

Lives & Perspectives Collection

Add-on module to Gale's acclaimed *Biography Resource Center*

Helping students think critically about notable people

Students are researching notable people like never before. School curricula is driving a demand for more than the status quo of biographical reference — listings of facts and accomplishments. Assignments that involve role playing; essays that demonstrate critical thinking; and presentations that seek to synthesize multi-disciplinary perspectives require a student to know the inner workings of a notable person's personality as well as the societal forces shaping his or her life.

The *Lives & Perspectives Collection* add-on module to *Biography Resource Center* from Gale addresses this trend in biographical research by offering unique biographical viewpoints and definitive scholarly overviews of the lives of some of the most notable and influential figures in history, world culture, science, religion, health, government and more — people like:

Joseph Stalin — “An exceptional episode in Stalin's attitude to Jewish nationhood was his resolute and energetic support in 1947–48 for the establishment of a Jewish state in Palestine, a policy clearly directed against Britain's position in the Middle East and largely reversed during the explicitly antisemitic (and “anti-Zionist”) stance of his last years (1948–53) which coincided with the Cold War.”

— Excerpt from essay by Shimon Redlich, included in *Lives & Perspectives Collection*. Source: *Encyclopaedia Judaica*. Macmillan Reference USA, 2007.

Mary Shelley — “Her consistent philosophical position, expressed in science fictions, historical romances, travel books, and essays, was staunchly democratic, based on her belief that while genius must be encouraged, when the discoveries of genius impinge on others, there must be responsibility to the wider community. Frankenstein's murderous monster represents the escape of untempered genius into the world.”

— Excerpt from essay by Eric S. Rabkin, included in *Lives & Perspectives Collection*. Source: *Encyclopedia of Science, Technology, and Ethics*. Macmillan Reference USA, 2005.

Saint Augustine of Hippo — “His most impressive venture was an analysis of music.

In the sixth book of *De musica* (389), he traces the crucial role of proportions or *numbers*, starting with the physical sounds and moving inward to hearing, memory, speech, the spontaneous judgments that arouse delight at these proportions, and finally to the intelligible principles by which such judgments are made. His approach foreshadows modern interests in acoustics, the psychological effects of music, and the importance of music to the human spirit.”

— Excerpt from essay by Eugene Teselle, included in *Lives & Perspectives Collection*. Source: *Encyclopedia of Science, Technology, and Ethics*. Macmillan Reference USA, 2005.

This module includes nearly 160,000 concise and in-depth biographies drawn from reference sources such as *American Men & Women of Science* as well as nearly 40 titles recently published under the highly respected Macmillan Reference USA, Charles Scribner's Sons and Gale imprints, including the Dartmouth Medal award-winning *Encyclopaedia Judaica*, *Governments of the World*, *Encyclopedia of African-American Culture and History*, and many others.

Joseph Stalin



Mary Shelley



Saint Augustine of Hippo

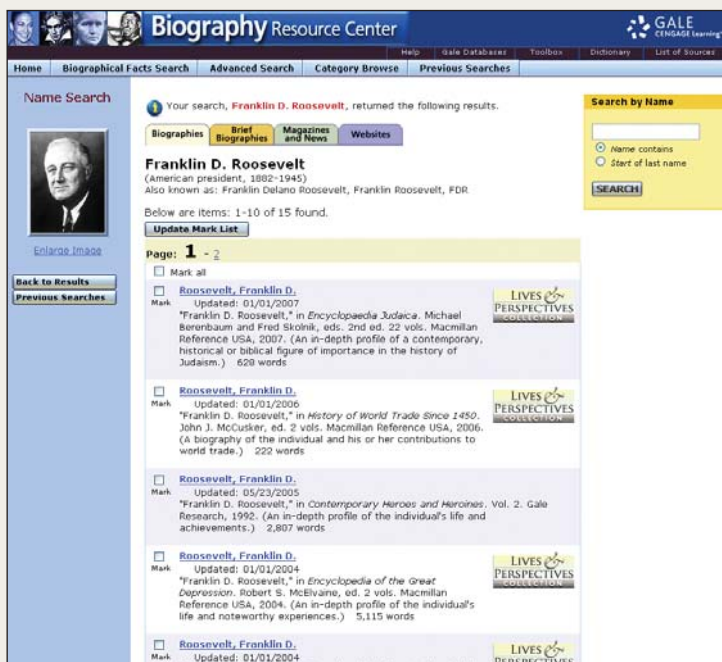


▲ The main search page offers a variety of options, including a quick name search

The *Lives & Perspectives Collection* is fully integrated with *Biography Resource Center* for seamless searching. It increases the number of profiles in *Biography Resource Center* by more than 35 percent, helping to ensure an even greater level of search success.

Lives & Perspectives Collection's biographies help students think critically

- **Locating credible, relevant information:** The in-depth biographies are signed, scholarly profiles written and reviewed by experts
- **Evaluating sources of information:** Entries are drawn from premier reference sources. Students can discern the difference between credible information sources and results on the open web — an important information literacy skill.
- **Comprehending information:** Biographies are written for high school and more advanced middle school readers
- **Analyzing information:** The module includes multiple viewpoints, great for comparative analysis of and special insight into the lives of notable individuals
- **Synthesizing and applying information:** Four lesson plans have been developed for the *Lives & Perspectives Collection* that will help teachers guide students through this competency. See <http://www.galeschools.com>.



▲ Sample results screen for the *Biography Resource Center* with *Lives & Perspectives Collection*: four of the top five sources can be found in the *Lives & Perspectives Collection*. Results typically include full name, birth/death dates and occupation.

Biography Resource Center

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Gale's *Biography Resource Center* is a single stop for biographies on notable figures in literature, science, history, government, business, art, gender and multicultural studies, religion, entertainment, popular culture, sports, and much more. This acclaimed database includes more than 440,000 authoritative biographies on more than 340,000 individuals from around the world and throughout history, including:

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