



# The Gale Group School Collections

## At last... a single gateway to answer homework and research questions

**N**ow that Gale, Information Access Company and Primary Source Media have merged to form The Gale Group, you don't have to choose between the best primary source, periodical or reference databases anymore. Soon you'll find them readily available from a single site on the Internet. By carefully matching strengths, we've blended our three distinct approaches to reference materials into an integrated system.

You're probably familiar with one or more element of The Gale Group School Collections. The Gale DISCovering Program®, Infotrac®, U•X•L databases and the *American Journey: History in Your Hands™* series are established, respected and much loved by students and faculty alike. Each is considered state-of-the-art in their specialization: general reference, full-text periodical and primary document. To achieve the combined benefits of these programs, schools and libraries were subject to separate purchasing, network coordination and administrator and user training issues.

The Gale Group School Collections changes that by presenting a single, easy-to-use menu that seamlessly guides users between all of the databases. One resource meets all their reference, homework and independent study needs, and administrators and librarians gain the most complete return on their research investment. Best of all, each school or public library can customize their collection by selecting the components that best fit their curriculum needs.

The Gale Group School Collections are comprised of databases with a proven track record with librarians, teachers and students. Together, they offer the most comprehensive, integrated reference product available. These are the databases currently included in the collections:

- *American Journey: History in Your Hands™* — offers thousands of primary source documents grouped around curriculum themes
- The Gale DISCovering® Program — curriculum-targeted databases offering a wide range of overview and topical essays, biographies, encyclopedic information, timelines, multimedia and much more

- *InfoTrac® General Reference Center* — more than 350 full-text periodicals, updated daily and specially selected to meet the needs of the curriculum
- *InfoTrac® K-12 Series: Student Edition* — integrated reference system designed for secondary schools. Offers full-text articles from 150 newspapers, periodicals and reference books
- *InfoTrac® K-12 Series: Junior Edition* — offers a similar variety of full-text sources from 50-150 newspapers, periodicals and reference books, selected just for junior high and high school students
- *InfoTrac® K-12 Series: Kids Edition* — a multi-source database that introduces K-6 students to the research process. Offers access to 35 full-text newspapers, periodicals and reference books
- U•X•L databases — biographies, science concepts, geo-cultural reference and favorite authors presented in a multimedia, cross-disciplinary style centered in middle school curriculum

## Source/subject coverage

### Full-text

- Periodicals — in the Infotrac tradition of adding real-life relevance to student research, The Gale Group School Collections offer links to daily updated, full-text records of more than 350 magazines and newspapers.
- Primary Source Documents — the Gale Group School Collections link to more than 50,000 pages of primary documents and 2,500 graphic elements that represent information typically unavailable to school libraries. Offering firsthand accounts of major social and historical eras in American history, The Gale Group School Collections link you via the Internet to Primary Source Media's *American Journey: History in Your Hands™* series.
- Reference Materials — comprehensive, multi-source reference, correlated to national standards and covering major curricular areas is the hallmark of The Gale DISCovering® Program and U•X•L CDs. The Gale Group School Collections offer direct access to both programs. Focusing on high school and undergraduate and primary and middle school students respectively, these databases represent the best of Gale. Written and designed to work in interdisciplinary units, multi-ethnic populations, team teaching environments or as independent study aids, they add context, background, analysis, definition, criticism and other critical perspectives that make The Gale Group School Collections complete.

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## Meets a variety of research needs

Applications for The Gale Group School Collections are as vast as the variety of topics students need to research. For example, a student doing a research paper on the old West can access *American Journey: History in your Hands*™, choose the theme of Westward Expansion, and read diaries, letters, essays, biographies, maps and other documents from that time period. Then, the student can access *DISCovering*® *Biographies* and read the biography of John A. Sutter, owner of the mill where gold was discovered, leading to the California Gold Rush and increased immigration to the Western states. The research can be rounded out with a magazine article from InfoTrac® *General Reference Center* that further describes how the Gold Rush led to California's acceptance as a state in 1850.

## The benefits you'll find in every Gale Group database

### Standard Search Features

Each database in the Collections has a search menu tailored to the information contained in that database. Depending on the content of a specific database, students and patrons can search by documents, images, key topics, authors, dates and regions and can even link to a related items field.

### Easy-to-use Interface

The Gale Group School Collections are geared to a particular grade range and contain a balance of document types. Students will access their customized selection of databases from a main screen on [www.galegroup.com](http://www.galegroup.com). Each database presents a consistent, intuitive interface that accesses full-text articles, primary documents, criticism, biographies, essays and visual documentation across the curriculum.

### Regular Database Updates

Coverage of periodical material in the databases included in The Gale Group School Collections is updated daily. Reference material is current and is updated quarterly.

### Availability

The Gale Group School Collections will soon be available via subscription through The Gale Group's online reference service. To further explore The Gale Group School Collection, go to [www.galegroup.com](http://www.galegroup.com), or call your Gale Group Representative at 1-800-877-GALE.

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