

Research Database Tips

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Sources for Video, Audio, and Interactive Media

Films on Demand (our newest database) – provides video in the following areas: Humanities and Social Sciences, Business and Economics, Science and Mathematics, Health and Medicine, Technical Education, Family and Consumer Science, Careers and Job Search, Guidance and Counseling, and Archival Film Footage and Newsreels.

Although our other databases primarily index and provide access to print resources, many are beginning to provide links to interesting video, audio, and interactive resources as well.

Gale's In Context series of databases is a good example of this trend. Wor-Wic subscribes to seven databases in this series: **Opposing Viewpoints**, **Biography**, **Science**, **Student Resources**, **U. S. History**, **World History**, and **Global Issues**. Video footage is available from such sources as [NBS Nightly News](#), [World Focus](#), [Bill Moyers' Journal](#), [PBS News Hour](#), [AP Video Archive](#), [Thought Equity Motion Collections](#), [NASA](#), [AFP News](#), [PBS Nature](#), and others. There are also audio clips from various [National Public Radio](#) offerings. Links to websites with additional multimedia options are routinely provided.

The **Encyclopedia Britannica Online** provides a link to video, images, and websites to the left of each article if available. Many of the videos are from a classic collection of *Encyclopedia Britannica Films*.

Access Science is the *McGraw-Hill Science Encyclopedia* in online form with many extras. It has links to some videos and many excellent animations explaining scientific principles.

History Study Center has the option to search in multimedia. It links primarily to images and web links, but includes a few archival videos as well.

SIRS Issues Researcher sometimes includes a video option in the upper right corner of a search result. There is not a video for every targeted subject. It is, however, an excellent place to look for images to include in papers or PowerPoint presentations.

Literature Online includes nearly 900 video clips of poets reading their own and other poet's work. It also includes unabridged audio recordings of 38 plays by William Shakespeare.