



Biography Resource Center

“There is no question that this is an amazing resource.”

— Reference Books Bulletin/Booklist
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FINDING INFORMATION ON PEOPLE HAS NEVER BEEN EASIER

Biography Resource Center is a comprehensive biographical reference database that meets the needs of public, school and academic library users in the areas of literature, science, multicultural studies, business, entertainment, politics, sports, government, history, current events and the arts. By combining more than 100 of the most frequently consulted Gale® biographical sources with more than 250 full-text periodicals, the *Biography Resource Center* delivers in-depth, full-text answers to a wide range of questions.

This expansive reference integrates more than 1.4 million biographies from numerous sources including: *Contemporary Authors*®; *Contemporary Black Biography*; *Contemporary Musicians*; *Contemporary Theatre, Film & Television*; *Dictionary of American Biography*; *Encyclopedia of World Biography*; *Notable Black American*

Women; *Notable Scientists*; *Scribner's Encyclopedia of American Lives*; and *Who's Who Among African Americans* as well as the *Marquis Who's Who*® add-on module. Users can learn about the lives and accomplishments of past and present noteworthy figures for their own interest, to complete a research project, or as a starting point for in-depth research on a particular event, country or era — all within one, easy-to-navigate product.

The *Biography Resource Center* provides full-text coverage of the sources most often cited as key to biographical reference collections. Students and other library patrons will appreciate the following features when conducting their research:

- Narrative biographies — extensive biographical profiles collected from databases such as the *Encyclopedia of World Biography*
- Thumbnail biographies — one or more brief biographies containing key facts
- Full-text magazine articles from publications such as Time, Newsweek and U.S. News and World Report that amplify and update the narrative biographies and thumbnail biographies, and also provide information on individuals not yet profiled in the *Biography Resource Center*



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



▲ Results typically include full name, birth/death dates and occupation



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- Recent Updates — brief updates on individuals in the news
- Links to Web sites that amplify an individual's life and works
- Research Guide — helpful instructions that lead users to the most effective results
- "Spotlight On . . ." — individuals currently in the news are profiled on the home page with links to related biographies, periodical articles and Web sites within the database

DEPENDABLE SEARCH RESULTS

The following search paths ensure thorough, dependable search results every time:

- Name Search — search by personal name and retrieve full-text Gale narrative biographies, thumbnail biographies, full-text magazine articles about the individual and, as available, full-text articles by the person. Also retrieve links to Web sites and library holdings about the individual's life and works
- Biographical Facts Search — search by birth/death years and places, nationality, ethnicity, occupation, gender and, a new feature, limit your search results to biographies with photos/portraits. Receive a list of individuals meeting the search criteria and then retrieve full-text narrative biographies, thumbnail biographies and magazine material on the chosen person(s)

- Advanced Search — conduct a keyword or full-text search for a particular word or phrase. New to this release, limit your search to selected reference or magazine sources, or by magazine article date. Retrieve full-text biographies, thumbnail biographies and magazine articles

EASY-TO-USE INTERFACE

The *Biography Resource Center* search interface provides powerful capabilities for both novice and experienced searchers. Full Boolean search capabilities, as well as standard and custom search modes, deliver concise results each time. Help screens are context-sensitive, so users get the help they need no matter where they are in the search process. Researchers will also appreciate a convenient e-mail feature, allowing them to send *Biography Resource Center* results to any e-mail account.

REGULAR DATABASE UPDATES

New and updated reference material is added to the product twice a month. New and updated periodical content is added daily. Web sites are verified/modified, and death dates, major awards, major literary works, major newsworthy events or career-related events are added to essays when applicable.



▲ Recent Updates detail new information on biographees



▲ Patrons can specify the type of information they would like to retrieve by clicking tabs on the results screen