

EPIC DATABASES

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Australia/New Zealand Reference Centre

The Reference Centre gives access to abstracts and full-text articles from international, Australian, and New Zealand magazines and newspapers. It is an excellent resource for those requiring up-to-date world, Australian and New Zealand current events information. [access database](#)

Biography Resource Centre

This database contains an extensive range of contemporary and historical biographies of notable people including some New Zealanders. It is searchable by name, nationality, and occupation. It is ideal for secondary students and teachers. [access database](#)

Books & Authors

Books & Authors offers new ways to explore the endless possibilities and combinations of books, authors, genres and topics. Books and Authors connects readers with books, combining browseable menus and visual search technology to guide readers from every level of reading proficiency to books that match their interests. [access database](#)

Britannica Online School Edition K-12 and World Data Analyst

Quick and easy comparisons of countries. This rich trove of current and historical statistics on the countries of the world makes historical and cross-national comparisons easy. Plus, World Data Analyst allows you to create tables, charts and even export the information to a spreadsheet for data crunching and deeper analysis. Users can also link to country articles from the Britannica Concise Encyclopedia and get a snapshot of a country. It's ideal for research, to explore new topics for study, or just to learn more about the world. [access database](#)

Britannica Online School Edition K-8

Britannica Online School Edition K-8 offers content aimed at primary and middle school levels, and includes the Britannica Learning Zone for younger children at K-2 level. Learning materials include English, Maths, Science and Social Studies resources, with interactive whiteboard-compatible content. All levels include thousands of graphics, animations, video and audio clips, in an interactive learning environment. [access database](#)

Business Reference Suite

This collection allows for searching across three related business databases: Business and Industry; Business and Management Practices; and TableBase. Updated daily, topics include business planning and management, products, brands, and markets and forecasts. Suitable for senior secondary accountancy, business studies, and economics students. [access database](#)

Contemporary Women's Issues

This database contains a huge range of articles and reports on women's issues from professional and popular journals, and newspapers. It can be also searched by subject, for example gender equity. Suitable for senior secondary students and teachers of social studies, history, and English. [access database](#)

Discovering Collection

Suitable for intermediate and secondary students, this database allows for searching under a range of subjects including history, literature, geography, and biographies. There is also a multimedia gallery containing photographs, graphs, maps, and sound and video clips. Search results have indicators as to level of difficulty. This database does have a strong US bias. [access database](#)

General OneFile

Containing millions of articles and updated daily, *General OneFile* is an ideal general research tool covering topics ranging from art to zoology. Articles are available from a wide variety of overseas magazines and newspapers. Excellent for secondary schools students and teachers across all curriculum areas. [access database](#)

Health and Wellness Resource Centre

This database provides authoritative answers to health and medical questions from over 700 health/medical journals and pamphlets. It covers topics like: mainstream and alternative medicines, nutrition, diet, fitness, and disease. It also includes an online medical encyclopedia, dictionary, and links to relevant websites. [access database](#)

History Resource Centre: World

Search this database for a wide range of international history topics including: 20th century history, Ancient Greece and the Near East, the Middle Ages, the Renaissance, and Latin America. It features full text articles from over 100 history journals and also includes primary documents, maps, and images. A very useful resource for secondary history students and teachers. [access database](#)

Literature Resource Centre

This database contains critical essays and biographical information on over 100,000 authors, both historical and contemporary. A superb and comprehensive resource for senior secondary English teachers and students. It also includes information on major New Zealand authors. [access database](#)

MasterFILE Premier

This collection provides full text access to articles from over 2000 major international publications such as *Time*, *Newsweek*, and *New Scientist*. It also includes reference and travel works, image collection, biographies, and book reviews. Covering virtually every subject area, MasterFILE is ideal for general research enquiries at secondary school level. [access database](#)

Opposing Viewpoints Resource Centre

Opposing Viewpoints is ideal for those wanting information about the various sides of contemporary issues like euthanasia, genetic engineering, and media violence. Includes: topical overviews and point-of-view articles. A excellent resource for debaters and other students or teachers wishing to investigate major contentious topics. [access database](#)

Oxford Art Online (including Grove Art)

The **Oxford Art Online** gateway provides access not only to *Grove Art Online*, including the full text of the 34-volume print edition of *The Dictionary of Art*, but to:

- *The Oxford Companion to Western art*
- *The Encyclopedia of Aesthetics*
- *Concise Oxford Dictionary of Art Terms*
- Over 2,000 additional colour images from the Metropolitan Museum of Art and Art Images for College Teaching, and 500 new images of modern and contemporary art, embedded in the text of articles.

World Art Timelines and Learning Resources, as well as links to other subject specific online resources, provide support for students and teachers. [access database](#)

Oxford Music Online (including Grove Music)

The **Oxford Music Online** gateway provides the following resources, which are cross-searchable within Oxford Music Online:

- *Grove Music Online*, which includes full text & updated content of the 29-vol. Print edition of *New Grove dictionary of Music and Musicians*,

2d ed, the 4-vol. *New Grove Dictionary of Opera*, and 3-vol. *New Grove Dictionary of Jazz*, 2d ed.

- Over 50,000 articles chart the history and culture of music and musicians from around the world, to the present day.
- For quick reference to music terms and concepts, *The Oxford Companion to Music* and *The Oxford Dictionary of Music* are included.
- There are external links to audio and print materials, and Timelines and Learning resources to support students and teachers. [access database](#)

ProQuest Science Journals

ProQuest Science Journals offers online access to hundreds of leading science journals, which will fill the basic scientific reference needs of secondary schools. From avian influenza to global warming and the latest scientific and technological breakthroughs, ProQuest Science Journals covers them all by providing the fulltext to over 400 leading science and technology journals. [access database](#)

Student Resource Centre: College Edition Expanded

Similar in content and layout to the Discovering Collection, the Student Resource Centre provides cross-curricular information suitable for senior secondary school students. Students can search topics including history, literature, geography, and biographies. Also available is a multimedia gallery containing photographs, graphs, maps, and sound and video clips. [access database](#)

The Oxford English Dictionary Online

The world's most authoritative and comprehensive dictionary of English at your finger tips. This searchable online dictionary is a definitive record of the development and evolution of the English language. It includes the full text of the 20-volume Second Edition, and 45,000 new and revised words. At least 2,500 additional new and revised words are added every 3 months. [access database](#)

Virtual Reference Library

Explore a collection of encyclopaedias, almanacs and reference sources. Subjects include health, war, pollution, history, space science, maths, food and fashion. [access database](#)