






Gale Databases Most Relevant for K-12

Database Name & Logo	Target Audience & Content	General Info & Product Page
<p><i>Books & Authors</i> (new as of fall 2018)</p> 	<p>Leisure Readers of All Ages Readers' advisory tool with information about 230,000 books Includes information about books for Children (ages 1-10): 28,700 fiction titles & 6,700 nonfiction titles & Young adults (ages 11-17): 30,700 fiction titles & 6,900 nonfiction titles Also includes read-alike suggestions, book reviews, and biographical information about many authors</p>	<p>Specialty database (not related to “research”) Not part of a PowerSearch Limited tools due to platform No Lexile ratings Optional account = can save booklists & more Can browse by genre, author, expert pick & awards lists Advanced search by character, subject, location, & time period https://support.gale.com/products/bna</p>
<p><i>Kids InfoBits</i></p> 	<p>Elementary School Developed for grades K-5 Broad range of topics, including current events, the arts, science, health, people, government, history, & sports Full-text reference sources from Blackbirch Press, UXL, KidHaven Press, & more 296 full-text reference books 100 full-text magazines 2 newspaper sources 10,800 topic overviews 23,300 biographies 1,200 maps, flags, & seals & 16,600 indexed images 1,800 kid-friendly charts & graphs 600 short videos</p>	<p>General database <i>Good place for elementary students to start research</i> Not part of a PowerSearch Graphical interface Developmentally appropriate Subject-based topic tree search is one search option (= drill down from broad categories to specific content based on pictures) https://support.gale.com/products/itke</p>
<p><i>National Geographic Kids</i></p> 	<p>Elementary & Middle School Students Appropriate for grades K-8 Specific focus on science, technology, animals, nature, peoples, cultures, places, history, archaeology, & space Complete run of <i>National Geographic Kids</i> magazine 200 videos 450 eBooks published by National Geographic Society 800 images</p>	<p>Specialty database Not part of a PowerSearch Limited tools due to NG restrictions (no translation, no highlight and notes feature, cannot save to Google Drive, Google Classroom, or Microsoft OneDrive, limited user interface translation) https://support.gale.com/products/ngmk</p>




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<p>Research In Context</p> 	<p>Middle School Students Developed for grades 6-8 Upper elementary may want to use it, depending on needs Broad range of topics, including government, U.S. & world history, geography, literature, science, & social issues 294 full-text newspapers, magazines, & journals 111 full-text reference books 59,050 reference articles 51,400 biographies 3,225 primary sources 173,000 images & 620 seals, maps, & flags 13,100 videos 183,000 podcasts/audio 650 creative works 3,025 plot summaries 11,300 critical essays 123 experiments</p>	<p>General database <i>Good place for middle school students to start research</i> Not part of a PowerSearch 350 topic-specific portal pages (= pre-search on certain topics; information on other topics can be found through a regular or advanced search) Use advanced search to find science experiments (limit document type to experiment activity) https://support.gale.com/products/msic</p>
<p>Student Resources In Context</p> 	<p>High School Students Developed for grades 9-12 Broad range of topics, including government, U.S. & world history, geography, literature, science, & social issues 987 full-text newspapers, magazines, & journals 138 full-text reference books 45,730 reference articles 36,375 biographies 3,665 primary sources 179,500 images & 1,125 seals, maps, & flags 13,225 videos 220,450 podcasts/audio 925 statistics 875 recommended websites 1,400 creative works 3,525 plot summaries 30,185 critical essays 123 experiments</p>	<p>General database <i>Good place for high school students to start research</i> 900 topic-specific portal pages (= pre-search on certain topics; information on other topics can be found through a regular or advanced search) Use advanced search to find science experiments (limit document type to experiment activity) https://support.gale.com/products/suic</p>

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<p><i>InfoTrac Student</i></p> 	<p>High School Students Developed for grades 9-12 Broad range of topics, including current events, the arts, science, popular culture, health, people, government, history, & sports 1,300 magazines & journals 100 newspapers 50 reference books Historical images 300 maps Lots of podcasts & broadcast transcripts from NPR, NASA, etc.</p>	<p>General database Goal is that reading level is appropriate for high school students A selection of the content is also included in <i>Student Resources In Context</i> https://support.gale.com/products/stom</p>
<p><i>Opposing Viewpoints In Context</i></p> 	<p>High School Students Developed for grades 9-12 and beyond Middle school may want to use it, depending on needs Broad range of topics related to social issues in science, social studies, & current events 21,100 pro/con viewpoint essays 19,100 reference articles 172 full-text newspapers, magazines, & journals 7,600 statistics tables, graphs, & charts 1,500 court-case overviews 155,000 images 16,350 videos 200,000 podcasts/audio 900 primary sources</p>	<p>Specialty database for finding information related to controversial social issues For broader search results, try <i>Student Resources In Context</i> (HS), <i>Research In Context</i> (MS), or other Gale databases 475 issue-specific portal pages (= pre-search on certain topics; information on other topics can be found through a regular or advanced search) https://support.gale.com/products/ovic</p>
<p><i>Gale Virtual Reference Library</i></p> 	<p>Middle School & High School Students A few titles have reading levels appropriate for Elementary Students eBook platform; schools can purchase access to additional eBooks <u>100 eBooks</u> provided by state contract</p> <p>Note: For our statewide database contract, we were able to add a limited number of eBooks to <i>GVRL</i>. Since the contract is for K12, academic, public, and tribal libraries, the selection committee tried to find a few titles to benefit each library type. That explains the narrow selection on scattered topics with varying reading levels. Your school library may have purchased extra titles.</p>	<p>Specialty database For broader search results, try <i>Student Resources In Context</i> (HS), <i>Research In Context</i> (MS), <i>Kids InfoBits</i> (Elem), or other Gale databases No Lexile ratings Can search within all books or within a specific title Multiple users can access same book at same time; no special reader or hardware required https://support.gale.com/products/gvrl</p>

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<p><i>LitFinder</i> (new as of fall 2018)</p> 	<p>High School Students Developed for grades 9-12 and beyond Middle school may want to use it, depending on needs Topics related to U.S. and world literary works & authors only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 150,000 full-text poems 800,000 poetry citations 10,000 full-text short stories and novels 4,100 full-text essays 1,400 full-text plays 2,000 full-text speeches Secondary materials, like bios, reviews, and images 	<p>Specialty database For broader search results, try <i>Student Resources In Context</i> (HS), <i>Research In Context</i> (MS), or other Gale databases Not part of a PowerSearch No Lexile ratings Search by author or title Advanced search by publication century and publication type https://support.gale.com/products/litf</p>
<p><i>U.S. History in Context</i></p> 	<p>High School Students Developed for grades 9-12 Middle school may want to use it, depending on needs U.S. history topics only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 180 reference books 143 full-text newspapers, magazines, & journals 5,400 primary sources 90,000 biographies 42,900 images 1,500 seals, maps, & flags 12,150 videos, including from The History Channel 168,150 podcasts/audio 	<p>Specialty database For broader search results, try <i>Student Resources In Context</i> (HS), <i>Research In Context</i> (MS), or other Gale databases 400 topic-specific portal pages https://support.gale.com/products/uhic</p>
<p><i>GREENR</i> (<i>Global Reference on the Environment, Energy, and Natural Resources</i>)</p> 	<p>Advanced High School Students Developed for grades 11-12 and beyond Topics mostly relate to “green issues” like sustainability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1,000 periodicals 60 reference books Case studies Interactive maps Videos, podcasts, images 	<p>Specialty database For broader search results, try <i>Student Resources in Context</i>, <i>InfoTrac Student</i>, or other Gale databases Not part of a PowerSearch No Lexile ratings 275 portal pages for countries, topics/issues, & organizations https://support.gale.com/products/grnr</p>

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<p><i>Health & Wellness Resource Center</i></p> 	<p>High School Students Developed for grades 9-12 and beyond Middle school may want to use it, depending on needs Consumer health-related topics only Some Spanish-language reference and periodical content 70 full-text Gale and third-party medical titles 1,000 full-text newspapers, magazines, & medical journals 4,800 disease/disorder overviews 6,300 drug overviews 790 medical procedure/test overviews 6,700 images 30,000 videos 180,000 podcasts/audio</p>	<p>Specialty database For broader search results, try <i>Student Resources In Context</i> (HS), <i>Research In Context</i> (MS), or other Gale databases Not part of a PowerSearch No Lexile ratings 300 topic-specific portal pages Search by diseases or conditions; drugs; diagnostics or tests; therapies, treatments, or surgeries; & more https://support.gale.com/products/hwrc</p>
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General Information about Gale Databases

Access the databases via the Find Information pages on OSLIS and/or via the PowerSearch link: <https://secondary.oslis.org/find-information> or <https://elementary.oslis.org/find-information>.

PowerSearch lists all of the databases available through the state contact and allows users to search one specific database or to search selected or (nearly) all databases simultaneously.

Other helpful databases include *General OneFile*, *Informe* (Spanish-language content), *InfoTrac Newsstand*, & *Educator's Reference Complete*.

Lexile ratings are usually only provided for periodical content (newspapers, magazines, & journals).

General reading level indicator: A green circle indicates a basic reading level, a yellow square indicates intermediate level, and a red triangle signals advanced level. The level designations are within context of the intended audience for the database, so advanced for Kids InfoBits is different than advanced for Student Resources In Context.

Tools and Features: Users can do the following with articles in nearly every database: print, email, download, translate to one of about 20 languages, listen to or download MP3 in English or translated language, bookmark to easily share content and get back to content later, highlight and take notes, and save to Google Drive, Google Classroom, and Microsoft OneDrive.

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“**More**” **Menu** (three horizontal bars) within a database provides access to educator resources, help, highlights and notes for a session, My folder (= saved articles for a session), and more.

Gale product pages provide support resources including short tutorials, recorded webinars, resource guides, and the title list – a spreadsheet that lists all of the sources from which the database pulls content.

Find the online version of this document at the very bottom of the Find Information pages when using the secondary educator or elementary educator skins of OSLIS. It is also available in a Google folder called OSLIS Resources for the Oregon K-12 Community (bit.ly/oslis-resources).

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