

DISCovering Authors® Modules



Custom-written biographies and varied critical essays on most-studied authors and works

DISCovering Authors Modules is an award-winning reference that focuses on the lives and works of 1,260 of the most-commonly studied writers of all time. With its custom-written biographies and critical essays that represent a variety of interpretations, DISCovering Authors is all most users will need to better understand their favorite literature.

DISCovering Authors is curriculum-based and designed to meet the standards of high-school and undergraduate college curriculums. All aspects of the data, from author selection to qualifying review journals, have been reviewed by an independent advisory board of curriculum specialists to ensure that language, scope and topical coverage support classroom assignments and lesson planning.

DISCovering Authors Modules on CD-ROM is made up of six databases that are offered individually or in custom combination. DISCovering Authors on GaleNet® offers users two options: the entire database (1,260 author profiles) or the Most-Studied Authors module (392 authors).

Applications

The applications for DISCovering Authors are as diverse as its coverage:

- Readers will use this database to enrich their appreciation of favorite authors and works. DISCovering Authors is especially useful in meeting the classroom and homework needs of high school and undergraduate students
- Educators will find an abundance of ideas for lesson plans. DISCovering Authors is designed to support curriculum integration, team teaching and the use of technology in the classroom
- School and other network administrators will find the common interface, support of national and local standards and authority offered by Gale reassuring when considering the DISCovering Program for wide-area applications. DISCovering Authors on GaleNet offers 24-hour remote access from any web-capable computer

Benefits

Filled with the information and analysis most commonly required, DISCovering Authors provides these student-friendly benefits:

- Wide range of research results — biography, essay, primary document, etc. — offer users a single source for answers to most inquiries
- Fast access and navigation of content
- Consistent interface with other Gale DISCovering Program titles — users completing assignments in multiple subjects don't need to learn new skills to research different subjects
- Complex search strategies are easily implemented — offering results that would be impossible using a comparable print product

Coverage

The CD-ROM database consists of the following modules:

- DISCovering® Most-Studies Authors (392 authors)
- DISCovering® Multicultural Authors (298 authors)
- DISCovering® Dramatists (195 authors)
- DISCovering® Novelists (342 authors)
- DISCovering® Poets (316 authors)
- DISCovering® Popular Fiction and Genre Authors (302 authors)

What you'll find

- Personal data — fielded information that allows comparative studies on nationalities, genre, birth/death dates, interests, education, place of birth and more
- Critical essays — a variety of critical responses to the author's works. Criticisms are full-text or substantial excerpts and represent both historic and contemporary viewpoints
- Search options — allows researchers to sort data by author name, title, subject, character, user-defined words or phrases and more
- Interactive timeline — search literary events by year, decade, century or word or phrase from 1010 B.C. to 1995
- Photographs and portraits — 755 printable author images are hyperlinked to biographies
- Research topics — each profile includes three suggestions for papers and other research projects
- Dictionary/glossary — the complete Merriam-Webster Collegiate® Dictionary, 10th Ed. as well as a selected glossary of literary terms is included

Purchase or subscribe to *DIScovering Authors* in the combination that best meets the needs of your library

The joy of discovery

Each title in The Gale DIScovering Program operates independently but offers a common interface — easily learned and applied across databases. Designed to offer users a multidisciplinary understanding of a particular curriculum-related topic, the databases incorporate numerous cross-references to people, places, ideas that add to a deeper understanding of literature, science, history, social studies and multicultural studies.

Databases in The Gale DIScovering Program include: *EXPLORING Novels*, *EXPLORING Short Stories*, *EXPLORING Shakespeare*, *EXPLORING Poetry*, *DIScovering® Authors Modules*, *DIScovering® Nations, States and Cultures*, *DIScovering® Biography*, *DIScovering® Science*, *DIScovering® U.S. History*, *DIScovering® World History*, *DIScovering® Multicultural America*

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On the Internet:

Like the CD-ROM, users can search by author, name, genre, nationality, ethnicity, title, subject term, character, gender, personal data or words or phrases. Subscription choices include complete coverage (1,260 authors) or the *Most-Studied Authors* module (392 authors). Leasing data with access via the Internet involves less maintenance, less infrastructure and allows you to more easily adapt your collection to changing curricular or budgetary demands. Runs on any Internet-capable computer.

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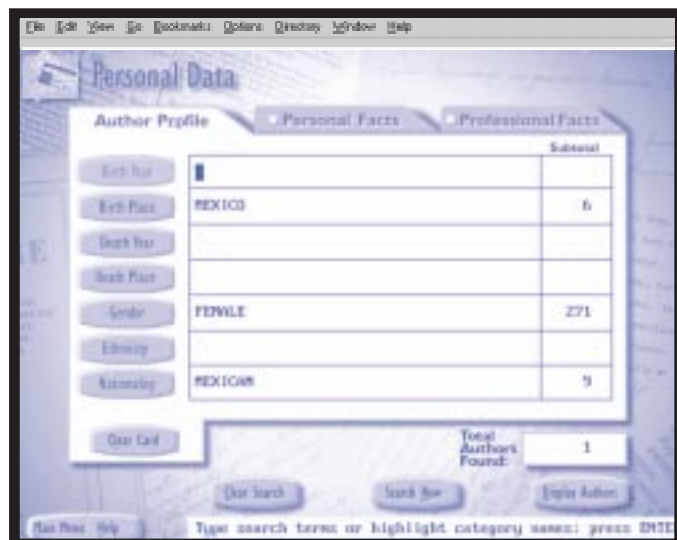
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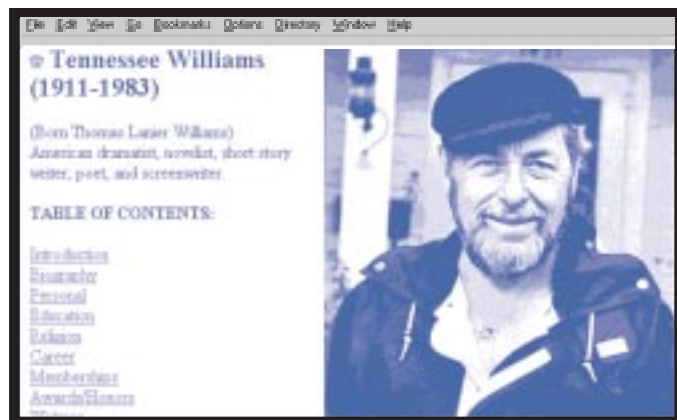
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▲ Fielded information allows comparative studies on nationalities, genre, birth/death dates, education and more



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