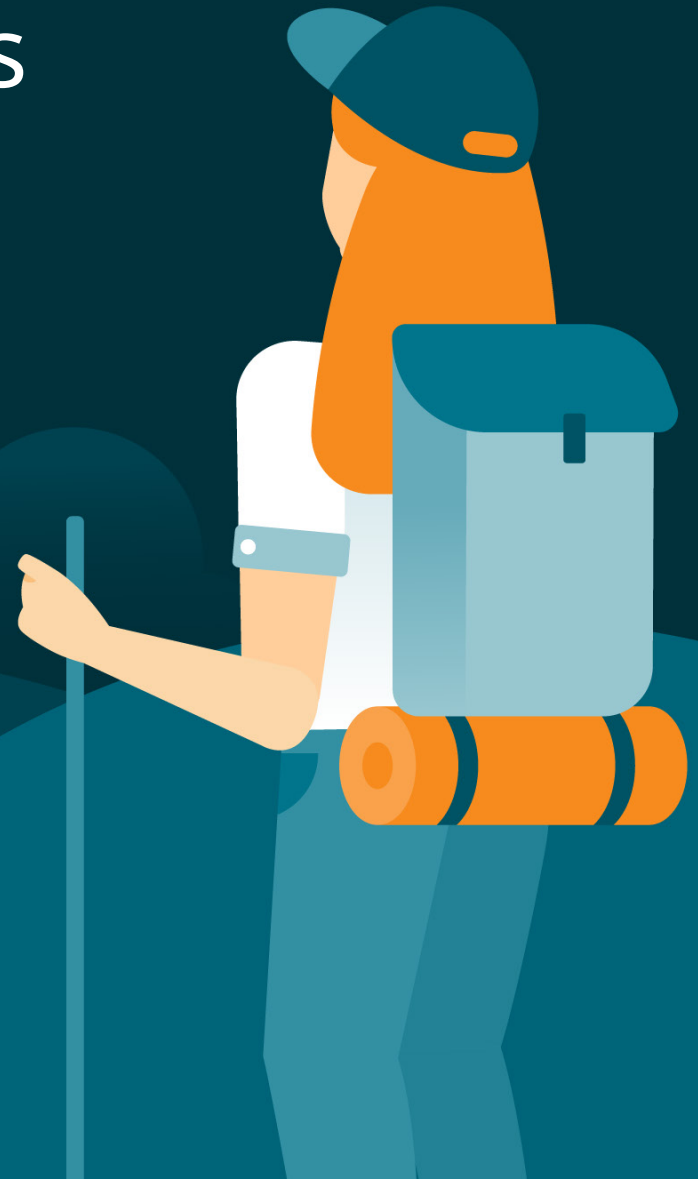


**EBSCO**

**Navigating Knowledge:  
Six Library Databases  
That Lead the Way**



# Introduction



In an age overflowing with information, our ability to find trustworthy resources can feel like trying to navigate without a map. That's where the library steps in as a guiding compass, pointing learners toward credible sources that illuminate the path to discovery.

EBSCO's **Ultimate Databases for Schools and Public Libraries** serve as essential tools for charting the course toward knowledge and empowering individuals to explore, learn and grow. Learn more about each database along with six ways to incorporate each into student learning or library programming.





# Biography Reference Ultimate

Whether your library serves students writing reports, hobbyists exploring historical figures, or professionals seeking inspiration, **Biography Reference Ultimate** provides them with 1.2 million biographical entries. Covering notable individuals from all walks of life and time periods, this database helps learners uncover detailed profiles and delve into personal stories that enrich their understanding of the world.

## SIX WAYS TO USE IT

- 1 Research Historical Figures:** Choose a historical period or theme (e.g., Civil Rights Movement) and research individuals who made significant contributions. Present findings through multimedia projects, essays or 5-minute oral presentations.
- 2 “Who Am I?” Biography Game:** Create an interactive classroom activity where students research a person using the database and write clues about their life and achievements. The rest of the class guesses the person based on the clues.
- 3 Compare and Contrast Biographies:** Select two figures with similar roles (e.g., two artists, scientists or leaders) and analyze their lives, challenges and contributions. Create Venn diagrams or essays to highlight similarities and differences.
- 4 Inspiration for Creative Writing:** Invite budding writers to pen fictionalized journal entries, letters or short stories from the perspective of a historical figure they research in the database. This integrates creativity with factual learning.
- 5 Thematic Research Projects:** Explore thematic questions, such as “What makes a leader?” or “How do personal challenges shape success?” Use multiple biographies to draw broader conclusions and connect historical figures to contemporary issues.
- 6 Life Stories Discussion Series:** Host a monthly program spotlighting notable figures from different fields, such as science, business or film. Use the database to research key details and present their stories through multimedia presentations. Invite local experts or performers to give talks, readings or reenactments.



# Consumer Health Ultimate

Support high school health curriculum and empower individuals to make informed decisions about their well-being. **Consumer Health Ultimate** contains up-to-date, evidence-based health reports, pamphlets, e-books, videos and animations covering conditions, tests, treatments and procedures. Key topics include nutrition, fitness, mental health, teen health, senior health and more.

## SIX WAYS TO USE IT

- 1 Health Research Projects:** Research common health conditions (e.g., diabetes, asthma) or wellness topics (e.g., nutrition, exercise) using health reports and pamphlets. Create infographics or presentations for a health fair to educate peers.
- 2 Debunking Health Myths:** Use the database to fact-check common health myths or misinformation. This fosters critical thinking and digital literacy skills.
- 3 Science of the Human Body:** Leverage health videos and animations for studying anatomy, physiology or the science behind certain medical conditions, tying it into biology or health science curriculum.
- 4 Health Decision-Making:** Research real-life scenarios, such as meal planning for food allergies or treatment options for common conditions. Students can present their findings to reinforce health literacy and critical thinking.
- 5 Community Wellness Workshops:** Partner with local health professionals and use the database to provide authoritative resources on managing chronic conditions, mental health awareness or nutrition basics.
- 6 Teen Health Awareness Programs:** Address topics such as mental health, stress management or substance abuse prevention. Use database content to guide discussions and provide take-home packets of reliable, age-appropriate information.



# History Reference Ultimate

History lovers and students alike can dive into **History Reference Ultimate**, a comprehensive database of content spanning centuries of human history. It includes primary source documents, scholarly articles, e-books and multimedia resources to help learners explore global events, cultural movements and influential figures. This database is perfect for educators developing lesson plans, history buffs researching specific eras, and anyone curious about how the past shapes the present.

## SIX WAYS TO USE IT

- 1 Primary Source Analysis:** Find and analyze primary source documents (e.g., speeches, letters or treaties) related to a specific historical event or era. Evaluate the document's significance and perspective in group discussions or essays. The Gettysburg Address (AN 18488449) is a great speech to start with.
- 2 Thematic Research Projects:** Explore a historical theme (e.g., population, immigration or industrialization) by finding documents and articles in the database and using them to create presentations or timelines. Consider bringing **National History Day** to your library.
- 3 Create a Digital Exhibit:** Research a specific topic, such as Women's Suffrage or the Great Depression, and curate digital "exhibits" using primary sources (e.g., newspaper articles, photos and personal accounts). Showcase them on the library's website or during a public event to foster community engagement.
- 4 Living History Workshops:** Host programs where participants use the database to research local or national historical events (e.g., Civil War) and then create reenactments, exhibits or storytelling sessions based on their findings.
- 5 History Mystery Nights:** Organize an interactive event where participants use the database to solve a historical mystery. This can be adapted for teens or adults for an engaging group activity. Possible mysteries include the Salem Witch Trials or the sinking of the Titanic.
- 6 "Hidden Histories" Research Challenge:** Investigate lesser-known events or social movements with significant impacts that are often overlooked, such as the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire. Present findings through posters, digital slideshows or brief talks.



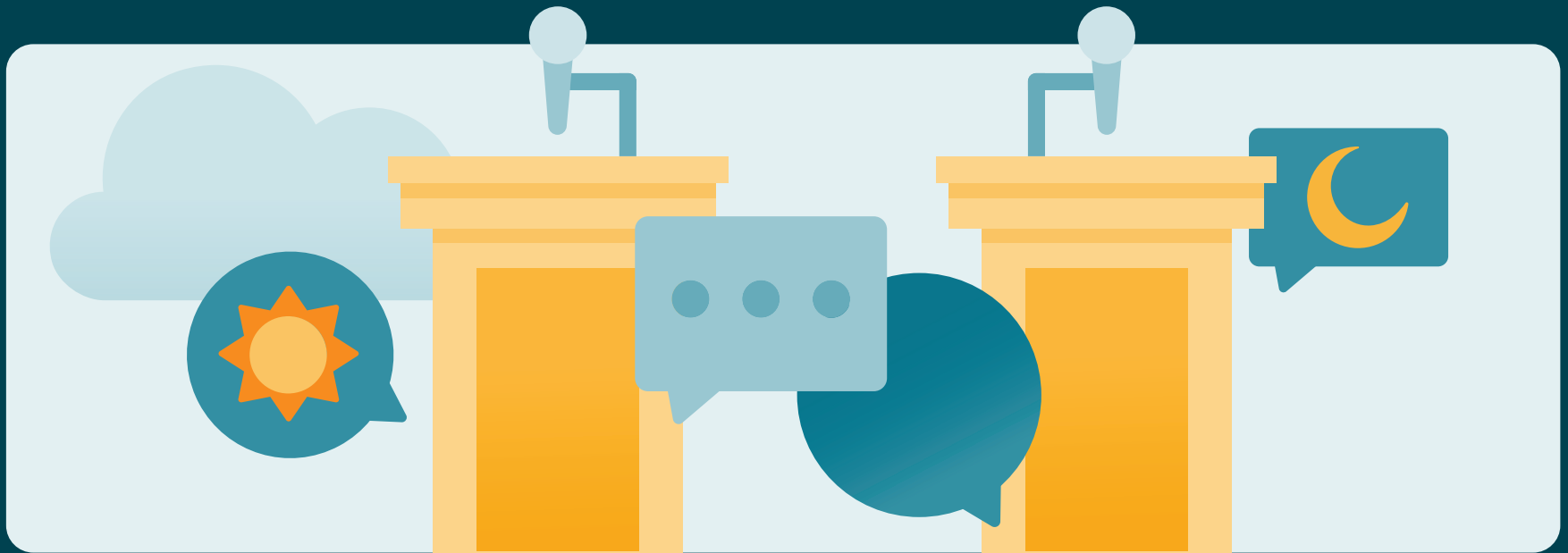


# Literary Reference Ultimate

Students, educators and booklovers can delve into the world of literature with **Literary Reference Ultimate**. This all-in-one database offers full text for classic and contemporary poems and short stories, along with plot summaries, biographies, critical essays, e-books, videos and other reliable resources — perfect for teaching and learning about thousands of authors and their works.

## SIX WAYS TO USE IT

- 1 Author Research Project:** Create a visual timeline of an author's life using biographical information from the database. Highlight key moments, publications, awards, and historical events that shaped the writing of authors such as Alice Walker, Charles Dickens, Edgar Allan Poe, Jane Austen or Octavia E. Butler.
- 2 Exploring Literary Themes:** Use literary criticism essays to compare how a theme — such as identity, social justice, coming of age, or fate vs. free will — is explored in multiple works.
- 3 Banned Books Week:** Research frequently challenged works and arguments supporting their inclusion in educational curricula.
- 4 Book Club Discussion Guides:** Provide in-depth resources, such as author interviews or critical analyses, to deepen readers' understanding of classic or contemporary works such as *The Hunger Games*, *Lord of the Flies*, *The Hate U Give* or *The House on Mango Street*.
- 5 Literary Programs:** Plan programs around specific genres, literary movements or authors. For example, celebrate the Harlem Renaissance with texts by Langston Hughes and Zora Neale Hurston and supplement with essays and multimedia resources. Also consider Mystery and Detective Fiction or Magical Realism.
- 6 "Behind the Book" Author Series:** Host sessions exploring how the personal experiences of famous authors — such as Sylvia Plath, Maya Angelou, August Wilson or Margaret Atwood — influenced their works. Use biographies, primary texts, critical essays and video clips from the database.



## Points of View Ultimate

In a time when understanding multiple perspectives is vital, **Points of View Ultimate** equips learners with balanced resources on controversial issues. This database offers overview, point and counterpoint articles on hundreds of topics, ranging from AI-generated art to wind power, as well as magazine articles, e-books and videos. Students working on persuasive essays, educators planning classroom debates, and community members seeking to engage thoughtfully in discussions will all find value.

## SIX WAYS TO USE IT

- 1 Debate Preparation:** Support debate teams by providing access to balanced perspectives on controversial topics. Use database essays and articles as reliable sources for building their arguments.
- 2 Persuasive Writing Assignments:** Use the Guide to Critical Analysis to help students explore multiple viewpoints, strengthen their thesis development, and craft well-supported essays.
- 3 Civics and Government Classes:** In collaboration with social studies teachers, show students how to use the database's essays, articles and e-books to research real-world examples of policy debates and analyze varying perspectives.
- 4 Community Discussion Groups:** Host moderated conversations around local or global hot topics, using database essays as a foundation for informed discussions.
- 5 Research Skills Workshops:** Offer sessions teaching students (or parents) how to use the database to find credible sources for school assignments.
- 6 Mock Trials or Model UN:** Partner with schools or youth organizations to run events where participants use content from the database to prepare cases or craft resolutions.



# Science Reference Ultimate

Curiosity about the natural world fuels innovation, and **Science Reference Ultimate** serves as a portal to scientific discovery. This database covers topics in biology, chemistry, physics and beyond, featuring peer-reviewed articles, e-books, experiments and multimedia content. Learners can use it to support academic studies, explore STEM careers, or simply satisfy their curiosity about the universe.

## SIX WAYS TO USE IT

- 1 STEM Research Projects:** Support students with reliable, full-text resources for science fair projects or in-depth research on topics like climate change, robotics or human anatomy.
- 2 Career Exploration:** Host workshops on STEM careers using profiles and articles on scientists, engineers and healthcare professionals available in the database.
- 3 Interactive Science Workshops:** Pair database resources with hands-on activities, such as building rockets or exploring ecosystems, to provide context and background knowledge.
- 4 Teacher Collaboration:** Partner with educators to integrate science database materials into lesson plans, such as for biology, chemistry or earth science units.
- 5 Community Science Nights:** Organize family-friendly events with science experiments and use the database to showcase supporting articles for further exploration.
- 6 Summer Reading Program:** Design a science-themed summer program featuring topics from the database — such as space, animals, conservation or sustainability. For example, curate a list of articles about octopuses, select a related reading (e.g., *Smart and Spineless* or *The Benefits of Being an Octopus*), and plan an activity.

# Take the next step

Enrich teaching, learning and public library services by providing students, educators and lifelong learners in your community with access to reliable, in-depth information tailored to their diverse interests and needs.

**Request more information**

