

Research Database Tips

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History and Biography Sources

People make history and are influenced by historical events. Since history and biography are so closely intertwined, it makes sense to cover databases for information about both at the same time.

Encyclopedia Britannica Online

The *Encyclopedia Britannica Online* is much more than an online encyclopedia. It provides solid overview articles about both people and historical events and links to related articles, images, videos, e-books, primary source documents, magazine and journal articles, and web links examined for accuracy. It is a good place for a student with a limited knowledge of history to begin a search.

Credo Reference

Credo Reference is an online source for the full text of many reference books on a variety of subjects. It contains the full text of a minimum of 64 historical reference books and at least 45 biographical encyclopedias and dictionaries. Some sample titles are *Chambers Dictionary of World History*, *Companion to British History*, *Concise Atlas of World History*, *Encyclopedia of the Renaissance*, *Encyclopedia of World History*, *Guide to the Ancient World*, *Great Lives: a Century in Obituaries*, *Who Was Who Series*, and many more.

Gale Biography in Context

Gale Biography in Context provides full-text articles from the Gale family of reference books (*Encyclopedia of World Biography*, *World Eras*, *Historic World Leaders*, etc.), images, newspaper articles, magazine articles, journal articles, and approved websites. It also provides audio and video clips if available. It is user friendly and provides multiple types of information in one place.

Gale U. S. History in Context

Gale U. S. History in Context covers people, events, and time periods in American history. Much of the biographical content is duplicated in *Gale Biography in Context*. Each search provides full-text articles from the Gale family of reference books (*Dictionary of American History*, *American Decades*, *West's Encyclopedia of American Law*, etc.), images, primary source documents, journal articles, and newspaper articles. Legal case overviews, audio clips, videos and approved web links are also provided if available.

Gale World History in Context

Gale World History in Context covers people, events, and time periods in world history from the earliest times until the very recent past. All areas of the world are included. Much of the biographical content is duplicated in *Gale Biography in Context*. Each search provides full-text articles from the Gale family of reference books (*Gale Encyclopedia of World History*, *World Eras*, *Encyclopedia of Clothing and Fashion*, etc.), images, primary source documents, newspaper articles, and journal articles. Audio clips, videos, and approved web links are also sometimes included if available.

History Study Center

History Study Center is a *Proquest* database. It covers both American and world history from the earliest times until the present. All areas of the world are included. It has organized much of its content into over 500 study units covering widely studied historical topics. One can search *History Study Center* across all content or limit the search to study units, historical documents, multimedia, or journals. A typical study unit includes the following type of information: reference, biography, historiography, maps, primary sources, images, video clips if available, web links, and journal articles. Full-text information comes from a wide variety of respected reference books such as *The Helicon Encyclopedia of World History*, *Encyclopedia of North American History*, *New Penguin Dictionary of Modern History*, *Chadwyck-Healey Atlas of World History*, *Companion to Historiography*, *Encyclopedia of the Middle Ages*, etc. Many of the historical documents are period newspaper articles from the *Proquest Historical Newspapers* database. Journal articles are specifically chosen for relevance by historians from *Proquest Central*.