



I N F O T R A C

The Gale DISCovering® Program



Making your library the most important resource in the school and community

Give students and patrons the tools they need to complete homework assignments and research projects. Give them The Gale DISCovering® Program. These revolutionary, easy-to-use databases were designed and created to support national standards in core curriculum subjects. Each title is filled with the information and analysis students need to answer the questions most commonly asked in subject areas such as science, history, geography and literature. Available online and in network-ready CD-ROM format, The Gale DISCovering Program includes two types of titles. *DISCovering* databases cover the most popular subjects in high school and college and *EXPLORING* databases provide more in-depth information on particular areas of study. Information is presented in a variety of ways including essays, timelines, glossaries, photographs, statistics and multimedia elements.

The Gale DISCovering Program will enhance a variety of projects

The Gale DISCovering Program assists librarians, teachers, students and patrons in many ways:

- Teachers and librarians can use it as the foundation of a classroom learning unit or a high-interest addition to an established library collection in a particular subject area
- Educators will find an abundance of ideas for lesson plans. The Gale DISCovering Program is designed to support curriculum integration, team teaching and the use of technology in the classroom
- Students will use The Gale DISCovering Program products to meet their homework and research needs
- General researchers will have access to solutions for their information needs in the individual subject areas
- Multimedia features create an exciting new way to learn

DISCovering® Science (CD-ROM/Web)
DISCovering® Biography (CD-ROM/Web)
DISCovering® Multicultural America (CD-ROM/Web)
DISCovering® U.S. History (CD-ROM/Web)
DISCovering® World History (CD-ROM/Web)
DISCovering® Nations, States, & Cultures
(CD-ROM only)
DISCovering Authors® 3.0 (CD-ROM only)
EXPLORING Novels (CD-ROM only)
EXPLORING Poetry (CD-ROM/Web)
EXPLORING Short Stories (CD-ROM only)
EXPLORING Shakespeare (CD-ROM/Web)

Standard Search Features

Each title incorporates intuitive commands, powerful search mechanisms and hyperlinks that support classroom instruction.

Easy-to-Use Interface

Each title in The Gale DISCovering Program operates independently but offers a common interface — easily learned and applied across databases.

On CD-ROM: Requires the Windows™* operating system.

Via the Internet: Runs on any Internet-capable computer; presents no hardware/storage issues; features the consistent interface familiar to other GaleNet users; and allows use by remote users.

Availability

The Gale DISCovering Program is available on CD-ROM and via subscription through the Gale Group's online reference service, InfoTrac Web. To further explore The Gale DISCovering Program, go to www.galegroup.com. For additional product or pricing information or for a free trial, call your Gale Group Representative at 1-800-877-GALE.

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DISCovering Authors® 3.0

The new release of *DISCovering Authors* offers biographical and critical information on more than 600 of the most-studied and most popular authors of all time. Featuring biographies updated through 1999; new literary eras, settings and movements features; more recent criticism; and a timeline of literary and world events through 1999, the entire database is available to all users, without having to purchase and unlock separate modules. You'll have immediate access to:

- 600 most-studied authors
- More than 300 plot summaries on the most-studied works or literature at the high-school level
- More than 500 author portraits
- Study questions for all authors
- Complete citations in every essay
- Literary glossary
- Built-in *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*, 10th Edition
- And much more

Users can easily sort the database as broadly or narrowly as they like: author, title, full text or combinations of fielded information searches are available as well as the ability to sort by subject/theme, gender, nationality, ethnicity, genre, birth/death date and birth/death place. You can also now easily explore literary eras, settings and movements using a new utility.

Platform Availability:
CD-ROM



DISCovering® U.S. History

DISCovering U.S. History stresses connections between people and the nation-shaping events in which they participated through 15,000 essays, biographies, event descriptions and primary source documents from 5000 B.C. to 1996.

In *DISCovering U.S. History*, users will find comprehensive and engaging essays devoted to such diverse topics as:

- Government and politics
- Art, dance, film and music
- Business and the economy
- Science and technology
- Social history

Source/subject coverage

This database includes:

- More than 2,000 in-depth, engaging essays describing events, movements, inventions and more
- A navigable timeline that links brief descriptions of events to more detailed entries
- 374 photographs
- 1,579 extensive biographies of notable people
- Color illustrations of the people, times, places and events
- A biographical dictionary

Platform Availability:
CD-ROM/WEB



DISCovering® World History

This database leads students and researchers to a critical understanding of the past by helping them explore the interplay between key persons, places and events.

Students and researchers will find comprehensive and engaging essays on:

- Government and politics
- Art, dance, film and music
- Business and the economy
- Science and technology
- Social history

Source/subject coverage

DISCovering World History includes:

- Overviews of 60 historical eras
- More than 1,800 essays on political, cultural and historical events
- Biographies of 1,700 individuals
- Text of 100 primary documents
- 300 photographs and maps
- Navigable timeline with access to 20,000 screens

Platform Availability:
CD-ROM/WEB



DISCovering® Nations, States, & Cultures

The face of the world is constantly changing, and it's a struggle for anyone to understand cultural diversity, particularly in lands that seem strange or remote. Make the challenge less formidable with *DISCovering Nations, States, & Cultures*.

Source/subject coverage

This database is an excellent tool for teachers and researchers who need information on contemporary world nations and cultures. It combines geographical, factual and statistical information and features:

- 200 nations of the world
- 50 U.S. states (plus Washington, D.C. and U.S. dependencies)
- 12 Canadian provinces and territories
- Nearly 500 cultural groups
- More than 30 primary documents
- Approximately 500 images
- More than 400 world, regional and national maps
- Glossary

Platform Availability:
CD-ROM/WEB



EXPLORING Poetry

Understanding the meaning and nuances of a poem can be a daunting task for many students. *EXPLORING Poetry* will put confused students at ease with easy-to-understand explanations of 275 of the best-loved and most-often studied poems of all time.

Source/subject coverage

The database includes:

- A line-by-line explication of each poem
- Selected poem recitals and interviews with poets
- Biographical sketches and portraits
- A timeline highlighting world and literary events
- An encyclopedia of literary terms, movements and forms
- An in-depth full-text dictionary
- An essay on each poem's background

Platform Availability:
CD-ROM/WEB



EXPLORING Short Stories

Using the *EXPLORING Short Stories* database, students will uncover the themes, characters and literary nuances of 100 classic, contemporary and multi-cultural short stories most-studied in secondary and undergraduate classrooms.

Source/subject coverage

Here are just a few of the features users will find:

- Overview essays on plot, themes, style and historical context
- 450 original and reprinted critical essays
- Author portraits
- 450 character descriptions
- Recorded readings from more than 30 stories
- 15 minutes of video
- A timeline of world and literary events
- A glossary of literary items

Platform Availability:
CD-ROM



EXPLORING Shakespeare

EXPLORING Shakespeare helps students gain an understanding of William Shakespeare's four most frequently taught plays: "Hamlet," "Julius Caesar," "Macbeth" and "Romeo and Juliet."

Source/subject coverage

The database contains:

- Overview essays synthesizing the play's significance
- Plot synopses by act, including explications of key scenes
- Essays on main characters and themes
- Full text from *The Arden Shakespeare*
- A timeline
- Essays on the Elizabethan period and Globe Theatre
- Specially commissioned audio recordings
- Photographs and illustrations

Platform Availability:
CD-ROM/WEB

Reviews

DISCovering® Nations, States, and Cultures:

"Deserves much praise. An excellent example of Gale's extraordinary reference assets. Complemented by very well designed software and has intuitive navigational, browsing, searching and output features. The depth of coverage is impressive. The articles are comprehensive, very well-written, up to date and don't limit themselves to dry scholarly information."

— Computers in Libraries (January 1999)

DISCovering series:

"The *EXPLORING* and *DISCovering* series cover all content areas attractively and with an impressive variety of search features. Strong curricular relevance. Attractive, intuitive interface. Powerful search features within each database."

— MultiMedia Schools (September/October 1998)

DISCovering® Biography:

"Overall rating: ☆☆☆☆. The great depth of this database would make it a valuable addition to any collection. The program is quick and simple to use for experienced and inexperienced users, and the concise entries contain information that is very informative and often surprising. Highly recommended."

— MultiMedia Schools (March/April 1998)



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DISCovering® Multicultural America

The *DISCovering Multicultural America* database takes researchers on a multimedia journey that examines the people, places, facts and figures covering America's four most-studied ethnic groups: African Americans, Asian Americans, Hispanic Americans and Native North Americans.

Search options allow users to conduct broad-based, comparative research by ethnic group or groups, subjects, places or data ranges.

Source/subject coverage

Researchers will discover:

- 2,000 biographical profiles
- 5,000 contact organizations
- 200 statistical charts, graphs and tables
- 500 full-text periodical articles from 25 ethnic publications
- 3,100 ethnic timeline entries dating back to 30,000 B.C.
- More than 40 minutes of audio and 12 minutes of video
- 1,500 photographs and images
- 22,000 hyperlinks

Platform Availability:
CD-ROM/WEB



DISCovering® Biography

When students and researchers tap into this vast database, they'll quickly find out that knowing someone's name is probably the least important part of their research. With *DISCovering Biography*, they'll use topics, keywords, places, nationality, time periods or names to explore all areas of the curriculum.

Each detailed biography covers the life, career and achievements of the individual.

Source/subject coverage

Here's what users can do with *DISCovering Biography*:

- Compare the life, career and achievements of 2,000 individuals
- Find references to individuals who influenced the biographee
- Print any of hundreds of portraits
- Use *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate® Dictionary*, 10th edition to define terms
- Use a timeline to locate biographies
- Search on name, nickname, pseudonym or any number of fields of personal data (nationality, ethnicity, gender, etc.)

Platform Availability:
CD-ROM/WEB



EXPLORING Novels

Through character studies, thematic essays, brief biographies and multimedia, this new database helps students discern the historic and cultural context of 60 novels that are most-studied in high school and undergraduate courses.

Source/subject coverage

For each novel, users will find:

- An overview essay on its background, context and language
- Three to seven critical essays
- A plot summary
- An excerpt from the novel
- An analysis of the novel's stylistic construction
- Character sketches
- A discussion of the novel's important themes
- A brief author biography

Here's what is included overall:

- 174 photos and illustrations
- 45 minutes of audio and 15 minutes of video clips
- Timeline
- Study questions
- List of media adaptations
- Full-text dictionary
- Encyclopedia of literary terms, movements and form

Platform Availability:
CD-ROM



DISCovering® Science

With more than 13,500 entries, *DISCovering Science* offers a broad look at the history, people, inventions, discoveries, theories, life forms and objects that make up the world of science.

Source/subject coverage

Can be used by researchers or students looking for information on:

- Physical and applied sciences
- Medicine
- Technology
- Information sciences
- Mathematics
- And many others

Includes:

- 2,500 essays on scientific theories and discoveries
- 1,000 periodical article abstracts
- More than 1,000 biographies
- 1,131 glossary terms
- 275 frequently asked questions on scientific subjects and their answers
- A hyperlinked timeline
- Multimedia features, including video and audio clips and animation
- 2,000 photographs and 475 color and black-and-white line drawings

Platform Availability:
CD-ROM/WEB