

Online Resources Middle School 2013-2014

EBSCO - ABC-CLIO AMERICAN HISTORY Created in collaboration with scholars, educators, and librarians, American History helps users become successful students of history with citation information at their fingertips and a highly visual and engaging interface. Whether clicking through primary sources from the Revolutionary Era or preparing for an exam on World War II, students and general researchers will find everything they need in this easy-to-use database.

Features:

- Nearly 15,000 primary and secondary sources, including overview essays, biographies, government and court documents, photos, maps, audio/video clips, statistics, and more
- Over 100 topical overviews and nearly 3,300 biographies of famous political and military figures such as John Locke, Sandra Day O'Connor, and Douglas MacArthur, as well as fascinating people from across American society, including Hank Aaron, Andrew Carnegie, Robert Redford, and Jonas Salk

Highlights:

- A remarkable survey of American history from 1350 to the present, organized chronologically and thematically, linking reference, curriculum, and analysis of current events
- Unmatched scope and coverage, providing the content necessary to support different learning styles and a variety of approaches to American history while meeting all standards-based curriculum requirements
- Content reveals the connections between past and future events and takes a closer look at issues of continuing relevance

ACCUNET /APIMAGES/APMULTIMEDIA ARCHIVE

The Associated Press has won more Pulitzer Prizes than any other news agency in the world, and is the most credible source for non-biased reporting. Founded in 1848, the AP is the oldest and largest news organization in the world, and is an important part of modern-day world history, serving more than one billion people each day. Through an exclusive relationship with AccuWeather, Inc., education institutions and Public Libraries can subscribe to the AccuNet/AP Multimedia Archive and gain unlimited access from the school, library or home with full copyright protection.

The Archive is a primary source database from the Associated Press that takes users on a sensory journey of photographs, audio sound bites, graphics and text spanning over 160 years of history. User comprehension and recall skills will improve with visually stimulating imagery meant for use in research papers, theses, reports and PowerPoint presentations.

From simple keyword searching to more complex searches such as concept, color, and category, research projects are enhanced with the diversity of subject matter contained within the Archive. Over two million photographs dating back to 1826, more than one million audio sound bites dating from the 1920's, two million Associated Press news stories from 1997, and a professionally produced collection of more than 45,000 maps, graphs, charts, logos, flags, illustrations, etc. are included. Updated with more than three thousand photos daily, the Archive is licensed for educational use exclusively through AccuWeather,

BRAINPOP Ideal for both group and one-on-one settings, BrainPOP is used in numerous ways in classrooms, at home, and on mobile devices, from introducing a new lesson or topic to illustrating complex subject matter to reviewing before a test. Content is mapped to Common Core, aligned to academic standards, and easily searchable with our online **Standards Tool**. Uniquely suited for 21st-century learning, all products are fully compatible with interactive whiteboards, learner response systems, projectors, Macs, and PCs. No downloading, installation, or special hardware is required.

BRAINPOP JR - Educational movies for K-2 learners. Through the adventures of Annie and Moby, BrainPOP Jr. addresses a wide range of grade-appropriate topics, such as the food pyramid, soil, and shapes. Movies encourage active viewing and are easily paused for students to make predictions and form their own ideas. Each movie has leveled quizzes, games, activities, and lesson ideas that develop critical thinking and inquiry skills. All content is a read aloud so young student can browse the site on their own.

BRAINPOP Includes standards-based educational movies for grades 3-8, an online learning tool that may be shared among teachers, classrooms, computer labs and buildings and a library of animated content to supplement traditional teaching methods. BrainPOP delivers vital curriculum in an engaging format, while promoting computer literacy.

Features: Covers core curriculum subjects in: **Science, English, Math, Social Studies, Technology, and Health**. ** New movies are added each week, throughout the school year! ** Teacher's section contains lesson plans, standards correlation, and ideas for using BrainPOP in the classroom. ** Hundreds of animated movies developed according to national standards for 3-8. Movies are accompanied by a 10-question interactive quiz, experiment, comic strip timeline and printable activity.

EBSCO – PRIMARY SEARCH

Containing full-text for more than 80 of the most popular elementary school magazines, Primary Search is designed specifically for elementary school libraries.

Written and Created for Kids All full-text articles are assigned a reading level indicator (Lexiles), which allows users to read along at their own pace. Also, Primary Search features Funk & Wagnalls New World Encyclopedia, providing students with easy-to-read encyclopedic entries written specifically for kids. This database provides thousands of relevant photos, maps and flags to aid kids in learning. Primary Search is made available via the following interfaces: Searchasaurus, Kids Search, EBSCOhost, Features Include: The Encyclopedia of Animals, Funk & Wagnalls New World Encyclopedia, American Heritage Children's Dictionary, 3rd Edition

EBSCO - NOVELIST K-8

If you are looking for ways to introduce both teachers and students to new books, and if you want to encourage independent reading and help students think more about why a particular story appeals to them -- you should look at Novelist® K-8! Novelist K-8 contains enhanced subject access for over 60,000 fiction titles aimed at the K-8 population. Full-text reviews from sources like School Library Journal and Booklist are available for many titles.

Novelist K-8, a fiction database, is designed with a bright, appealing layout, designed especially for elementary and middle schools. The "Working with Kids" section of the Browse panel on the homepage provides a single location to access all of the curricular materials such as our Grab and Go Book Lists, Book Talks, Picture Book Extenders and more.

Novelist® K-8 contains:

- Grab and Go Book Lists developed by School Media Specialists provide hand selected titles on a variety of reading levels and curricular topics.
- Hundreds of hand-crafted Recommended Reads reading lists created for teens and kids covering both fiction genres and topics, Over 700 Book Talks, 450 searchable Award Lists, Hundreds of Feature Articles and Curricular Connection articles on a wide variety of topics, issues and reading levels, An easy-to-use, intuitive interface with a single search bar that makes finding books and other content quick and simple, Coverage of thousands fiction series The option to sort by popularity and/or Lexile scores, Curriculum-driven material designed to help integrate reading across subject areas in the classroom.

GALE - STUDENT RESOURCE CENTER JUNIOR

Aimed at middle school and high school students, Student Resource Center has all of the award-winning resources that you've come to expect from Gale®, including content based on national curriculum standards in major subject areas such as history, literature, science and social studies. It also comes with the ability to quickly and easily find relevant search results across all Gale electronic products — in one seamless search — with Gale's Power Search™.

POWERFUL CONTENT LEADS TO THOROUGH RESEARCH

Users are able to access a variety of resources that will help them conduct research, complete assignments, create presentations and more, with content and curriculum-focused tools that include:

- Read Speaker auditory articles ■ More than eight million full-text articles from one thousand periodicals and newspapers
- More than 4,000 proprietary of primary documents ■ Hundreds of plays and poems
- Multimedia content, which includes podcasts, video and audio clips, and thousands of flags, maps and seals and photographs
- More than 63,000 topic overviews, biographies, and pieces of literary criticism ■ Content level recommendations for reference articles (Basic, Intermediate and Advanced) to help readers choose appropriate content for their abilities and teachers to assign differentiated articles on the same topic
- Research Tools and Research Guide that tie information literacy skills to use of the resource center ■ More than 1,700 study guide questions to promote understanding New to Student Resource Center are robust features specifically targeted to students and educators Includes:
 - A user-friendly interface that captures student interest and provides a consistent user experience across Gale K-12 databases
 - A national and state curriculum standards search, correlated to the content, that allows educators to quickly identify material by grade and discipline ■ Configurable Lexile reading levels for periodicals that support reading initiatives and testing
 - Curriculum topic trees on Student Resource Center's home page feature one-click access to the hottest, most-searched topics in each major curriculum area
 - "Keyword in context" within results list that allows users to easily determine relevance of each search result ■ Podcast feeds, starting with weekly presidential radio broadcasts, with more than 13,300 podcasts, including the weekly presidential radio address and podcasts from such premier NPR programs as Morning Edition, All Things Considered, and Talk of the Nation. Also included are podcasts from NBC Nightly News, Meet the Press and many more

Premier reference content includes Career Information Center, Student Resource Center Health Module, American Journey Series primary sources and American Decades. New reference content is added on an ongoing basis, and new full-text periodical and newspaper articles are added every day.

More than 550 reference volumes including:

■ African American Almanac ■ Epics for Students ■ Gale Encyclopedia of Multicultural America: Primary Sources ■ Hispanic American Almanac ■ Junior Worldmark Encyclopedia of Foods and Recipes of the World ■ Junior Worldmark Encyclopedia of Mexican States ■ Junior Worldmark Encyclopedia of Nations ■ Shakespeare for Students

GALE – STUDENT RESOURCES IN CONTEXT This next-generation portal reaches out to today's learners with a Web-like user experience, which intuitively conveys needed information on all core subjects from Science to Literature to History. From the eye-catching, media-rich homepage to the fast navigation options, Student Resources in Context helps students develop both research and critical-thinking skills while covering the spectrum of student-focused subject matter.

- Student Resources in Context provides holistic topic perspectives by integrating a multitude of content, including: 79,000 reference articles from acclaimed publications like American Decades - 15 million periodical and newspaper articles from the New York Times, U.S. News and World Report, and many others - 4,200 primary sources -100,000 multimedia records, including charts, graphs, maps and tables -Video and audio content from NBC, NPR and many other respected sources

Educators can also rely on Student Resources in Context to offer content aligned to their curriculum. This resource removes the risk of the open Web while delivering an authoritative multimedia selection of content — primary sources, overviews, videos, interactives and much more.

H. W. WILSON - CURRENT BIOGRAPHY ILLUSTRATED Database reflects the entire contents of the printed monthly **Current Biography**—a trusted resource in library collections. Reliable information about people making tomorrow's headlines plus historical figures back to World War II.

Features:

- 25,000+ articles and obituaries 19,500+ images Updated Monthly Biographies average 2,500 words Features **subject's own views**, attitudes and opinions, as well as observations of journalists, colleagues, and associates
- Gives information on celebrities, politicians, business people, writers, actors, sports figures, artists, scientists, and many others
- Uniform name authority control makes searching easy and reliable
- Ability to search by name, profession, place of origin, gender, ethnicity, birth/death dates, titles of works, and keyword makes resource invaluable for women's studies, multicultural studies, and other areas beyond simple name look-ups!
- Bibliography of works about the subject and article citations guide researchers to further information

CERF - CURRICULUM EDITION RESOURCE FINDER CERF connects to over 400,000 carefully selected, k-12 and professional websites. It will help refine searches so that the user locates the websites most appropriate for their need. **Search Features:** By Grade (PK – Professional), or Interest Level. -- Specific Information Formats - Lesson Plans, Multimedia, Timeline, Video, Maps, Primary Resources, Biography, Pictures -- Search by Subject - Arts, English (Literature, ESL, And Foreign Languages), Health, Math, Science, Social Sciences, and Technology -- Virtual Reference Service: Need Help? Send a request and they will respond -- APA, MLA Bibliographies - Build, Print, Email Citations, Include/Exclude Website Summaries, Sort by Author/Title -- Dewey Library Links - Most Website records include Dewey classification numbers

NOODLE BIB - A fully-integrated note-taking and documentation program which is anchored in the best practices of academic research and inquiry learning. Known as the most comprehensive and accurate MLA- and APA-style bibliography composer on the Web. **Includes a note-taking component enabling you to extract, organize and synthesize information found during the research process.**

PROQUEST - CULTURE GRAMS -- Culture Grams Online Database combines affordability, unlimited printing rights, and anytime access to all World, Kids, and States Editions, Photo Gallery, Recipe Collection, and Famous People. An engaging, colorful interface makes it fun and easy to read topics, explore maps and flags, and use the convenient search feature.

Features: World Edition - Cultural reports for 190 countries and territories each include 25 categories such as land and climate, history, personal appearance, greetings, gestures, family, diet, holidays, economy, education, health, and events and trends. -- **Kids Edition -** Collection of 68 country reports. Each report includes up-to-date, engaging cultural information, complete with images, historical timeline, fun facts, and sections on history, population, "life as a kid", and more.

States Edition - Easy-to-read state reports help students understand the diversity and history of each U.S. State and the District of Columbia. Includes: maps, flags, symbols, and timelines, plus sections on history, economy, geography, population and more. **Photo Gallery --** 600+ images representing daily life in over 50 countries. -- **Recipe Collection -** Five recipes for each of 190 countries included in the World Edition. --**Famous People Index -** Short biographies on famous individuals from around the world.

PROQUEST DIRECT ProQuest includes 700+ magazine titles including images with 75% of the collection in full text. Kid-Quest includes approximately 80 magazine titles including images with 91% of the collection in full-text. In addition, the subscription includes USA Today, Christian Science Monitor, Ethnic Cultures of America, and CIA World Factbook. All schools subscribing to ProQuest also have access to KidQuest and can request that default interface.

ROSEN - TEEN HEALTH AND WELLNESS REAL LIFE, REAL ANSWERS

This database provides students with comprehensive curricular support and self-help tools on topics including diseases, drugs, alcohol, nutrition, fitness, mental health, diversity, family life, and more. Developed for teens, with their unique concerns and perspective, **Teen Health & Wellness: Real Life, Real Answers** draws on Rosen's award-winning series, including Coping, Need to Know, and others. Updated and revised for online use, all content is reviewed by leading professionals in medicine, mental health, nutrition, guidance, and career counseling.

Features: Easy to use, clean, teen-friendly interface **Multiple paths to information via browse, search, and high-interest features ** Advanced search functionality, including "Did you mean?" searching ** regularly updated homepage features connecting medical news and social issues to database articles ** Content aligned to curriculum standards. ADA compliant ** Custom glossary, automatically generated citations, plus robust print and email functions ** Resource sections with websites, organizations, and recommended reading annotated and reviewed by Rosen editors

WORLD BOOK – STUDENT WITH DISCOVER Includes: World Book Student, World Book Kids, and Enciclopedia Estudiantil Hallazgos (Spanish). Also includes a biography center, citation builder, timelines, PBS videos, curriculum correlations, an electronic briefcase to save research media and articles, and a How to Do Research center. **Discover** helps address language and learning difficulties for reluctant learners, students reading below grade level, and students with language challenges. Includes:

- World Book Explains – a video library, Visual Dictionary in English, French and Spanish
- Life Skills Center, How to Do Research Center
- Translations include 14 different languages with an additional 18 languages forthcoming

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Advanced provides access to a vast collection of primary source documents, an e-book library, pathfinders, literary criticism, a Teaching With Documents Center, plus all aspects of Student Edition. **Discover is World Books new differentiated instruction site** featuring clear, easy-to-read articles with read-aloud and language translation functions. Discover helps address language and learning difficulties for reluctant learners, students reading below grade level, and students with language challenges. Includes: World Book Explains – a video library, Visual Dictionary in English, French and Spanish, Life Skills Center, and a How To Do Research Center. Translations include 14 different languages with an additional 18 languages forthcoming.