

## Biography Resource Center

Everything you need on anyone who matters

*"There is no question that this is an amazing resource."*

— Reference Books Bulletin/Booklist

**NEW INTERFACE** Behind every discipline, from science to history to literature, there are people whose stories help students put the lessons into perspective. Get the facts on everyone noteworthy — dead or alive, from today's headlines or the distant past — in *Biography Resource Center* from Gale®. They're all here: more than 435,000 biographies representing notables from all walks of life, all around the world ... the men and women your students think about, write about, want to learn more about.

The screenshot shows the Biography Resource Center website interface. At the top, there are navigation links: Home, Biographical Facts Search, Advanced Search, and Category Browse. Below these are three main sections:

- Category Browse:** A list of categories including Athletes, Current World Leaders, Hispanic Americans, Scientists, and World Explorers, with a "more..." link.
- Biographical Facts Search:** A search section with options for "Search based on:" including Occupation, Nationality, Ethnicity, Birth/Death Year, Birth/Death Place, and Gender.
- Advanced Search:** A search section with options for "Search by:" including Full Text, Keyword, Source, and Magazine Date.

On the right side, there is a "Search by Name" section with a search input field and a "SEARCH" button. Below that is a "Spotlight On..." section featuring a photo of Woody Guthrie and a short biography: "American singer and songwriter Woody Guthrie was born on July 14, 1912. He composed the folk song 'This Land Is Your Land,' an unofficial national anthem. Guthrie's writings and musical compositions preserved America's hard times, especially those between the two world wars, and inspired a new generation of folksingers. Guthrie died on October 3, 1967." A link "Spotlight On... Archive" is provided below the bio.

At the bottom of the screenshot, there are additional navigation links: Home, Help, Search Tips, Gale Databases, Dictionary, Research Guide, List of Sources, Contact Gale, Comments, and Advanced Search. The Gale logo and "Copyright and Terms of Use" link are also visible.

▲ Hundreds of thousands of individuals — from the most-studied to the more obscure

## A powerful search engine and new interface

*Biography Resource Center* allows users to perform a variety of searches quickly, making accessing profiles easy. In addition, a range of new features - including an updated search interface - make the database even easier to use.

### New features include:

- A freshened, more contemporary interface
- Category Browse, with biographical profiles in more than 15 categories (and growing), including athletes, world leaders, multicultural groups and more
- Results lists that display and order full-length biographies by date last updated
- Word counts following citations for individual full-length biographies on results list
- Renamed reference content tabs for improved clarity and navigation
- More direct access to open Web addresses from the vetted Web sites tab

## Trustworthy!

Web surfing, with its random and often inaccurate content, can undermine a student's research efforts. By combining more than 135 of the most frequently consulted Gale biographical sources with nearly 300 full-text periodicals, *Biography Resource Center* delivers reliable, in-depth, full-text answers to a wide range of questions.

With its rich source of reliable material, *Biography Resource Center* is ideal for developing and enhancing the critical thinking skills so vital to today's curriculum.

## Comprehensive coverage

- More than 435,000 biographies — add the optional *Marquis Who's Who*, and the biographies total more than 1.5 million!
- Biographies in both in-depth and brief form
- Full-text magazine articles
- Recent updates
- More than 27,000 images
- Nearly 19,000 vetted Web sites
- Research guide — helpful instructions that lead users to the most effective results
- “Spotlight On” archive — link from the home page to an archive of content on noteworthy people from past or present

## What will students find?

- **Name Search** – a fast, easy way to get the most results
- **Biographical Facts Search** – narrow your results by occupation, nationality, ethnicity, birth/death dates and places and more
- **Advanced Search** – by keyword, full text, source or magazine date
- **NEW! Category Browse** - Enables quick access to biographies and other resources for notable individuals in a variety of categories
- Merriam-Webster's® Collegiate Dictionary for fast look-ups
- And more

## Especially for educators

An *InfoMark* icon on your results page means you can bookmark the page for future reference, copy it into an e-mail message or embed it into a Web page. Because you can bookmark at the “search” level, a particular search can be updated daily — ideal for researching current events. *InfoMarks* are also useful for creating reading lists, course reserves, links to periodical or newspaper sources, lesson plans and much more.

## Try it free

*Biography Resource Center* is available for a free trial.

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