

# Research Database Tips

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### Credo Reference

There are times when you just need reliable background information about a subject or need to confirm a date, translate a foreign phrase, define a technical term, or find a quotation. Reference books fill this roll in academic libraries. Electronic libraries like ours here at Wor-Wic have electronic reference books. Many of our databases provide full-text indexing to some reference books. **Credo Reference**, however, is in a class by itself.

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Here are just a few of the most recognizable reference books it contains listed by subject area:

<u>Art</u>	<u>Business and Economics</u>
<i>A Biographical Dictionary of Artists</i> <i>The Bridgeman Art Library Archive</i> <i>The National Gallery Collection</i>	<i>The Ultimate Business Library</i> <i>An Encyclopedia of Macroeconomics</i> <i>Encyclopedia of the History of American Management</i>
<u>Culinary Arts</u>	<u>Dictionaries</u>
<i>Dictionary of Food: International Food and Cooking Terms from A to Z</i> <i>Bender's Dictionary of Nutrition and Food Technology</i> <i>The New Food Lover's Companion</i>	<i>American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language</i> <i>Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary</i> <i>Roget's II: The New Thesaurus</i>
<u>Bilingual Dictionaries</u>	<u>Biography</u>
Various titles for French, Spanish, Italian, German, Irish, Italian, Latin, Portuguese, Polish, and Welsh.	<i>Marquis Who's Who series</i> <i>Great Lives series</i> <i>Debrett's Peerage and Baronetage</i>
<u>Geography</u>	<u>Quotations</u>
<i>CIA World Factbook</i> <i>Geography of the World</i> <i>Merriam Webster's Geographical Dictionary</i>	<i>Bloomsbury Thematic Dictionary of Quotations</i> <i>Rawson's Dictionary of American Quotations</i> <i>Simpson's Contemporary Quotations</i>
<u>History</u>	<u>Language and Word Usage</u>
<i>Concise Atlas of World History</i> <i>Encyclopedia of African History</i> <i>The Great American History Fact-Finder</i>	<i>American Heritage Dictionary of Idioms</i> <i>Dictionary of Linguistics and Phonetics</i> <i>Penguin Rhyming Dictionary</i>

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Law</u></p> <p><i>Collins Dictionary of Law</i>  <i>Great American Court Cases</i>  <i>World of Criminal Justice</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Literature</u></p> <p><i>Chambers Dictionary of Literary Characters</i>  <i>Continuum Encyclopedia of American Literature</i>  <i>Greenwood Encyclopedia of Latino Literature</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Health and Medicine</u></p> <p><i>Black's Medical Dictionary</i>  <i>Encyclopedia of Women's Health</i>  <i>Mosby's Dictionary of Medicine, Nursing, &amp; Health Professions</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Music</u></p> <p><i>Continuum Encyclopedia of Popular Music of the World</i>  <i>Harvard Biographical Dictionary of Music</i>  <i>New Penguin Dictionary of Music</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Philosophy</u></p> <p><i>Cambridge Dictionary of Philosophy</i>  <i>Encyclopedia of Ethics</i>  <i>Great Thinkers A-Z</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Psychology</u></p> <p><i>Cambridge Handbook of Psychology, Health and Medicine</i>  <i>Encyclopedia of Applied Psychology</i>  <i>Key Thinkers in Psychology</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Religion</u></p> <p><i>The Holy Bible</i>  <i>The Qur'an</i>  <i>Dictionary of Hindu Lore and Legend</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Science</u></p> <p><i>Atlas of the Universe</i>  <i>Illustrated Dictionary of Science</i>  <i>Human Evolution: A Guide to the Debates</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Political Science and Sociology</u></p> <p><i>Cambridge Dictionary of Sociology</i>  <i>Handbook of Environmental Sociology</i>  <i>Key Concepts in Critical Social Theory</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Political Science and Sociology (cont'd)</u></p> <p><i>Encyclopedia of Nationalism</i>  <i>Key Concepts in Political Communication</i>  <i>World of Sociology</i></p>

The titles listed above are just the tip of the iceberg. Take a minute to explore **Credo Reference** and see what it has to offer.