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A fun and friendly road to research

How do you get students to actually *like* research? Make it easy to locate the information they seek and give them the tools to make sense of what they find. The *InfoTrac K-12 Series* does just that, with user-friendly interfaces, ever-improving general reference content and unlimited access that makes learning— in the classroom, in the library or at home — fun and easy to perform.

The *InfoTrac Student Edition*, designed with secondary school students in mind, helps students find the answers to general reference questions using a variety of full-text sources that include leading magazines, newspapers and reference books that librarians prefer. *InfoTrac Junior Edition* gives junior high and middle school students the same ease, with nearly 150 indexed and more than 120 full-text general interest magazines, thousands of newspaper articles and 17 reference books from which to choose. Elementary school students can make their first journey into research with *InfoTrac Kid's Edition*, with specially selected magazines, reference books and articles to complement their curriculum and inquiring minds.

The convenient “Tool Box” feature included in all of these databases helps students assemble facts and figures or organize reports and presentations with topics ranging from how to cite a source to how to create visual aids.



SEARCH TIP

When you see the *InfoMark*® icon on your results page, this means that you can bookmark the page for future reference, copy it into an electronic mail message or embed it into a Web page. For more information on how to use *InfoMarks*, click the icon on the results page, or go to: www.galegroup.com/infomarks

Take a look at these sample searches:

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Constitutional amendments

A **Subject Search** for “constitutional amendments” produces numerous documents.

Reference book excerpts

Articles include:

- A landmark bill in 1786 by Virginia legislature establishing religious freedom (from *The American Reader*)
- An article citing the Magna Carta of 1215 as pivotal to the origins of the U.S. Constitution

Periodicals

More than a hundred articles covering a variety of topics include:

- “Victims’ Rights: Leave the Constitution Alone”
- “Immigrants for President: Why the foreign-born should be allowed to compete for the big job”
- “A Stay of Execution: Florida’s Electric Chair and the Eighth Amendment”
- An analysis of the second amendment, “Second Thoughts — What the right to bear arms really means”
- An article on anti-flag burning legislation
- A proposed balanced budget amendment, including a related article on other proposed constitutional amendments
- “Brazil’s historic vote,” a look at congressional approval of a change in the republic’s constitution that would allow governors, legislators and mayors to run for consecutive second terms
- An explanation of the U.S. Bill of Rights
- Proposal of Great Britain’s labor party which includes removing heredity as a basis for seats in the House of Lords

Subdivisions

Topical subdivisions provide a variety of options for further research, including:

- Forecasts
- History
- Influence
- Interpretation and construction
- Laws and regulations
- Ratification
- Religious aspects
- Social aspects

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Afghanistan

A **Keyword Search** for “Afghanistan” produces hundreds of documents.

Newspaper references

Hundreds of articles covering a variety of topics include:

- “Death a part of life in war-beaten Afghanistan”
- “Special forces soldier killed in eastern Afghanistan”
- “Afghan officials agree to 3,000 peacekeepers”
- “Afghans give up professional American life to help homeland recover”
- “Bush pledges to bring bin Laden to justice”
- “U.S. plans to be major player in rebuilding Afghanistan”
- “Afghan women pressing U.S. to help restore their rights”
- “Sixth grade Afghan-American fights intolerance”
- “U.S. presence in Afghanistan renews hopes of oil, gas investors”

Periodical references

Hundreds of documents cover a variety of topics, including:

- “Taliban loyalists try to blend in as they return without beards, black turbans”
- “Canada joins the hunt for bin Laden”
- “America’s Afghan coach,” a brief article on Thomas Gouttiere, head of the Center for Afghanistan Studies at University of Nebraska-Omaha
- Soraya Parlika fighting for women’s rights in Afghanistan
- A piece on the popularity of “Mirada de Mujer,” a Mexican soap opera airing in Afghanistan

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Plants & Animals

A **Subject Search** for “plants & animals” reveals subjects in:

- Animal Topics
- Animals
- Plant Topics
- Plants

An alphabetized listing of **Animal Topics** reveals hundreds of articles on a variety of subjects, including:

• **Animal breeding**

- An encyclopedia entry on animal husbandry
- Periodical articles on how to breed a 2,000 lb. rhino and the genetic future for threatened wild cats in the Carolinas
- A National Geographic piece on the secret of the white tiger
- Reference book articles on the gestation, incubation and longevity of certain animals

• **Animals in motion pictures**

- “Will the star of ‘Free Willy’ ever go free?”
- “Bridal path,” a feature on the horses who portrayed Pilgrim in Robert Redford’s “The Horse Whisperer”
- A piece on animal actors, including bears, pigs, deer and monkeys

• **Birdsongs**

- How female birds excel in singing, “She sings singular songs”
- “Ask Scarlett,” interesting facts on bird behavior
- “Bird songs and calls”

• **Hibernation**

- “Bear-ly Spring”
- “A Barn for Bears,” an article on bear researcher Michael Vaughan
- “Hibernation, seasonal slumber”

• **Pests**

- An encyclopedia entry on integrated pest management
- A newspaper article on killer bees in Los Angeles
- A periodical article, “Rats! A headache for many cities”

• **Venom**

- An encyclopedia entry on venom
- Two articles on venom medicine or “zootoxins”, including using the poisonous venom from the male platypus to create MVIIA, a man-made compound that targets nerve cells involved in spinal cord injuries, and a related article on how the body perceives pain

What have you been searching for? For more information and search assistance contact your Gale Representative at 1-800-877-GALE (in the U.S. and Canada), and select option #5.



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- Use **Keyword Search** for less common words, such as proper names
- **Advanced Search** is best for finding something specific, such as the title of an article or name of an author

Tip: Read "Help" before you start.

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KEYWORD SEARCH



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ADVANCED SEARCH



First choose the index you want to search from the first column. Then enter the words you want to search for in the second column. Use **and**, **or**, **not** to connect your words, which can make the search broader (more results) or smaller (less results).

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- Tool Box
- Help

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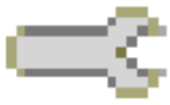
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How to use the Tool Box

Searching for articles in databases may seem easy, but putting all that information together for a report can be a challenge. The Gale Tool Box is an integral feature of all our K-12 databases and helps students think about their ideas and organize information for any paper or research project. They can be accessed at any point in the research process by clicking on the Tool Box icon at the top of each page.



Tools for Getting Started

- How to Judge Information
- How to Make a Concept Web
- How to Choose a Topic
- How to Write a Topic Sentence
- How to Make an Outline



Tools for Wrapping it Up

- How to Cite a Source
- How to Organize a Report
- How to Build an Argument
- How to Write a Conclusion
- How to Write a Thesis Statement
- How to Create Visual Representations of Data (charts, graphs, etc.)
- How to Footnote

All Tool Box topics include a worksheet, suitable for downloading. For example, the topic, “How to Cite a Source” discusses the elements of a bibliography as well as when, why and how to give credit to an outside source. Students can then reinforce the information discussed by accessing the worksheet.