



Encyclopedia of World Biography on CD-ROM

Authoritative biographical profiles of 7,200 notable people

In a recent Library of Congress survey, respondents reported that, in the six months prior to the study, they had read more biographies than any other type of book. The *Encyclopedia of World Biography* on CD-ROM targets the interests of the many readers who want to know more about people who shaped the world in which we live. From the most-celebrated heroes to lesser-known achievers, the *Encyclopedia* covers 7,200 remarkable lives that are as fascinating as they are relevant to secondary school and college curricula.

The *Encyclopedia of World Biography* includes significant coverage of women, multicultural and international figures. All entries are updated and highlight newly discovered facts about the most-studied and intriguing personalities in the world. These are just a few names you'll find:

- Madeleine Albright
- Tom Clancy
- Johnnie Cochran
- Princess Diana
- Betty Shabazz
- Mother Theresa

Applications

Educators will find ideas and information for lesson plans in this valuable resource, which is designed to support curriculum integration, team teaching and the use of technology in the classroom. Students, faculty, media specialists and other researchers will find many uses for this valuable, easy-to-use resource, including:

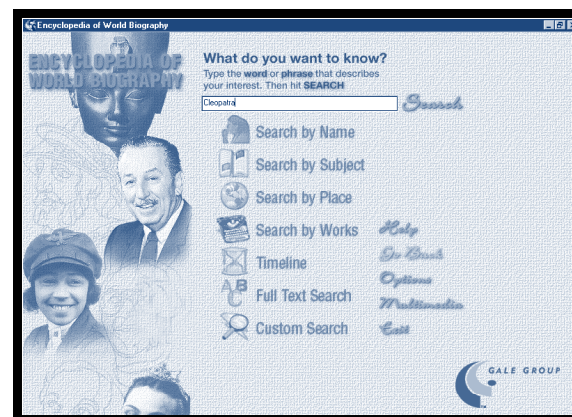
- Developing ideas and content for classroom and homework assignments, research papers and special projects
- Establishing or augmenting a history library
- Teaching students to locate, sort and utilize information to create their own work
- And much more

"The number of biographies and their diversity are unmatched by products such as Marquis Who's Who and S&P's Register. Recommended for academic, public and school libraries."

—LIBRARY JOURNAL

Benefits

The *Encyclopedia of World Biography* is designed to work the way students and patrons conduct research. With the convenience and speed of an Internet search, thousands of informative entries are just a mouse click away. The database also features a student-friendly interface. It is searchable by keywords in full text, or when students are not sure of the specific name or topic they are looking for, they can also browse lists. A wide range of search results offers a single source of answers for most queries.



▲ The *Encyclopedia of World Biography* on CD-ROM provides multiple paths to the information you need



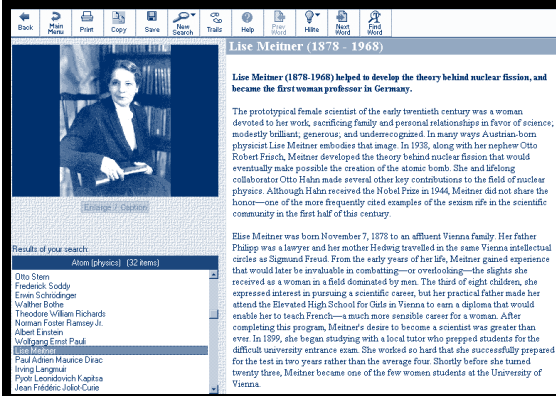
More features

The information-packed CD-ROM provides instant access to data on living and deceased individuals whose contributions are important to history and contemporary times. A single search can retrieve information quickly and easily. Featuring up-to-date entries from the 17-vol. *Encyclopedia of World Biography*, 2nd Ed. and the 1998 *Supplement*, The *Encyclopedia of World Biography* CD-ROM offers:

- In-depth biographical entries on people from all time periods and all walks of life, including history, literature, politics and government, religion, science, business, sports, art and entertainment, technology and more
- Portraits accompanying most entries
- A variety of search options, including custom search
- A timeline that allows users to hyperlink from timeline events to related biographies
- Printing and downloading options present on all screens and at various stages of research; print or download lists of results, full entries and more

Availability

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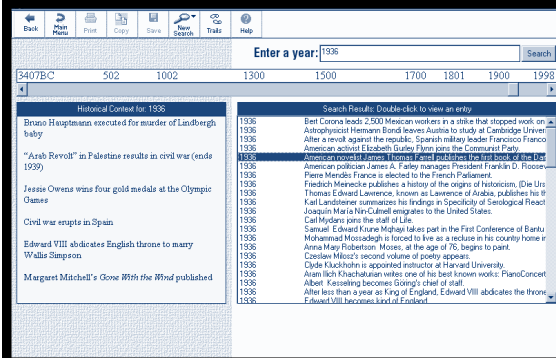
Lise Meitner (1878-1968)

Lise Meitner (1878-1968) helped to develop the theory behind nuclear fission, and became the first woman professor in Germany.

The prototypical female scientist of the early twentieth century was a woman devoted to her work, sacrificing family and personal relationships in favor of science; modestly brilliant, generous, and underrecognized. In many ways Austrian-born physicist Lise Meitner embodies that image. In 1938, along with her nephew Otto Robert Frisch, Meitner developed the theory behind nuclear fission that would eventually make possible the creation of the atomic bomb. She and lifelong collaborator Otto Hahn made several other key contributions to the field of nuclear physics. Although Hahn received the Nobel Prize in 1944, Meitner did not share the honor—one of the more frequently cited examples of the sexism in the scientific community in the first half of this century.

Lise Meitner was born November 7, 1878 to an affluent Vienna family. Her father Philipp was a lawyer and her mother Hedwig traveled in the same Vienna intellectual circles as Sigmund Freud. From the early years of her life, Meitner gained experience that would later be invaluable in combating—or overlooking—the slight she received as a woman in a field dominated by men. The third of eight children, she expressed interest in pursuing a scientific career, but her practical father made her attend the Elevated High School for Girls in Vienna to earn a diploma that would enable her to teach French—a much more sensible career for a woman. After completing this program, Meitner's desire to become a scientist was greater than ever. In 1899, she began studying with a local tutor who prepped students for the difficult university entrance exam. She would do so had she successfully prepped for the test in two years rather than the average four. Shortly before she turned twenty three, Meitner became one of the few women students at the University of Vienna.

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Historical Context for: 1936

Benito Mussolini executed for murder of Lindbergh baby

"Arab Revolt" in Palestine results in civil war (ends 1939)

Jesse Owens wins four gold medals at the Olympic Games

Civil war erupts in Spain

Edward VIII abdicates English throne to marry Wallis Simpson

Margaret Mitchell's *Gone With the Wind* published

Search Results: Double-click to view an entry

Benito Mussolini is executed for murder of Lindbergh baby

Algeria revolts against the republic. Spanish military leader Francisco Franco

American activist Elizabeth Durrant Hoar joins the Communist Party

American novelist Ernest Hemingway publishes *The Sun Also Rises*

French politician James A. Farley manages President Franklin D. Roosevelt

Pierre Mendès France is elected to the French Parliament

Friedrich Meves publishes a history of the origins of historicism, *Die Urs*

Thomas Edward Lawrence, known as Lawrence of Arabia, publishes his 9

Karl Landsteiner summarizes his findings in *Specificity of Serological React*

Joseph Maria von Carnéol emigrates to the United States

Carl Mydans joins the staff of Life

Samuel Edward Konrad Mphahlele takes part in the First Conference of Bantu

Mohammed Mossaddegh is forced to live as a refugee in his country home

Anna May Robertson Moses, at the age of 76, begins to paint

Carlisle Mearns's second volume of poetry appears

Dyke Kirkham is appointed instructor at Harvard University

Alan Rich Knatchbull writes one of his best-known works, *Piano Concert*

Albert Kesselring becomes Goebbels's chief of staff

After less than a year as King of England, Edward VIII abdicates the throne

Edward VIII becomes King of England

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