

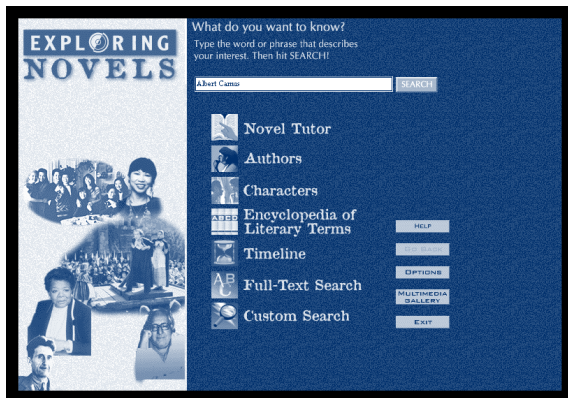


## EXPLORING Novels

### More meaningful active reading

Through character studies, thematic essays, brief biographies and multimedia, this new addition to The Gale DISCovering® Program helps users discern the historical and cultural context of 60 novels, while providing an understanding of the genre itself. *EXPLORING Novels* offers opportunities to explore interdisciplinary issues and encourages critical thinking. The unit themes and activities in the teacher's guide move students toward meaningful active reading. For each novel — ranging from Mark Twain's "Huckleberry Finn" to Amy Tan's "The Joy Luck Club" — users will find:

- An overview essay on background and context
- A plot summary
- An excerpt from the novel
- An analysis of stylistic construction
- Character sketches
- A discussion of important themes
- An historical context essay
- A brief author biography
- Critical excerpts from newspapers and journals



▲ A user-friendly interface makes simple and complex searches easy, offering flexibility to narrow and broaden results as needed

*"Will fill the gap between expectations and reality. A good bet for libraries and English departments supporting entry-level students in community colleges and lower-division literature programs."*

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### Exploring the most-studied novels

*EXPLORING Novels* was specifically developed to meet the needs of teachers and students. It is an outstanding tool for student research and self-tutoring, as well as for teachers' class preparation and new assignment ideas. Based on an extensive review of current high school curriculum lists, literature anthologies and advice from a panel of teachers and librarians, this resource presents a wealth of information on the most frequently taught novels in high school and undergraduate college classes, including:

- "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" by Lewis Carroll
- "Animal Farm" by George Orwell
- "The Awakening" by Kate Chopin
- "The Bell Jar" by Sylvia Plath
- "Black Boy" by Richard Wright
- "The Catcher in the Rye" by J.D. Salinger
- "Crime and Punishment" by Fyodor Dostoevsky
- "The House on Mango Street" by Sandra Cisneros
- "Invisible Man" by Ralph Ellison
- "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" by Ken Kesey
- "A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man" by James Joyce
- "A Tale of Two Cities" by Charles Dickens
- "Things Fall Apart" by Chinua Achebe

## Applications

Educators will find ideas and information for lesson plans in *EXPLORING Novels* on CD, 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:

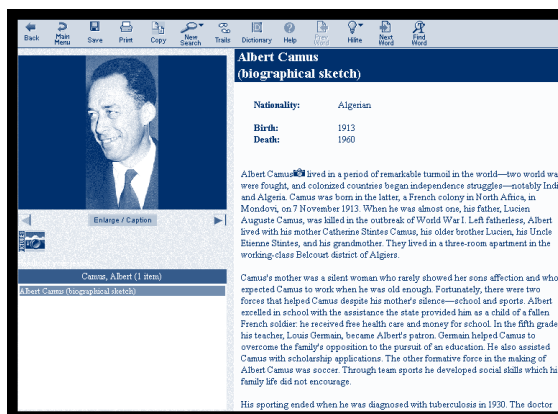
- Developing ideas and content for classroom and homework assignments, research papers and special projects
- Establishing or augmenting a history library
- Teaching students to locate, sort and utilize information to create their own work
- And much more

## Benefits

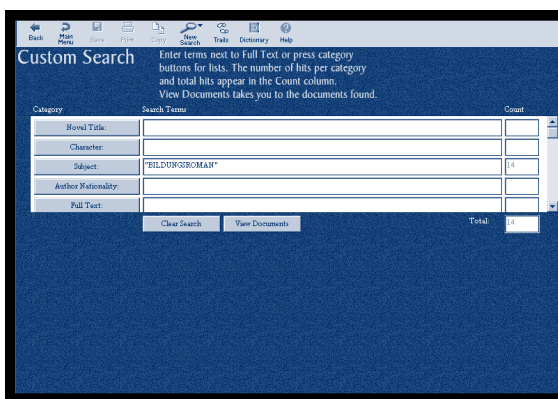
*EXPLORING Novels* is designed to work the way students conduct research. With the convenience and speed of an Internet search, thousands of informative entries are just a mouse click away. The database also features a student-friendly interface. It is searchable by keywords in full text, or when students 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.

## Availability

*EXPLORING Novels* is available on CD-ROM. To purchase or for more information, contact your Gale Group Representative. Call 1-800-877-GALE (U.S. and Canada), or send an e-mail to [international@galegroup.com](mailto:international@galegroup.com) (outside the U.S. and Canada).



- ▲ Read in-depth essays on the lives and works of novelists from various time periods and ethnic backgrounds



- ▲ The custom search allows you to enter the information you know in one or more of the many fields to narrow or broaden your search



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