

Database Descriptions

(descriptions provided by database administrators)

- 1) **Bloom's Literary Reference**: features hundreds of Harold Bloom's essays examining the lives and works of great writers throughout history and the world, as well as thousands of critical articles by noted scholars from the Bloom's Literary Criticism imprint. With an archive of more than 42,000 characters and extensive entries on literary topics, themes, movements, and genres, the database contains thousands of entries and almost 170 video segments.
- 2) **Career Cruising**: a suite of online career guidance and planning tools designed for people of all ages. Using our tools, you can find the right career, explore education and training options, build your own portfolio, manage your school's course selection process, or set up a career development network in your community.
- 3) **EBSCO**
 - a) **Primary Search via Searchasaurus**: Designed specifically for the young researcher, it contains full text for more than 60 popular, elementary school magazines. All full text articles are assigned a reading level. It also features 30 full text student reference books, including Funk & Wagnall's Encyclopedia and the American Heritage Dictionary. There is full text for over 100 pamphlets and an image collection containing over 100,000 photos, maps and flags in addition to full text access to the Encyclopedia of Animals. (*provided by NOVEL)
 - b) **Ebscohost Español**: EBSCOHost interface in Spanish - articles and results are in English. (*provided by NOVEL)
 - c) **Funk & Wagnall's New World Encyclopedia**: indexes over 25,000 records, covering an array of topics; contains various images, offers brief biographies as well as information in a variety of subject areas; updated annually. (*provided by NOVEL)
 - d) **Kids Search**: Kids Search, an interface to the Primary Search database, is designed for K-5 students. It contains full text for over 50 popular, elementary school magazines, over 100 student pamphlets, an encyclopedia and a dictionary. Type: full text. (*provided by NOVEL)
- 4) **GALE VIRTUAL REFERENCE LIBRARY**

access to more than 1,000 electronic reference titles — eBooks — in virtually any subject area including health, science, art, history, biography, and many more. (*provided by NOVEL)
- 5) **GREENFILE**

indexes scholarly and general interest titles, as well as government documents and reports. This resource offers a unique perspective on the positive and negative ways humans affect the environment. Drawing on the connection between the environment and disciplines such as agriculture, education, law, health and technology, *GreenFILE* serves as an informative resource for anyone concerned about the issues facing our planet. The database contains nearly 300,000 records, full text for selected titles and searchable cited references for more than 200 titles as well. (Free Resource from Ebsco)
- 6) **GROLIER**
 - a) **Encyclopedia Americana**: In-depth research and worldwide current events for older students and adults.
 - b) **Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia**: Quick reference and rich media for middle school and high school.
 - c) **The New Book of Knowledge**: Reference and current events for elementary readers and up.
- 7) **INFOTRAC**
 - a) **Custom Newspapers**: Offers over 150 full-text newspapers, which include 7 New York State newspapers and the New York Times, which is indexed in full text for the full current year. (*provided by NOVEL)
 - b) **New York State Newspapers**: A subset of InfoTrac Custom Newspapers, this database includes the following seven full-text newspapers from around New York State: Buffalo News, New York Times (from 2000 on), New York Post, New York Observer, Syracuse Herald American, Syracuse Herald-Journal, and Post-Standard (Syracuse). (*provided by NOVEL)
 - c) **Business & Company Resource Center**: Includes company profiles, brand information, company histories, SEC reports, periodical articles, and links to relevant Web sites. (*provided by NOVEL)
 - d) **Twayne Author Series**: Features the content of over 600 books that comprise three print series: United States Authors, English Authors and World Authors. This series is devoted to literary critical interpretation and discussion for readers ranging from high school students through college and above. (*provided by NOVEL)

- e) **National Newspaper Index**: Provides indexing (1977-present) of America's top five newspapers; the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Christian Science Monitor, Los Angeles Times and the Washington Post. (*provided by NOVEL)
- f) **Business & Company ASAP**: Contains full-text articles on companies, markets and industries, with coverage of business and trade journals, newspapers and company directory profiles from 1980 to the present. Type: Full text (mostly). (*provided by NOVEL)
- g) **Health & Wellness Resource Center and Alternative Health Module**: This database contains articles from medical publications and general interest publications on medical topics; medical pamphlets; a health organization directory; medical and alternative health encyclopedias; a medical dictionary; drug and herb information; health assessment tools; and links to health news and Internet sources. Type: Full text. (*provided by NOVEL)
- 8) **ISSUES AND CONTROVERSIES (Facts on File)**: helps researchers understand today's crucial issues by exploring hot topics in politics, government, business, education, and popular culture. Updated weekly, with a 13-year backfile, *Issues and Controversies* offers in-depth articles made to inspire thought-provoking debates. With an appealing interface and improved search and navigation features—including tabbed search results—this database is ideal for papers and debate preparation.
- 9) **ISSUES AND CONTROVERSIES IN AMERICAN HISTORY (Facts on File)**: history comes to life, not as a mere recitation of names and dates, but as a series of turning points where the future hung in the balance and opinions raged on all sides. This recently redesigned database builds a deeper understanding of how historical events have shaped the United States by exploring the issues as the key players saw them. Each in-depth exploration delivers dynamic, concise, and balanced coverage that provides the background, outcomes, and contemporary points of view for the major topics in *every* American history curriculum. The inviting new interface makes searching and browsing even more efficient, with features such as tabbed search results.
- 10) **MARSHALL CAVENDISH DIGITAL**: provides trustworthy digital information on a wide variety of topics and supports students doing research, both for reports and their own interest, and as a supplement to traditional media. (Provided by School Library Services of WSWHE BOCES)
- 11) **PROQUEST PLATINUM**: offers a comprehensive publication collection that meets a wide range of research demands. From general reference to advanced subject matter, Platinum has more than 2,000 titles that cover it all.
- 12) **STUDENT RESOURCE CENTER**: Aimed at middle school and high school students, *Student Resource Center* has all of the award-winning resources that you've come to expect from Gale®, including content based on national curriculum standards in major subject areas such as history, literature, science and social studies. It also comes with the ability to quickly and easily find relevant search results across all Gale electronic products— in one seamless search — with *Gale's PowerSearch™*.
- 13) **TEACHER REFERENCE CENTER**: indexes of over 260 titles from the most popular teacher and administrator trade journals, periodicals, and books. This database provides coverage on key education topics such as Assessment, Continuing Education, Current Pedagogical Research, Curriculum Development, Instructional Media, Language Arts, Literacy Standards, Science & Mathematics, and more for K-12 Teachers & Librarians. (Free Resource from Ebsco)
- 14) **TODAY'S SCIENCE**: bridges the gap between the science learned in the classroom and real-world discoveries. Updated weekly, with a 16-year backfile, *Today's Science* explains important developments in biology, chemistry, the environment, space, physics, and technology. With the information in context, clearly explained and abundantly illustrated, students can see new advances as the results of the application of the same concepts and principles of investigation (the scientific method) that they use in the classroom. The tabbed search results and browse options make it easy for students to pinpoint information.
- 15) **TUMBLEBOOK**
an online collection of TumbleBooks – animated, talking picture books created by adding animation, sound, music and narration to existing picture books in order to produce an electronic picture book which you can read, or have read to you.



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