

## Online Databases

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(Other Databases Available Upon Request)

**AP Photo Archive:** *AP Photo Archive* is one of the world's largest collections of historical and contemporary imagery. As an essential source of photographs and graphics for professional image buyers, AP Images strives to meet the needs of today's global customer through superior image quality, selection and service.

**Country Watch:** *CountryWatch* provides curriculum materials including lesson plans and course outlines in geography and social studies courses. Enhancements include expanding the offerings in the Curriculum Corner and adding an entirely new section called "Issues in Education" referencing challenges and opportunities facing educators today. A new Global News Highlights service every Monday features the top ten international news stories from the previous week. *CountryWatch* is tailored to grades 8 through 12 and has been developed in accordance with the National Social Studies Standard.

**CQ Researcher:** *CQ Researcher* guides students and patrons through the first steps in conducting thorough, non-biased research. It has been providing comprehensive, nonpartisan analysis of contemporary issues for over 75 years and is one of the most frequently used resources in libraries today. Full-text reports provide up-to-date information on controversial topics, pro and con arguments by experts, original news composed by CQ's staff of reporters, a chronology, and annotated bibliographies to guide additional research. A *Past Reports* section includes editors' selection of 3 topics in the news; *Citing CQ* shows users the preferred method for citing in MLA & APA formats. The web site makes upcoming issues of *The CQ Researcher* available 48 hours before they go to press. That means you can view new issues of *The CQ Researcher* roughly a week before the print version.

**EBSCO History Reference Center:** *History Reference Center*<sup>™</sup> features cover-to-cover full text for more than 50 leading history periodicals including *America's Civil War*, *American Heritage*, *American Historical Review*, *American History*, *Archaeology*, *Aviation History*, *Beaver*, *British Heritage*, *Chinese America: History & Perspectives*, *Christian History*, *Civil War Times Illustrated*, *Civilization*, *Early American Life*, *Foreign Affairs* (back to September 1922), *German History*, *History*, *History Review*, *History Today* (back to January 1975), *History: Review of New Books*, *Kansas History*, *Manitoba History*, *Military History*, *Natural History*, *Naval History*, *North Carolina Historical Review*, *Virginia Magazine of History & Biography*, *Wild West*, *World War II* and more. Selected history articles from thousands of full text magazines, journals and newspapers such as *Smithsonian*, *U.S. News & World Report*, *Maclean's*, *Christian Science Monitor*, etc. are also included. *History Reference Center* also features nearly 350 full text reference books and encyclopedias from many leading general history publishers, including American Historical Association, Archaeological Institute of America, Great Neck Publishing,

Houghton Mifflin, Lerner Publishing, MacMillan Publishing USA, Mason Crest, Millbrook Press, Oxford University Press, Primedia, Salem Press, Toucan Valley Publications and Webster Reference. Additionally, the database contains 54,000 historical documents; 56,000 biographies of historical figures; and more than 100,000 historical photos and maps.

**EBSCO: Middle Search Online & NoveList:** *Middle Search*<sup>®</sup> *Plus* contains full text for more than 150 popular, middle school magazines. All full text articles are assigned a reading level indicator (Lexiles). Full text is also available for thousands of biographies, historical essays and student pamphlets. Additionally, *Middle Search Plus* contains primary source documents including *Essential Documents in American History*, reference books including the *Funk & Wagnall's New World Encyclopedia* and *American Heritage*<sup>®</sup> *Dictionary*, 4th Edition from Houghton Mifflin, the *Encyclopedia of Animals*<sup>™</sup>, and an Image Collection of 107,135 photos, maps and flags. *Middle Search Plus* also includes the *Our States* reference book series from

Great Neck Publishing, a new collection made up of 54 titles on each of the states, commonwealths and territories in the United States. This comprehensive series has carefully-written, in-depth articles covering each state's history, averaging 10 pages in length, and includes information on the economy, geography, natural resources, wildlife, state flags and landmarks. Biographies on each state's governors, senators and representatives, as well as other leaders such as Rudolph Giuliani, Noam Chomsky, Ralph Nader, Bill Clinton, and Condoleezza Rice are also included. *NoveList* guides students to fiction titles that will interest them, and helps teachers identify supplementary reading to enhance "teachable moments", enrich curriculum, and support school-wide initiatives. *NoveList* includes 115,000+ fiction titles, 90,000 full-text reviews, 1200 pre-constructed booklists on popular themes and topics. Links to author home-pages and other web-based teacher resources are included.

**EBSCO: NoveList K-8:** *NoveList K-8* allows you to discover the fiction titles that are popular with young readers as well as titles to use in your classroom. The *NoveList Learning Center* provides a complete introduction to the product and shows you how to use *NoveList* to meet the reading needs of your students.

**EBSCO: NoveList K-8 Plus:** We know that *NoveList® K-8* is a great online resource for helping teachers, school media specialists and kids find that next great fiction read. Now *NoveList K-8 Plus* provides access to over 17,000 nonfiction titles designed to support the curriculum and kids' pleasure reading. Created especially for kids (and the adults who work with them), it has a colorful, graphic-rich homepage and is very easy to use.

**EBSCO: Primary Search Online & NoveList:** *Primary Search®*, designed specifically for elementary school libraries, contains full text for more than 60 popular, elementary school magazines. All full text articles are assigned a reading level indicator (Lexiles). Full text is also available for over 100 student pamphlets. Additionally, *Primary Search* includes the *Encyclopedia of Animals™*, and features *Funk & Wagnall's New World Encyclopedia*, providing students with easy-to-read encyclopedic entries written specifically for kids. The database also provides the *American Heritage® Children's Dictionary*, 3rd Edition from Houghton Mifflin, and an Image Collection. *NoveList* guides students to fiction titles that will interest them, and helps teachers identify supplementary reading to enhance "teachable moments", enrich curriculum, and support school-wide initiatives. *NoveList* includes 115,000+ fiction titles, 90,000 full-text reviews, 1200 pre-constructed booklists on popular themes and topics. Links to author home-pages and other web-based teacher resources are included.

**EBSCO: Ultra Online with Magill OnLit Plus:** *MAS Ultra™ Plus* is designed specifically for high school libraries, contains full text for nearly 600 popular, high school magazines including *America's Civil War*, *American Heritage*, *American History*, *American Visions*, *Archaeology*, *Astronomy*, *Bioscience*, *Careers & Colleges*, *Civil War Times Illustrated*, *Congressional Digest*, *Discover*, *Economist*, *History Today*, *Nation*, *National Review*, *New Republic*, *New Scientist*, *Popular Science*, *Science News*, *Scientific American*, *Smithsonian*, *World War II*, etc. All full text articles are assigned a reading level indicator (Lexiles). Full text is also available for 82,968 biographies and 90,915 primary source documents. Additionally, *MAS Ultra™ (School Edition)* contains 518 pamphlets, more than 250 reference books (including the *Columbia Encyclopedia*, the *CIA World Fact Book* and *World Almanac & Book of Facts*), an Image Collection of 107,135 photos, maps & flags, color PDFs and expanded full text backfiles (back to 1975) for key magazines. *MAS Ultra (School Edition)* also includes the *Our States* reference book series from Great Neck Publishing, a new collection made up of 54 titles on each of the states, commonwealths and territories in the United States. This comprehensive series has carefully-written, in-depth articles covering each state's history, averaging 10 pages in length, and includes information on the economy, geography, natural resources, wildlife, state flags and landmarks. Biographies on each state's governors, senators and representatives, as well as other leaders such as Rudolph Giuliani, Noam Chomsky, Ralph Nader, Bill Clinton, and Condoleezza Rice are also included.

Magill Literature includes:

- **Masterplots** (12 volumes) includes *American Fiction Series, British Fiction Series, European Fiction Series*
- **Masterplots II** (61 volumes) includes: *African American Literature Series, Drama Series, Nonfiction Series, Poetry Series, Short Story Series, Women's Literature Series*
- **Cyclopedia of World Authors** (5 volumes)
- **Cyclopedia of Literary Characters** (5 volumes)
- **Magill's Literary Annual 1990-2002** (26 volumes)
- **Magill's Guide to Science Fiction and Fantasy Literature** (4 volumes)
- **Magill Book Reviews** (6100+ reviews)

**Enchanted Learning:** *Enchanted Learning*<sup>®</sup> produces children's educational web sites which are designed to capture the imagination while maximizing creativity, learning, and enjoyment. Ease of use is a hallmark of the material. Children need the clearest, simplest computer interface, and our material is created so that the navigation and controls are intuitive. The mission is to produce the best educational material, emphasizing creativity and the pure enjoyment of learning.

**Facts For Learning - The Middle School Module (Grades 5-8):** *The Middle School Module* provides core reference content for middle school students of all levels. This module offers a more sophisticated look and feel that emphasizes search options. It provides more specialized content focusing on subjects such as history, current events, health and careers, along with higher-level curriculum.

Facts For Learning is a grade-specific research database created specifically for fifth- through eighth-grade students and for parents, teachers, librarians and other educators. This comprehensive electronic reference source provides information in a fun and instructive manner. It is designed to be a student's starting point for research on classroom and homework assignments. Facts For Learning is created by three of the most trusted publishers in American education: World Almanac Books, publisher of *The World Almanac for Kids* and, since 1868, *The World Almanac and Book of Facts*, the world's top-selling reference book; Facts On File News Services, the web authority for current events research and Weekly Reader Corporation, the classroom magazine publisher that has been teaching children about their world for 100 years.

Facts For Learning - Middle School Module contains the following list of resources and special features:

- An archive of thousands of articles from **Weekly Reader** secondary publications including: *Current Events, Current Science, Current Health 1 and 2, Career World and Extra*. The archive spans from September 2000 through the present.
- **The World Almanac and Book of Facts** (1998 through the latest edition) and selected content from previous years.
- A unique archive of **The World Almanac For Kids**, spanning the 1999 through the latest editions.
- A custom-made "reference library" featuring the complete **Funk & Wagnalls New Encyclopedia** and an atlas, dictionary, and selected reference books targeted at middle school students.
- An archive of **Facts On File News Services** publications, including selected content from *Today's Science On File, Issues and Controversies On File*, and *The Facts On File World News Digest*.
- The special home page feature article is written each month and focuses on a current event or topic related to the month.

- “Issues in the News” looks at the pros and cons of popular topics discussed in the news today.
- Timelines of world events back to 1940 from *The World News Digest @ FACTS.com*, an American History Timeline, Inventions Timeline, Science Timeline and World History Timeline put events in time-oriented perspective for the young researcher.
- Links to safe, informative Web sites.
- **Picture Gallery** – The Picture Gallery is an easy way for students to access the images in Facts For Learning. The Picture Gallery grows every week and is searchable via an alphabetical menu or the full-text search function.
- A special **Calendar** feature links to a calendar of the current month and features links to a list of famous people who were born on each day of the month. Each day also links to important events that occurred on that day. From the calendar of the current month, you can also link to calendars for other months, and to more information about calendars including a *Perpetual Calendar*, *Gregorian Calendar* and *Julian Calendar*.

**Facts on File: African-American History Online:** *African-American History Online* explores more than 500 years of the African-American experience. Culled from many of Facts On File’s critically acclaimed print titles, this database provides students and researchers with a wealth of quality, authoritative content.

*African-American History Online* boasts a new, user-friendly interface and is now more accessible than ever before. Unique new Learning Centers pull forward hand-picked entries within each major era, serving as ideal starting points for research. Other key features of this comprehensive database include new primary source documents, new images, general and topic-specific timelines, and tabbed search results for easier access to desired information. Quotations linked to specific biographies are also included, as well as an appealing new look and structure for W.E.B. DuBois’s *The Exhibit of American Negroes* in the Primary Sources section.

**Facts on File: American History Online:** Spanning more than 500 years of political, military, social, and cultural history, Facts On File’s newly redesigned *American History Online* database revolutionizes the way students and researchers can explore the different facets of American history, with a new user-friendly interface and increased functionality. Unique new Learning Centers pull forward hand-picked entries within each major era, serving as ideal starting points for research. New features include nearly 900 new images, new thumbnail galleries of images, maps and charts, tabbed search results, updated chronologies, and more. The authoritative, curriculum-based content is culled from many acclaimed Facts On File print titles. By providing the most comprehensive range of information in one complete resource—all of it extensively hyperlinked and containing source citations—*American History Online* offers a virtual library of American history, which will become the backbone of research for students and researchers of all ages.

**Facts on File: American Indian History Online:** *American Indian History Online* database offers fast access to more than 15,000 years of culture and history through event and topic entries, biographies, images, maps and charts, legends, primary sources, and timeline entries. Derived from many of Facts On File’s critically acclaimed print titles, this award-winning database is now more accessible and easier to use.

**Facts on File: American Women’s History Online:** The newly redesigned *American Women’s History Online* is an authoritative reference database containing biographies, historical and topical subject entries, primary source documents, maps and charts, an image gallery, and general and subject-specific timelines that cover more than 500 years of American women’s history.

**Facts on File: Ancient and Medieval History Online:** *Ancient and Medieval History Online* has been expanded to cover eight civilizations—ancient Egypt, ancient Mesopotamia, ancient Greece, ancient Rome, ancient and medieval Africa, medieval Europe, the Americas, and ancient and medieval Asia. Users can research each civilization in depth or use the browse feature to conduct comparative studies of events and developments across civilizations. This expansive database offers an unprecedented amount of information about these civilizations and their places in history, with content drawn from Facts On File’s acclaimed print references.

**Facts on File: Curriculum Resource Center:** *Curriculum Resource Center* contains an expansive collection of curriculum-related handouts for educators seeking material to supplement their textbooks.

For middle and high school teachers and students seeking material to supplement their coursework, this electronic library of curriculum-related handouts offers a unique solution. It provides access to a broad selection of visual materials, including maps, science diagrams, science experiments, historical images, history timelines, and other handouts, all of which can be printed and used for worksheets, overheads, testing, and research. Curriculum Resource Center now includes a Mathematics section containing a number of problem sets in the core area of algebra. Curriculum Resource Center is updated semiannually to ensure currency of its content. Features include:

- **History:** history entries, matching curriculum standards and including approximately 2,000 historical images, that cover the entire span of world and U.S. history.
- **Historical Timelines:** timelines covering all regions of the world and placing historical events in perspective.
- **Geography:** more than 400 printable maps-geographical maps, including political, elevation, and outline maps of continents, regions, and every country, U.S. state, and Canadian province or territory; historical maps, covering all time periods and world areas; and statistical maps, with information on population and other social and economic indicators.
- **Science Diagrams:** diagrams that facilitate visually oriented learning of key science topics from all sections of the curriculum.
- **Science Experiments:** hands-on activities for science education in fields such as biology, chemistry, Earth science, physics, weather, and space.
- **Mathematics:** problem sets ranging from simple to advanced levels, arranged by subject—algebra, geometry, and calculus.
- **Physical Education and Health:** handouts organized by health topic—from diet and mental health to sports rules.
- **My Folders:** a unique, easy-to-manage feature that allows users to create password-protected folders to which individual handouts can be saved.

**Facts on File: Curriculum Resource Center, Junior Edition:** *Curriculum Resource Center Junior Edition* delivers a wealth of clear, informative, supplemental material that will enhance the elementary curriculum. From maps and flags of the world to science projects to job descriptions for kids with a variety of interests, it is the ideal tool for maximizing classroom resources. *Curriculum Resource Center Junior Edition* is a user-friendly database geared toward elementary-level teachers and students. With biographies and detailed information on states and careers, these curriculum-related handouts present visual information on key concepts, events, and people in a variety of formats, including maps, timelines, projects, diagrams, and images. Comprehensive and easy to use, this one-stop resource provides fast access to an unprecedented array of printable educational content. Features includes:

- **People in History:** biographical profiles accompanied by photographs of key figures in American history, including artists, politicians, scientists, soldiers, and others.

- **Events in History:** culturally inclusive entries with photographs, spanning U.S. history from precolonial times to the present.
- **Maps & Flags:** printable maps, flags, and facts for more than 200 countries and nations and all 50 states--including outline, elevation, and locator maps for each country and state, as well as agriculture and industry maps for each state, printable color and outline versions of each flag, and region maps that allow users to access information on a country simply by clicking on the area.
- **Timelines:** clear, illustrated timelines, tracing human development from prehistory through the present day.
- **Science Diagrams:** diagrams from eight different fields, illustrating key concepts in the science curriculum.
- **Science Projects:** experiments in all the major sciences as well as projects that have been adapted for students with special needs, encouraging an active, hands-on approach to science education.
- **Career Ideas:** more than 150 job description profiles for kids with all sorts of interests--from music, art, and computers to animals, writing, science, and math, and a questionnaire for kids who are not sure what they want to do.
- **My Folders:** a unique, easy-to-manage feature that allows users to create password-protected folders to which individual handouts can be saved.

**Facts on File: Ferguson's Career Guidance Center:** *Career Guidance Center* provides comprehensive, up-to-date profiles of more than 2,000 of today's most popular jobs in more than 90 industries. Recently redesigned, it now contains a wide range of material from Ferguson Publishing, including content from the acclaimed *Encyclopedia of Careers and Vocational Guidance, Twelfth Edition*. Hundreds of new in-depth job descriptions, complete with current job-specific resource listings, including print and electronic sources as well as contact information, facts, figures, and useful insights, have been added along with plentiful detailed career industry descriptions. *Career Guidance Center* now provides a searchable archive of articles from *Career Opportunities News*, a 16-page, bi-monthly newsletter that provides up-to-date news about colleges and the job market.

This exceptional resource is organized by industry, covering careers and career resources, as well as career preparation information, including scholarships, academic programs, non-academic programs, web resources for finding a job/career, and an employability skills checklist. *Career Guidance Center* provides in-depth coverage of essential information for career seekers, from required and useful skills to career paths to industry trends. Industries covered include accounting, advertising, computers, education, engineering, fashion/apparel, health care, law enforcement/protective services, music, nonprofit organizations, publishing, science, sports, travel, writing, and more.

*Job entries include:*

- An overview of the position, such as responsibilities, salary range, employment and advancement prospects, and required education level
- Information on relevant unions and trade associations
- A description of the history of the job in relation to the industry or field
- Comprehensive text that points out special skills, education, training, and various associations relevant to the job
- Career resources that provide the information users need to start making contacts and explore their chosen fields.

**Facts on File: Health Reference Center:** *Health Reference Center* is a comprehensive, authoritative encyclopedic database containing more than 20,000 hyperlinked entries on a variety of health-related concerns and social issues. It defines and provides clear information on the causes, cures, key research, medical terms, symptoms, and treatments and trends in each field of study. It also explores the social impact of numerous health-related subjects. Easy to navigate, *Health Reference Center* is the ultimate resource for health information written in language everyone can understand. With no more than a search term, a point, and a click, this online database displays critical information on topics where knowledge has a direct effect on health.

Reliable full-text entries from critically acclaimed encyclopedias, instead of complex and difficult-to-understand medical journals or less comprehensive popular newspapers, are provided. Users can browse by topic or by type, including biographies, encyclopedia entries, glossary, resources and organizations, social and cultural factors, tables and statistics, or tests and procedures. Thousands of hyperlinks within entries direct users to related subjects and entries within the database and stimulate further research. Full citations are available throughout, and users can print, copy, and save all content for personal use. This comprehensive resource is useful for anyone who needs straightforward reference information on all types of health-related subjects and social issues.

**Features:**

- **General Health:** information covering key health concerns in more than 30 categories, including alternative medicine; asthma; diabetes; sleep disorders; children's, men's, and women's health; and more.
- **Mental Health:** more than 3,325 entries covering all aspects of key mental health topics, such as depression, eating disorders, phobias, schizophrenia, stress, and more.
- **Definitions & Terms:** entries covering a wide range of general terms and technical language relating to health, medicine, and social issues.
- **Medical Tests:** explanations—written for patients—of more than 1,580 medical tests, how they are conducted, and what the results mean.
- **Social Issues:** more than 3,860 entries with concise information explaining controversial contemporary issues such as adoption, euthanasia, eating disorders, suicide, and more.
- **Web Links:** some of the Web's best educational sites—selected by our editors.

**Facts on File; Issue & Controversies:** *Issues & Controversies* analyzes and explains hundreds of controversial topics, in a language and format that students can understand, with the balance, accuracy, and regular updating that are synonymous with *Facts On File News Services*. Articles link to news coverage, selected newspaper editorials, and other resources.

**Facts on File: Literary Reference Online:** Facts On File's literature database has been thoroughly revised and expanded to include the writings of renowned literary critic Harold Bloom. In addition to Facts On File's extensive print literature collection, the database now includes hundreds of Bloom's essays, which examine the lives and works of great writers throughout history and the world. Unlike many resources, this database also contains an archive of more than 38,000 characters, as well as extensive entries on literary topics, themes, movements, and genres. Other features new to *Bloom's Literary Reference Online* include the addition of new Facts On File titles, redesigned browse and keyword search options, a timeline of world literature, and a special feature on Harold Bloom's Western Literary Canon. Diverse and authoritative, this database is sure to become a standard resource for all school and public libraries.

**Facts on File; Modern World History Online:** *Modern World History Online*, formerly called *World History Online*, covers the full scope of world history from the mid-15th century to the present. This comprehensive online resource contains thousands of fully hyperlinked subject entries, biographies, images, maps and charts, primary source documents, and timeline entries that combine to provide a detailed and comparative view of the people, places, events, and ideas that have defined modern world history.

The redesign includes unique Learning Centers that pull forward interesting entries hand-picked by our editors to help users find a starting point for their research. An extensive amount of new content has been added, the timeline has been updated, and the image gallery is now browsable. Users can browse this database by both global region and time period, depending on their needs. Search results are now better organized—under tabs by record type.

*Modern World History Online* offers an abundance of reliable, well-organized information, drawn from Facts On File's acclaimed print titles. It is the perfect one-stop source for researching modern world history, bringing together in a single online reference database content that has traditionally been diffused throughout many print sources.

**Facts on File: Personal & Business Forms Online:** Facts On File's *Personal & Business Forms* is a collection of reproducible forms and checklists for a wide range of personal, business, and government situations—from financial aid applications to forms needed by journalists, academics, small businesses, and libraries. With more than 2,700 easy-to-access, printable forms, this database is the most comprehensive and user-friendly resource of its kind. Tax forms are updated for each tax year and can be printed and saved using Adobe® Acrobat® Reader, which can be downloaded free of charge from the Internet. Updated regularly, *Personal & Business Forms* is an easy-to-use, one-stop resource for almost any standard form, and it is a vital component to all reference, academic, and public library collections.

**Facts on File: Science Online:** *Science Online* is a curriculum-oriented database that offers students and researchers a comprehensive, authoritative overview of the sciences through diagrams, definitions, biographies, and essays. All content in this comprehensive database is divided into sections based on the science curriculum established by the *National Science Education Standards*, offering educators a handy tool for maximizing the potential of this powerful database. Material within each feature—biographies, essays, definitions, diagrams, experiments, and the timeline—is arranged according to the following scientific disciplines: Agriculture, Astronomy and Space Technology, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Earth Science, Exploration, General Science, Genetics, Health and Medicine, Marine Sciences, Physics, Technology and Transportation.

***Features of Science Online include:***

- **Biographies:** approximately 1,900 biographies of key scientists throughout history, many with accompanying images.
- **Essays:** more than 2,000 essays on current issues in science, technology, and society.
- **Definitions:** more than 28,500 definitions.
- **Diagrams:** more than 3,000 printable diagrams, many in full color.
- **Experiments:** more than 600 science experiments covering key principles of science, indexed by grade range and subject category.
- **Timeline:** more than 5,600 updated chronology entries, organized by time period or scientific topic.
- **National Science Education Standards**
- **Web Links:** some of the web's best science education sites, arranged by topic—selected by our editors.

**Facts on File: Today's Science Online:** *Today's Science Online* bridges the gap between textbooks and what's happening in science now. *Today's Science* offers a back file from 1992 to the present of science news coverage for secondary students, illustrated generously, updated weekly, and fully linked to background information.

**Facts on File: World Almanac Reference Database:** *World Almanac Reference Database* combines new and past editions of *The World Almanac* and *Book of Facts* with *The World Almanac Encyclopedia* in a broad reference database.

**Facts on File: World Atlas:** This comprehensive database combines more than 1,500 clear, printable, full-color original maps with superb, current statistical information on more than 200 countries, all 50 U.S. states, the 13 Canadian provinces and territories, as well as the world's continents and major regions. *World Atlas* blends traditional map-related concepts and information with a flexible interface and stunning visual presentation. Users can retrieve political, outline, elevation, locator, and comparative statistical maps. A wealth of supplemental information is linked to each state, province, and country map, including the location's history, government, flag, vital statistics, and further resources.

**Facts on File: World News Digest:** *World News Digest* contains the complete archive of this publication of record back to 1940, is updated every week and interconnected with related content from other Facts.com databases. It includes a live *Reuters* newsfeed, updated hourly, along with hundreds of original features, primary documents, newspaper editorials, and other materials that give perspective and context to the events.

**Gale: InfoTrac:** *InfoTrac® Student Edition*, designed for secondary school students, is the quick and easy way to do classroom assignments and get answers to general reference questions. *Student Edition* is comprised of a variety of full-text sources that include the leading magazines, newspapers and reference books that librarians prefer and students enjoy. And, with unlimited building access and remote access, students can find the information they need whether they are in the classroom, the library, or working from home. This multisource resource offers 470+ indexed and 410+ full-text titles; more than 3 million articles; 14 full-text reference books; 500 historical images; and more than 300 maps.

**Gale: Litfinder for Schools:** *LitFinder for Schools Complete* includes Poem Finder for Schools, Story Finder, and Essay/Speech/PlayFinder.

#### **POEM FINDER FOR SCHOOLS (formerly World's Best Poetry Finder)**

Students and librarians love this collection because it provides not only the most comprehensive collection of full-text poetry available, but also the material that explains it from poem explanations to biographies to a glossary to pictures. Over 100,000 full-text poems and accompanying explanatory materials are carefully selected to meet curriculum needs by an Editorial Board in consultation with an Advisory Board composed of English teachers, librarians and poets.

##### **Special Features:**

- 125,000 Full-Text Poems from Antiquity to the Present.
- In-depth review of world poetry from the beginning of time to the present in one comprehensive anthology.
- Complete works of major classic poets such as Browning, Dunbar, Keats, Milton, Pope, Rossetti, Shelley, Spenser, Whitman, and Wordsworth; as well as poetry by contemporaries such as Brooks, Berssenbrugge, Frost, Giovanni, Kinnell, Koch, and many more.
- **Poem Explanations** - Detailed explanations of more than 700 poems provide in-depth analysis, providing students with a deeper understanding and context for the poems.
- **Subject Navigator™** - A subject hierarchy which organizes thousands of designated subject headings for quick and easy poem access.

**STORY FINDER**, an add-on component for *PoemFinder* provides thousands of full-text short stories plus explanations, biographies, pictures and more. The database will be updated constantly with classic and contemporary stories. Current Story Finder features include:

- \*Thousands of full-text short stories
- \* Explanations
- \* Biographies
- \* Pictures
- \* Genre Navigator
- \* Just Published Stories Anthology

The *Story Finder* collection has been carefully selected by an Editorial Board to provide a representative, rich anthology of short stories. The stories have been chosen based on standard library indexes. In addition to providing the stories themselves, it provides a wonderful context for the stories by including explanatory material such as biographies, explanations of stories, pictures and more.

The collection includes stories from the classic to the most contemporary. There is an anthology within the entire anthology of new stories published in the current year ("Just Published Stories"). A representative list of authors follows: Sherwood Anderson, Conrad Aiken, Gertrude Atherton, Balzac, Djuna Barnes, J.M. Barrie, Ambrose Bierce, Boccaccio, Ivan Bunin, James Branch Cabell, Willa Cather, Anton Chekhov, Mark Twain, Wilkie Collins, Alfred Coppard, Stephen Crane, Roald Dahl, Theodore Dreiser, Edna Ferber, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Gustave Flaubert, Ha Gin, David Huddle, Ring Lardner, Shirley Jackson, Henry James, James Joyce, Sinclair Lewis, Katherine Mansfield, Somerset Maugham, Guy de Maupassant, Herman Melville, Joyce Carol Oates, Grace Paley, Katherine Anne Porter, Isaac Bashevis Singer, Edith Wharton, and Virginia Woolf.

**ESSAY/SPEECH/PLAY FINDER** is a unique database of full-text essays, speeches and plays.

**Essays** provides full-text essays and discursive writing based on books published in the 20th century which have been analyzed in standard library indexes. The essays focus on the humanities and social sciences and include biographies and literary criticism.

Subjects include literature, history, economics, sociology, art and architecture, philosophy, psychology, science and drama. The controlled vocabulary subject access provides for precise searching. Full bibliographic information and Library of Congress subject classifications are provided for source books.

**Speeches** from antiquity to modern times, these speeches represent the finest examples of recorded oratory. Speechmakers have commented on the milestones of history as well as the minutiae of everyday life. These are the best and the best-known speeches of the past 2,500 years and categorized into easily searchable genres.

**Plays** over 1,000 complete plays covering the range of dramatic expression: including one-act plays, puppet plays, Harlinquinades, tragedies, gothic, religious, romantic, historical, children's and comedic plays. The collection includes many nationalities, all in English or English translations. Plays are analyzed for subjects, and also list all characters. This database will continue to grow with periodic updates to the most complete single-source for full-text plays available.

**Gale: Opposing Viewpoints:** *Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center* is packed with content that makes researching both sides of an issue simple, fast and rewarding. More than 60 incendiary topics are discussed through sources like these: 2,500 articles from 170 titles in *Opposing Viewpoints* (print) and other Greenhaven series; 24 titles from *Information Plus* the sources of more than 3,000 statistical tables, charts, and graphs; *Great American Court Cases*, *Federal Agency Profiles and Special Interest Group Profiles for Students*; 112 topic overviews from Macmillan's *Bioethics for Students*; 52 topic overviews from Macmillan's *Encyclopedia of*

*Sociology*; 24 topic overviews from Macmillan's *Social Issues Compendium*; Knight-Ridder newswire, 5 newspapers — such as *The New York Times* — and 25 periodicals — including *Times*, *Newsweek*, *The National Review* and more; Links to 1,000+ reviewed and subject-indexed Web sites and Merriam-Webster Dictionaries.

**Grolier:** *Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia (GME)* is based on the acclaimed *Academic American Encyclopedia*. In addition to its award-winning encyclopedia, the *GME* includes:

- **Brain Jam**—an online monthly magazine (e-zine) that includes weekly news stories, a calendar of notable events, multiple-choice quizzes, extensive teacher resources, an Event Planner, and much more
- Interactive **Atlas**
- Interactive **timelines** (4000 BC to the present)
- Link to the Library of Congress's **Today in History** Web site
- **Web Links**—thousands of links to related, prescreened Web sites
- **Research Starters**

The reading and comprehension level of *Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia* is targeted at grades 5 and above.

### **Additional Grolier Encyclopedias:**

**Amazing Animals** - Reference and media on 1200 animals for grades 2 and above. Engaging multimedia Feature Showcase and stunning photographs of animals in their natural habitats

**LANDS AND PEOPLES** - is a multifaceted web site designed to serve as a principal resource providing accessible, easy-to-understand articles, maps and photographs on countries, cultures, and current events for the classroom and for the library. Articles are organized continent-by-continent, country-by-country, and when appropriate state-by-state and province-by-province.

**THE NEW BOOK OF POPULAR SCIENCE ONLINE** - The 400 articles that form the site's hub, or *SciClopedia*, are divided into a dozen categories and are supplemented by such online-only features as Fun Facts and Careers articles, *NewsBytes*, three top-of-the-news science stories, updated weekly and featuring special lesson plans to help teachers integrate the stories into the curriculum, a weekly stargazer feature called *SkyWatch*, an interactive question-and-answer column called *Ask Pop Sci*, and a full line-up of science games, puzzles, and brain teasers in *SciZone*. The entire site is interconnected with a vast system of internal links, and thousands of prescreened World Wide Web links.

**AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL** - Each of the 50 states, plus Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, and the major territories, is covered in depth. There are essays on the history, geography, economics, government, culture, and the major cities of each state, plus fact boxes, biographical profiles of important people, and articles on famous places and natural wonders. There are also more than 50 photographs and illustrations for each state, including panoramic photos and audio slide shows. Each state has eight interactive maps of cities, natural features, routes, the economy, and history. There is a timeline of each state's history, a quiz, a word-find puzzle, and an outline map for each state as well. Other special features of ***America The Beautiful*** include essays on the 43 U.S. Presidents and major Native American tribes; timelines of U.S. and world history and U.S. achievements in science, the arts, and literature; an array of educational games and puzzles relating to American history; and an *Almanac* that brings together the facts and statistics about each state into a single useful reference tool. The entire site is interconnected with a system of internal links and more than one thousand prescreened Web sites that are continually monitored and updated.

### **NUEVA ENCICLOPEDIA CUMBRE EN LÍNEA**

A Spanish-language encyclopedia built from the ground up with a Latin-American perspective—perfect for both Spanish speakers and Spanish-language students. *Nueva enciclopedia Cumbre en línea* contains more than 17,000 articles , plus:

- Over 7,000 article-to-article links
- Search the 7,000 illustrations at the same time that you search the articles
- Clear and simple interfaces and help screens are easy to use
- Over 300 maps, 270 flags, plus 500 tables and fact boxes
- Special audio feature with national anthems from 150 countries
- Enlaces (Web links): All 20,000 links include titles and brief annotations in Spanish

**H.W. Wilson: Art Museum Image Gallery:** The *Art Museum Image Gallery* is a rich digital resource of art images and related multimedia gathered from the collections of distinguished museums around the world. The Art Museum Image Gallery can be searched alone or simultaneously with other WilsonWeb databases, including Art Full Text, Art Index Retrospective, Avery Index to Art Periodicals, and Biography Reference Bank.

### **H.W. Wilson Catalogs:**

- **Children's Core Collection:**  
For collection development, readers' advisory, curriculum support, and selection and purchasing, here is working data on fiction and nonfiction works, story collections, picture books and magazines recommended for readers from preschool through sixth grade. You'll also appreciate listings from review sources, and other professional aids for children's librarians and school media specialists. Entries provide complete bibliographic data, price, subject headings, a descriptive annotation, and evaluative quotations from a review when available.

Selected and recommended by specialists in library service to children, listed books encompass a wide variety of topics, including a new abundance of books on minorities, ecology, natural sciences, and natural history. Data on fairy tales and picture books has also been expanded. New to the 18th Edition are listings of recommended Web resources, and audio book versions.

- **Middle and Junior High Core Collection:**  
For libraries serving readers in grades five through nine, this collection provides indispensable help with collection development and maintenance, curriculum support, selection and purchasing, readers' advisory, and general reference. Here are thousands of entries for nonfiction works, fiction and collections for children and adolescents, plus review sources and other professional aids for librarians and school media specialists. The collection also includes entries for recommended CD-ROMs. Entries provide complete bibliographic data, price, subject headings, a descriptive annotation, and evaluative quotations from a review when available.

Selected and recommended by specialists in library service to young people, listed books encompass a wide variety of topics for youth. Among nonfiction entries, special importance is given to works devoted to technology, personal values, and current social and political issues, with special emphasis on ethnic diversity. Topics of particular importance are the World Wide Web, virtual reality and other new technologies, environmental problems, animal ecology, and the protection of endangered species.

- **Senior High Core Collection:**

This selective list of books recommended for young people in grades 9 through 12 will prove invaluable for collection development and maintenance, readers' advisory, and curriculum support in the high school library. More than ten thousand entries for fiction and nonfiction works, as well as recommended CD-ROMs, offer an abundance of choices, including listings of review sources and other aids for librarians and school media specialists. Entries provide complete bibliographic data, price, subject headings, a descriptive annotation, and evaluative quotations from a review when available.

Selected and recommended by specialists in library service to young adults in senior high schools and public libraries across the United States, the books listed encompass a wide variety of topics for youth, ranging from material on Native Americans and rainforest ecology to health issues. The catalog also includes curriculum related material in social studies and the sciences; drama, novels, and short story collections; biographies; and books for the librarian or media specialist.

**Media Flex: C.E.R.F. (Basic):**

*C.E.R.F.<sup>TM</sup>*, the Curriculum and Education Resource Finder, provides access to a database of thousands of carefully identified, indexed, cross-referenced and maintained K-12 websites valuable for teaching and learning. Searches may be done by subject, keyword, content area, type of resource, or NYS learning standard. Users may "request a site" for topics that seem unrepresented or "suggest a site" to be added to the C.E.R.F. database. Sites are carefully evaluated and selected by professional teachers and librarians (none are commercial sites), and the database is carefully kept up-to-date by data processing staff. Programmers continually increase indexing and functionality.

**Media Flex: Quest-All (includes Basic C.E.R.F.):** *Quest-All* is a tool that enables teachers and librarians to manage the flow of resources throughout the stages of teaching. It allows up to ten users to integrate resources into their learning environments with authority; quickly, efficiently, and with confidence in the resources themselves. It combines the power of an advanced meta-searching tool with bibliographic generator to collate resources. It features easy searching of many different resources including your online public access catalog, databases that you subscribe to such as EBSCO and ProQuest, the authority of Curriculum Standards linked websites in *C.E.R.F.<sup>TM</sup>*, the Curriculum and Education Resource Finder, and a database of lesson plans and Webquests. It features four powerful tools to integrate resources:

- Quest-All meta searching
- Lesson Plan Authoring and Database
- Webquest Homework
- Teacher Planbook

And, these four tools easily share information, link to Curriculum Standards, and are organized neatly and compactly for easy access.

**MAPS101 Plus:** *Maps101 Plus* is a cross-curricular resource developed in partnership with K-12 teachers, technology coordinators and media specialists. Features include historical map collections, outline map sets, reference atlases, lesson plans, current events, games and skill builders for students, plus thousands of maps, and classroom resources. You can search the whole site, or by choosing an area in the pull down menu, you can narrow your search to a specific area.

In addition, there are specialized search engines for three areas:

1. Geography In The News-search archives by subject, place, exact date/month/year back to April 1997.
2. Lesson Plans-search by grade level, subject, world region, and national standards.
3. Maps in the News-search archives by subject, place, exact date, month and year back to 1999.

The **Maps Collections** includes over 4,000 up-to-date maps available for immediate download and printing.

20 City Maps	Interactive Maps	29 Satellite Maps	Outline Map Sets
25 Earth Science Maps	International City Maps	Thematic Map Sets	600 Outline Maps
Former USSR Maps	Reference Atlas	600 U.S. States	140 Shaded Relief
History Map Sets	United States	19 United States	
75 United States	United States County Maps	20 World	
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**Classroom Resources** include: K-12 Lesson Plans, Geography Skill Builders, find the correct pronunciation for Burkina Fasso, and more. Also available: Classroom Activities, Lesson Plans, Map Skills, Pronunciation Gazetteer, and Virtual Field Trips.

**Current Events** includes *Geography In The News* that offers a weekly article ranging from physical and environmental to cultural and economic topics--all derived from current events in both the United States and the world at large. *Maps In The News* offers maps related to items in the daily news.

**Learn and Play Create** allows you to create your own map of the United States, test your skill against our weekly GeoQuiz, have fun with our interactive quizzes, and print our Geo Crossword to puzzle your students!

**ProQuest:** *ProQuest* provides global access to one of the largest online content repositories in the world. With it, users will find answers to their questions in fields that range from genealogy to the latest scientific breakthrough to emerging business strategies. Users get easy Web access to more than 4,000 newspapers and periodicals, over a million dissertations, and a wide range of other content. Many of the online products are unique and deliver more full text than any comparable resource.

**ProQuest Education Collection:** *ProQuest Professional Education* offers a comprehensive reference collection for K-12 professional development and continuing education. Educators will find more than 300 full-text magazine and journal titles addressing all aspects of K-12 education. Coverage is front-to-back full-text, as well as full-page image and Text+Graphics to reproduce images and diagrams exactly as they appeared in the original publication.

**ProQuest Historical New York Times (plus 3 more titles):** This database offers full-text and full-image articles for newspapers dating back to the 19th century. A subscription includes historical editions of the New York Times and three of the following four titles: Wall Street Journal, Christian Science Monitor, Washington Post or Los Angeles Times. For most titles, the collection includes digital reproductions of every page from every issue--cover to cover--in downloadable PDF<sup>®</sup> files.

**SIRS Discoverer:** *SIRS Discoverer* with WebFind is an interactive reference tool for the young reader designed to make learning fun and intuitive. The program helps teach research, writing, language and computer skills. It contains full-text, indexed articles and graphics from more than 1,500 magazines, newspapers and U.S. Government documents. The articles date from 1992 to the present. Articles and graphics are carefully selected for their educational content, interest and level of readability. Based on Flesch Reading Ease scale, each article is assigned to a reading level category: General, Easy (grades 1-4), Moderate (grades 5-7), or Challenging (grades 8 and above).

**SIRS Government Reporter:** *SIRS Government Reporter Online* is a reference database that combines a wide range of information published by and about our Federal Government. The selected documents are indexed to more than 13,000 subject headings that date from 1990 to the present and are 100% full-text. Many of the U.S. Government documents contain graphics. The database provides information about federal agencies and elected leaders, U.S. Supreme Court decisions and more. High interest topics explored include Domestic Affairs, Federal Procedures, International Affairs, Military Affairs and Scientific Research.

**SIRS Renaissance:** *SIRS Renaissance Online* Current Perspectives on the Arts and Humanities. This reference tool includes full-text articles and graphics from more than 800 domestic and international magazines and newspapers, with coverage dating primarily from 1994 to the present. Many articles are accompanied by full-color graphics, including art reproductions, photographs, illustrations and maps. Hundreds of articles contain biographical information on notable people. The articles are carefully indexed to more than 25,000 subject headings. SIRS Renaissance can quickly locate information via three easy search methods: Keyword (with Advanced Search), Subject Headings and Topic Browse. All articles are chosen to give researchers the most current and diverse information on the following topics: Architecture & Design, Culture, Multimedia, Literature, Music, Performing Arts, Philosophy & Religion and Visual Arts.

**SIRS Researcher:** *SIRS Researcher Online* is a general reference database with thousands of full-text articles exploring social, scientific, health, historic, economic, business, and political and global issues. SIRS Researcher contains 35,800 subject headings. Carefully selected articles from over 1,300 domestic and international magazines, journals, newspapers and U.S. Government publications can be accessed instantaneously. Articles date from 1988 to the present. Charts, maps, diagrams and illustrations accompany many articles. Information in Full-Text Articles, the main database, is updated daily and is accessible by three search methods: Keyword, Subject Heading and Topic Browse. Topic Browse is divided into eight broad topics, which are subdivided into 40 subtopics.

**TeachingBooks.net:** *TeachingBooks.net* makes instantly available original, in-studio movies of authors and illustrators, audio excerpts of professional book readings, guides to thousands of titles and a wealth of multimedia resources on children's and young adult literature.

**Turnitin:** *Turnitin WriteCycle* is the only complete, web-based solution for managing writing assignments, via multiple phases of feedback and revisions. Its three interrelated services greatly accelerate the learning process, involving students in their own development, freeing instructors from the burden of tracking papers, and promoting critical thinking, while maintaining academic integrity.

**World & I Online:** The *World & I* is a multifaceted monthly publication that presents a broad range of thought-provoking reading in politics, science, culture, humanity, and more in these seven sections— Current Issues, The Arts, Life, Natural Science, Culture, Book World, and Modern Thought.

Since its inception in 1986, The World & I has been accumulating a wealth of timeless articles written by scholars and experts--all of which are now available in our Online Edition. Free from gratuitous sex and violence, The World & I Online comprises the entire publication. Special features include over 1,000 Teacher's Guide activities that meet the National Standards, a Book Review Archive with a search capability of its own, and a series of Special Collections.

Our Special Collections feature topics such as Worldwide Folktales, Peoples of the World, Profiles in Character, Millennial Moments, In the Footsteps of Lincoln, The Constitution and the Making of America, and more. Beautiful visual aids breathe life and meaning into the articles.

**World Book Encyclopedia (Gold or Elementary Level):** *World Book Encyclopedia (Gold or Elementary Level)* includes World Book Online Encyclopedia, World Book Kids, United States & Canadian Provinces Links, Spanish Junior Encyclopedia.

*World Book Encyclopedia Online* forms the foundation of an expansive reference database which also includes:

- More than 400,000 encyclopedia and reference articles
- Thousands of links selected by *World Book* editors and expert contributors
- Historical features
- Extensive dictionary
- Correlations to state and provincial curriculum and achievement standards
- Audios, videos, and animations

*World Books Kids*, based on *World Book's* award-winning *Student Discovery Encyclopedia*, is designed to give younger students a rewarding online learning experience. *World Books Kids* is the first site developed specifically for primary schoolers, with such features as:

- Thousands of easy-to-read articles
- Engaging images and illustrations
- Interactive games and activities
- Teacher resources

**World Book Encyclopedia (Advanced or Secondary Level):** *World Book Encyclopedia (Emerald or Secondary Level)* includes everything in *World Book Encyclopedia Gold* plus U.S. History Component of World Book Research Libraries, Political Science & Law Component of World Book Research Libraries, Literature Component of World Book Research Libraries, World History Component of World Book Research Libraries.