopedia content and related materials

- Includes *Encyclopaedia Britannica* and *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary & Thesaurus*
- Links to Web sites for *The New York Times* and *BBC News*
- Additional content sources include *World Data Analyst*, *Notable Quotations* and *Gateway to the Classics*
- Access to the *Britannica Blog*, stimulating dialogue covering a wide range of topics

Britannica Online Public Library Edition (Britannica)

For all age groups

Access to two homepages: *Britannica Kids* for children and young adults, and *Britannica Reference Center* for older students and adults

- Encyclopedia articles, magazines and journals, Web sites, multimedia, dictionary and thesaurus entries
- Links to Web sites for *The New York Times* and *BBC News*
- Additional content sources include *Year in Review*, *World Data Analyst*, *Notable Quotations* and *Gateway to the Classics*



Britannica Online School Edition (Britannica)

For PreKindergarten through 12th grades

Access to encyclopedia and related content on three levels: elementary, middle and high school, as well as teacher resources

- More than 124,000 encyclopedia articles
- Photos, illustrations, maps, video and other media, and student-friendly Web sites
- Periodical articles, atlas, dictionary and thesaurus
- Integrated curriculum standards and Workspace feature for saving results

Business & Company Resource Center (Gale) (1980 - present)

(NOTE: Compare to *General BusinessFile ASAP*)

For college-level and adult researchers and advanced high school students

Comprehensive periodical and reference resource for business, management and investment topics, with Newsletters ASAP and Predicast's PROMT databases

- Articles from academic and general business, industry and management periodicals, newsletters, newspapers and newswires (4,000+ indexed titles; 2,900+ full-text)
- Investment and broker research reports
- Company and association directory listings from a number of sources
- Additional content from reference sources covering industries, company histories, associations, brands, market share and more
- Twenty-minute delayed stock quotes

Career eBook Collection (EBSCO NetLibrary)

For high school students through adults

Customized collection of more than 250 electronic books for vocational needs

- Titles focused on career selection, résumé and cover letter writing, interviewing, changing careers, test-taking strategies and more
- Keyword and phrase searching possible in an individual title or across the entire collection
- Features include embedded dictionary and thesaurus, a linked table of contents, page bookmarking and note-taking

CultureGrams (ProQuest/SIRS)

For all age groups

Country reports that provide snapshots of the world's cultures

- Separate editions for: World, States, Provinces and Kids
- 200+ United Nations-member countries included, with reports containing history, customs, family, lifestyle, recipes, economy and more
- Each U.S. state, the District of Columbia and the 13 Canadian provinces are included, with reports containing maps, flags, symbols, history, economy, geography, population and more
- Video stories, slideshows, a worldwide photo gallery and create-your-own data tables

Custom Newspapers (Gale)

For all age groups

Full-text articles from hundreds of U.S. and international newspapers

- *New York Times* (1985-); *Christian Science Monitor* (1996-); *The Post and Courier* (Charleston, SC; 2000-); *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* (1996-); and other domestic papers
- *Times* (London; 1985-) and other international papers
- Updated one to three days after publication of the print newspapers

Educator's Reference Complete (Gale)

For professional educators and undergraduate and graduate students in the field of education

Database of education resources covering multiple levels from preschool to college

- More than 1,100 full-text periodicals covering a variety of disciplines
- 200 reports from the U.S. Department of Education
- Resources on educational specialties and issues related to administration, funding and policies
- Updated daily



Enciclopedia Juvenil (Britannica)

For students aged 7-12

Spanish elementary encyclopedia for early readers of Spanish

- More than 1,500 encyclopedia articles and 1,000 pictures
- Searchable and alphabetically browsable
- Interactive materials supporting language arts, math, science and social studies
- Content selected for curriculum relevance and age appropriateness
- Designed to sharpen students' Spanish language skills while they learn new lessons

Expanded Academic ASAP (Gale) (1980 - present)

For college-level and adult researchers and advanced high school students

Comprehensive periodical database covering all academic disciplines

- Millions of full-text articles from 2,000+ scholarly, refereed and professional journals and selected general interest magazines
- Indexing of additional professional and general periodicals

Ferguson's Career Guidance Center (Facts on File)

For high school students through adults

Complete career research database of jobs, skills, and resources

- Information on more than 3,300 jobs and 94 industries, organized by the 16 career clusters created by the U.S. Department of Education
- Articles and videos providing advice on job applications, the interview process, professional behavior, career skills, and more
- Sample résumés and cover letters
- Searchable entries on scholarships, internships, fellowships, and more

Gale Virtual Reference Library (Gale)

For middle school students and above

A selection of 24 cross-searchable reference e-books covering a variety of subject areas, including health and medicine, language and literature, history, social studies, science and more

- Full-text articles
- Photos and other illustrations

General BusinessFile ASAP (Gale) (1980 - present)

(NOTE: Compare to *Business & Company Resource Center*)

For college-level and adult researchers and advanced high school students

Comprehensive periodical resource for business, management and investment topics

- Articles from academic and general business, industry and management periodicals, newspapers and newswires (3,300+ indexed titles; 2,600+ full-text)
- Investment and broker research reports
- Company directory listings

General OneFile (Gale) (1980 - present)

For college-level and adult researchers and advanced high school students

Comprehensive periodical database covering all subjects and all types of periodicals

- Periodicals from nearly all InfoTrac collections merged into a single database
- More than 25 million full-text articles on all subjects from more than 5,000 periodical titles
- Articles from newswires and general, professional, scholarly and children's periodicals
- *New York Times* indexing (1980-) and full-text (1995-), other major newspapers and 8,000+ periodicals

General Reference Center (Gale) (1980 - present)

For high school students through adults

Magazine, newspaper and reference articles on a variety of topics of general interest

- Millions of full-text articles from more than 900 general magazine titles
- Reference information from encyclopedias, dictionaries and almanacs
- Coverage of school subjects, current events and consumer interest topics



Health & Wellness Resource Center (Gale) (1980 - present)

(NOTE: Compare to *Health Reference Center-Academic*)

For advanced middle school students through adults

Portal to health information from a variety of sources for general users; includes "Alternative Health Module" content

- Full-text articles from 400 health, nursing, allied health and medical journals, including 30+ alternative health periodicals
- More than 700 health-related videos from Healthology, Inc.
- Health-related articles from 2,200 general interest magazines
- Medical encyclopedia articles, pamphlets, drug information and hospital directory, including alternative health reference titles and herbal medicine information
- Access to health news and key health Web sites

Health Reference Center–Academic (Gale) (1980 - present)

(NOTE: Compare to *Health & Wellness Resource Center*)

For college-level and other adult researchers

Health and medical periodicals and reference information for academic researchers

- Full-text articles from 600+ health, nursing, allied health and medical journals
- Health-related articles from 1,500 general interest magazines
- Articles from medical reference titles and pamphlets

Junior Edition (Gale) (Latest four years)

For middle school students, their teachers and parents

Magazine, newspaper and reference sources on all subjects

- Full-text articles from 130+ magazines, with full image for 60+ titles
- Maps, articles from reference books and newswire articles
- Includes short stories, poems, quizzes, experiments and activities
- *Toolbox* to help students learn research and writing skills

Kids InfoBits (Gale) (1990s - present)

For K-5 students, their teachers and parents

Articles, pictures and reference information on all subjects

- Full-text articles from 120+ children's magazines, reference sources and newspapers
- 2,500 searchable images and maps
- Reading levels assigned to most articles
- Includes activities, recipes, experiments, poetry and stories by children
- *Teacher Toolbox* to help teach research and writing skills

LearningExpress Library (LearningExpress)

For elementary school students through adults

Comprehensive collection of test-preparation tools, skill-building materials, and other career and life skills resources

- Practice tests for GED preparation, job and career goals, undergraduate and graduate school admission, and U.S. citizenship
- Focus on workplace skills such as résumé building, interviewing, job search and assessment, business writing, and core computer skills
- Tools for improving proficiency levels in reading, writing, and math for elementary school learners through adults
- Interactive skill-building tutorials and 130+ e-book titles
- Features include timed tests, instant scoring and feedback, and individual user accounts for saving works-in-progress and completed tasks

LegalTrac (Gale) (1980 - present)

For college-level and adult researchers and advanced high school students

Index to law and legal periodicals with selected full-text articles

- Indexing of more than 1,400 titles; full-text articles from 100+ titles
- Major law reviews, legal newsletters, bar association journals and international titles
- Law-related articles from more than 1,000 additional business and general interest titles



Literature Resources from Gale (Gale)

For all age groups

Environment that enables cross-searching of the literature-related databases provided by DISCUS

- Includes the content of *Literature Resource Center*, *Scribner Writers Series*, *Twayne's Author Series* and *LitFinder*
- Results include literature criticism, biographies, topic and work overviews, reviews and news, primary sources, literary works and multimedia
- Selected bibliographic citations exportable to Web-based bibliographic management tools

Nursing Resource Center (Gale)

For nursing students at vocational/technical high schools, colleges and universities

Collection of core content from recognized reference, textbook and journal publications in the nursing field

- More than 20 full-text reference books
- More than 200 animations from Blausen Medical's *Human Atlas*, covering all major body systems
- Search results returned in tabs that correlate to the nursing process
- Disease and drug overviews, sample care plans and a *Nursing Toolbox*

Opposing Viewpoints In Context (Gale)

For middle school students through adults

Database of contemporary social issues with content structured to promote critical-thinking skills and information literacy

- More than 14,000 pro and con viewpoint essays
- More than 300 primary source documents
- Periodicals, podcasts, reviewed Web links, images, statistical tables, charts and graphs
- Content levels may be selected for retrieving appropriate results
- Includes Lexile reading levels for periodical content
- Content correlated to social studies and science curriculum standards for middle and high school

PowerSearch (Gale)

For all age groups

Link to the common menu of all Gale databases provided by DISCUS

- List of database resources covering various topics
- Cross-search feature allows simultaneous searching of one, several or all available databases that operate on the *PowerSearch* platform

Science In Context (Gale)

For high school, college-level and adult researchers

Comprehensive curriculum-oriented database of reference and periodical content covering Life Science, Physical Science, Earth and Space Science

- More than 150 comprehensive reference sets
- Noted publications such as *Science Weekly*, *Science News* and *The Science Teacher*
- Detailed experiments, multimedia content and Web site links
- Content correlated to national and state high school curriculum standards

SIRS Discoverer (ProQuest/SIRS)

For students in grades 1 through 9, their teachers and parents

Articles, pictures, reference information and Web sites on all subjects

- Age-appropriate, full-text articles and images selected from 1,600+ U.S. and international magazines, newspapers, government publications and reference sources
- Reading levels assigned to all articles
- Maps, pictures, photo essays, activities, biographies, country facts and current events
- Links to age-appropriate Web sites with reading level indicators



SIRS Knowledge Source (ProQuest/SIRS)

For advanced middle school students through adults

Articles, images, reference information on a wide variety of subjects

- Articles selected from 2,500+ U.S. and international magazines, newspapers, government publications and reference sources
- Special features on terrorism, natural disasters and today's news
- Images, maps, country profiles, primary sources and Supreme Court decisions

Small Business Resource Center (Gale)

For adult researchers

Resources for prospective and current entrepreneurs and business students

- Full-text periodicals, news sources, reference books and Web site links
- Hundreds of sample business plans created by real-life entrepreneurs
- Updated continuously

Student Edition (Gale) (1985 - present)

For high school students, their teachers and parents

Articles and reference information on topics most-often researched in high schools

- More than 3 million full-text articles from 400+ periodical titles
- Newswire articles and articles from reference sources
- Selection of maps and historical images

U.S. History In Context (Gale)

For high school students through adults

Complete overview of the most-studied events, issues and current information in U.S. history that have been selected as relevant in the undergraduate curriculum

- Primary sources include excerpts from transcripts of interviews, legislative acts, resolutions, speeches, testimonials, treaties and more
- Encyclopedic and critical articles, essays and biographies
- Full-text periodicals and scholarly history journals
- Historical bibliography
- Links to digitized special collections
- Audio and video clips of historic speeches and events
- Streamed video, nearly 70,000 images and audio files
- Country and era overviews

World Data Analyst (Britannica)

For 6th grade students through adults

Resource for retrieving, comparing and customizing data on the world's nations

- *Country Snapshots* feature provides statistics that include maps, area, population, demographics, gross national product and more
- *Country Comparisons* offers tools for creating comparison tables and graphs using either recent or historical statistics
- *Ranked Statistics* performs country rankings for chosen statistical categories
- Results exportable to spreadsheet applications

World History in Context (Gale)

For high school students through adults

Collection of resources providing coverage of events, themes and trends in world history from antiquity to the present, with a multicultural and global view

- More than 1,700 primary sources from Primary Source Microfilm
- Full-text articles from more than 110 academic journals
- More than 600 historical maps and atlases
- Court case overviews highlighting specifics of case verdicts and outcomes

