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**Biography in Context**

Virtually every course of study — from history to science to literature — is ultimately tied to the study of people. *Biography in Context* contains nearly a million biographical entries spanning history and geography. It’s a curriculum-aligned resource in it you’ll find:

- 600,000+ biographies covering more than 525,000 individuals
- 50,000 new or updated bios added annually in addition to daily updates to account for awards and events
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**Facts on File Collections** Each collection is well-supplied with information organized by browseable topics or keyword searching and containing topic centers for major eras and events in history.

- **Ancient and Medieval History Online** Focuses on Egypt, Mesopotamia, Greece, Rome, Africa, Europe, the Americas, Asia, and Islamic Empire from prehistory through the 1500s.
- **Modern World History Online** Covers the people, places, and events in the broad expanse of history—from the mid-15th century to the present.

**Michiganana: Sources in U.S. History Online**

This digital archive documents Michigan state history.

The archive provides access to a wide variety of documents: personal narratives and memories, pamphlets and political speeches, sermons and songs, legal treaties and children’s books. 130 works totaling over seventeen thousand pages of text that cover the history of the land that would become the State of Michigan in 1835.

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**Geography & Culture**

**CultureGrams**

A leading reference for concise, reliable, and up-to-date cultural information on countries across the globe, includes four editions: the World Edition (for middle school and up) and the Kids, States, and Canadian Provinces editions (for upper elementary school students).

Great selection of photos, downloadable slideshows and streaming videos, build-your-own sortable data tables and graphs, printable maps and flags, sounds files for the national anthems and country names. Written by local experts, there is information on government, religion, daily life and customs, history, plus maps, flags, and both photographs and videos.

**Virtual Reference Book**

Grzimek’s Animal Life Encyclopedia

**Junior Worldmark Encyclopedia of Canadian Provinces**

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**Facts on File: Science Online**

This resource presents a broad range of scientific disciplines through extensive essays, videos, diagrams, definitions, biographies, and experiments. Look for historical or recent developments in all things science.

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Opposing Viewpoints in Context
A premier online resource covering today's hottest social issues, from Health Care to Immigration. This tool helps students research, analyze and organize a broad variety of data for conducting research, completing writing assignments, preparing for debates, creating presentations and more.
- More than 14,000 pro/con viewpoint essays and 5,000 topic overviews
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- 5 million periodical articles, Nearly 6,000 statistical tables, charts and graphs, Nearly 70,000 images and a link to Google Image Search

SIRS Renaissance
Current Perspectives on the Arts & Humanities provides current, dynamic information on Architecture & Design, Culture, Literature, Multimedia, Music, Performing Arts, Philosophy & Religion and Visual Arts. Full-text articles from over 700 domestic and international publications. Many articles are accompanied by full-color graphics, including art reproductions, photographs and illustrations. Articles are Lexile level rated.

SIRS Discoverer
An award-winning database designed with the young researcher in mind. This interactive tool strengthens research, reading, writing and computer skills. Articles and graphics from more than 1,400 U.S. and international magazines, newspapers and U.S. government documents are carefully selected for their educational content, interest and level of readability. Articles are Lexile level rated.

Looking for more information?
Here’s a variety of resources that have a general collection of quality articles for research.

eLibrary (Elementary) An easy-to-use general reference resource, designed specifically to engage and guide beginning and younger researchers. Via a colorful, graphically engaging interface, children have access to over 300 full-text magazines, newspapers, transcripts, and reference books—plus millions of kid-friendly images, maps, websites, videos, and interactive simulations not found in other online reference resources.

eLibrary (High School) comprehensive collections of engaging supplemental digital content including images, maps, websites, and videos.

General OneFile A one-stop source for news and periodical articles on a wide range of topics. Millions of full-text articles.

InfoTrac Junior Edition Over 330 titles, cross searchable with E-Books, this database is designed for students in junior high and middle school with access to a variety of indexed and full-text magazines, newspapers and reference books.

InfoTrac Student Edition Recommended for High School Students. Mostly full text. Over 1,100 titles, cross searchable with E-Books, this database gives access to a variety of indexed and full-text magazines, newspapers, podcasts, and reference books for information on current events, the arts, science, popular culture, health, people, government, history, sports and more.

Kid’s InfoBits Kids InfoBits is a database developed especially for beginning researchers in Kindergarten through Grade 5. Featuring a developmentally appropriate, visually graphic interface, the most popular search method is moving from a broad subject to a narrower topic using the subject-based topic tree. Articles are Lexile level rated.

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Common Core
The eLibrary & SIRS products all have Common Core Correlations and Curriculum Standards.

BookFlix pairs a children’s story with a nonfiction title, this is a useful tool and a major component to the Common Core Curriculum.

Learning Express Library
Interactive online learning platform of academic and licensing/certification practice tests, elementary level testing for math and reading.
*Includes AP, ACT, and SAT prep tests.

Live Homework Help
Get help with homework, studying for an exam or understanding today’s lesson. Math, Science, Social Studies, and English. All levels including AP*.
Live Tutors available 4:00 - 11:00 pm daily.

Foreign Language Resource
Having a little trouble with that foreign language course? Pronunciator is a language-learning service with 80 languages available to learn. This resource teaches the full range of language skills -- reading, writing, listening, and speaking -- in a structured, building-block approach.