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HCPSS Online Subscription Databases

Students should contact the school library media specialist for login information to these databases.



[ABC-CLIO American Government](#) - Daily UPI Washington news, political cartoons for analysis, and political commentaries help students learn about different viewpoints.



[American History](#) - From the explorers of the Americas to today's headlines, American History investigates the people, events, and themes of our nation's evolution. Integrating American politics, science, culture, philosophy, and economics, this authoritative database explores the ongoing development of the United States. American Government contains nearly 15,000 primary and secondary sources, including overview essays, biographies, government and court documents, photos, maps, audio/video clips, statistics, and more.



[CultureGrams](#) - Concise, reliable, and up-to date country reports on 182 world cultures



[NoodleTools](#) - Generate, edit, and publish an MLA Works Cited list or APA References list using *NoodleBib*



[Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center](#) -This resource provides a complete one-stop source for information on social issues [see your school library media specialist for login information].



[Science Resource Center](#) - Thousands of topic overviews, experiments, biographies, and illustrations can be found in articles from over 200 magazines, academic journals, and links to quality web sites [see your school library media specialist for login information].



[SIRS Decades](#) -More than 5,000 primary and secondary source articles highlighting key events, movements, people, and places in 20th-century America



[SIRS Discoverer](#) - Easily retrievable full-text articles from approximately 1,200 newspapers, magazines, and U.S. government documents; includes *World Almanac for Kids*



[SIRS Knowledge Source](#) -Thousands of full-text articles from domestic and international sources exploring social, scientific, health, historic, business, economic, political, and global issues



[Student Resource Center Gold](#) - All core curriculum areas are covered with this premium selection of reference material, full-text periodicals and newspapers, primary sources, creative works, and multimedia [see your school library media specialist for login information].



[Teaching Books.net](http://TeachingBooks.net) - A timesaving portal to thousands of online resources of book-related resources you can use to explore children's and young adult books and their authors. It provides immediate access to useful materials and exciting programs (short movies, audio book readings, book discussion guides, and more) that add a multimedia dimension to reading in the classroom, library media center, and home.



[World Book Online](http://WorldBookOnline) - This is the online version of this popular encyclopedia.



[Howard County Library](http://HowardCountyLibrary)

Homework Help

- Tutor.com - Online tutoring service is provided through the Howard County Library(HCL); click on the question mark (?); requires an HCL library card

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General Reference/Research

- [Ask an Expert](#) - Index of expert question and answer services available on the Internet
- [Bartlett's Quotations](#) - Search for famous quotes and phrases.
- [Encyclopedia.com](#) - Articles from the Concise Columbia Electronic Encyclopedia
- [Encyclopedia Britannica](#) - Concise articles from the scholarly encyclopedia are available in searchable format.
- [InfoPlease](#) - Allows students to search the encyclopedia, dictionary, and several almanacs
- [Library Spot](#) - A huge hotlink page to ready reference sources, online libraries and other online media (journals, newspapers, speeches, etc.)
- [Merriam-Webster Online](#) - Online dictionary and thesaurus
- [Multicultural Calendar](#) - Online calendar that allows searching holidays by month, country or holiday
- [OneLook Dictionaries](#) - Type a word, choose a dictionary.

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Biography

- [Academy of Achievement](#) - Focuses on individuals who have shaped the twentieth century by their accomplishments
- [Biographical Dictionary](#) - Facts and figures on 18,000 people
- [Biography.com](#) - This site from A & E has an online database of very brief entries about 25,000 of the greatest names, past and present.
- [National Inventors Hall of Fame](#) - This site has biographies of inventors, indexed by inventor, invention, or by date.
- [National Women's Hall of Fame](#) - Search for biographical information about famous American women.
- [Nobel Prize Laureates](#) - This site has biographies and links about Nobel winners.
- [Presidents of the U.S.](#) - In this resource you will find background information, election results, cabinet members, notable events, and some points of interest on each of the presidents.
- [Time Persons of the Year](#) - This site has the cover picture and the cover article for the Time Man of the Year from 1927.

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Career and College Information

- [The Career Key](#) - This site has an excellent self-assessment tool to help students define possible careers based on both abilities and interest. Groups of careers are offered as possibilities for the student to consider. Specific occupations the student chooses are then linked to the Occupational Outlook Handbook for further information.
- [Career Magazine](#) - This site gives tips and links for career opportunities.
- [It's My Future](#) - Describes opportunities beyond high school, including career options, military careers, financial aid and scholarships.
- [Occupational Outlook Handbook](#) - This site duplicates the print title published by the U.S. Department of Labor. The site gives a descriptive listing of occupations including job outlook and average salary range.
- [Peterson's.com](#) - Provides information on colleges, summer programs, study abroad.

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Countries, Flags, and Maps

- [Background Notes](#) - This site has brief information about countries around the world. The information comes from the U.S. State Department.
- [Country Studies](#) - "This website contains the on-line versions of books previously published in hard copy by the Federal Research Division of the Library of Congress under the Country Studies/Area Handbook Program sponsored by the

U.S. Department of Army." The currency of information varies since books are up updated on a rotating basis.

- [CIA World Fact Book](#) - This site has information about countries of the world from the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency. As of 6/15/01 this statement is on the home page: "In general, information available as of 1 January 2000 was used in the preparation of this edition."
- [Currency Exchange Rates Converter](#) - "FXConverter (Foreign Exchange Currency Converter) is a multi-lingual Currency Converter with up to date exchange rates provided from leading market data contributors and is filtered for validity. To get the exchange rates for any of the 164 currencies, select the desired currencies from the lists [given], as well as the date, language, and amount for which you would like to conduct the currency conversion. Click on "Convert Now" to get the results of your currency conversion.
- [Google Earth](#) - Google Earth combines the power of Google Search with satellite imagery, maps, terrain and 3D buildings to put the world's geographic information at your fingertips.
- [Google Maps](#) - This searchable site uses Google Earth satellite technology to assist with finding locations.
- [Historical Map Web Sites](#) - This site has historical maps from the Perry-Castañeda Library Map Collection at the University of Texas at Austin.
- [Infonation](#) - this site will compare statistics for up to 7 countries at once.
- [Information Please - Countries of the World](#) - This site includes maps, flags, facts, quizzes and crossword puzzles, to name only a few features!
- [Map Machine](#) - National Geographic provides electronic maps and links to a wide variety of map resources.
- [Map Quest](#) - This site gives driving directions from one specific address to another. Directions may be obtained for the United States, Canada and Europe.
- [Maps From Hanover College Dept. of History](#) - This site has links to maps organized by continent.
- [Mt. Mercy College Webliography](#) - Selective links to country information organized geographically. Each region webpage offers links to government and cultural websites.
- [National Geographic Country Profiles](#) - Check this site out for a wealth of country information.
- [Outline Maps](#) - Use this site to print or download a variety of outline maps for homework or classroom use.
- [The Perry-Castañeda Library Map Collection](#) - This site has multiple color maps from the University of Texas at Austin. The site is organized by broad geographical categories (on second page of site) and also has links to other map sites
- [USA City Link](#) - Look at this comprehensive source for information on cities and states.
- [U.S. Gazetteer](#) - This site allows users to search for United States maps by zip code or city and state. It is published by the U.S. Census Bureau.
- [The Weather Channel](#) - This site has weather forecasts for U.S. and international cities.

- [World Flag Database](#) - Use this site to find flags of all nations.

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e-Texts

- [Hypertexts from the University of Virginia](#) - This site has full text, illustrations, reviews, literary attributes, etc. from many classics. Some examples are *Red Badge of Courage* by Stephen Crane, *Democracy in America* by Alexis de Tocqueville, works by Mark Twain, and *American Slave Narratives* by the WPA.
- [Columbia University's Project Bartleby](#) - Columbia University's Project Bartleby is an online full-text library of reference, verse, fiction and nonfiction. Searchable by author, title and broad categories such as American Documents and English Essays. An early edition of Bartlett's Familiar Quotations is included in the collection as well as many other early works such as the 70 volumes of the Harvard Classics and the 1919 edition of Gray's Anatomy.. Word searching yields rapid retrieval of all works containing the word, with direct links to the original sources.
- [Project Gutenberg - Fine Literature Digitally Re-Published](#) - This site provides full-text of literature and references that are in the public domain, including classics such as Alice in Wonderland and the complete works of Shakespeare.

Financial Aid

- [Peterson's Education Center](#) -- This site gives links to organizations that provide information on how to pay for a college education.
- [fastWEB!](#) -- Students register and are given a mail box. When a new scholarship becomes available students are notified based on the scholarship criteria students previously entered.
- [FinAid](#) -- This is an excellent annotated collection of sites about financial aid.

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Literature

- [Internet Public Library Online Literary Criticism Collection](#) - "The IPL Online Literary Criticism Collection contains 3756 critical and biographical websites about authors and their works that can be browsed by author, by title, or by nationality and literary period."
- [Encyclopedia Mythica](#)- Provides key word access to articles pertaining to myths and mythological characters.
- [Literary Resources on the Net](#) - A list of websites of literary interest. The sites are grouped by period, for example: Classical, 18th century, Romantic, Victorian.
- [Virtual YA Index](#) - Index from the Suffolk Cooperative Library System that lists links to Public Library websites that have dedicated websites for Teens.

- [Voice of the Shuttle--English Literature](#)- English literature is defined on this page as "works written in English taught in departments of English and American literature." Searchable by author and also organized by time period.
- [Voice of the Shuttle--Minority Literature](#)- Minority literature categorized into groups such as "AFRO-AMERICAN, ASIAN-AMERICAN, CHICANO/LATINO." Includes some full-text of authors' works. Not all links on individual pages have been checked for currency as of 6/21/00.

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News Sites, Magazines, Journals

- [Baltimore Sun](#) -- Use the Baltimore Sun's page for today's headlines, sports, and weather.
- [British Broadcasting Company](#) (BBC) - Check the daily news from Great Britain.
- [Los Angeles Times](#) - Find daily news from Los Angeles, California.
- [New York Times](#) - Find daily news from the New York Times. This site also provides links to past articles, providing background information about a current story.
- [Newsweek](#) - Online version of the popular weekly magazine
- [Public Agenda Online](#) - "Public Agenda is a nonpartisan, nonprofit public opinion research and citizen education organization based in New York City. Drawing on its research, Public Agenda prepares a broad array of educational materials that help explain policy issues to the public in a balanced and easy-to-understand way. Citizens can use this information to weigh various choices and make educated decisions."
- [Reuters](#) - Top news stories from Reuters may be found at this site. The latest headlines, new stories, photographs and audio newsclips are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- [Time Warner's Pathfinder Network](#) - Archives of all issues since 1994 are available in addition to the current issue. In the archives the cover of each issue, in thumbnail size, is shown in a browser window that is organized by date of publication.
- [U.S. News and World Report](#) - Archives of all issues since February 1997 are available, in addition to the current issue. Archives are organized by date of publication.
- [Washington Post](#)- In addition to the current issue the full text of issues printed during the previous two weeks are searchable and available free of charge.
- [WTOP](#) - Local news, traffic, and weather, 24/7

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United States Government

- [Library of Congress](#) - This site has links to legislative information and research tools including full text access to current bills in congress. It is useful for verifying publication of materials and for locating bibliographic information.
- [National Archives and Records Administration](#) - This site provides access to primary sources related to U.S. government and history.
- [National Library of Medicine](#) - Users may search MedLine or the National Library of Medicine site.
- [Smithsonian](#) - Links to the museums, educational activities, libraries, etc. of the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C.
- [U.S. Census Bureau](#) - The Census Bureau has information from the U.S. Census of 1990. Data from the 2000 census is added as it becomes available.
- [U.S. Executive Branch](#) - This site has useful information about the Executive branch of the U.S. government.
- [U.S. Judicial Branch](#) - This site has useful information about the Judicial branch of the U.S. government.
- [U.S. Legislative Branch](#) - This site has useful information about the Legislative branch of the U.S. government such as a directory of members of Congress and congressional committees.
- [USA.gov](#) - This official U.S. Government portal to 30 million pages of government information, services, and online transactions features a topical index, links to state and local government, options to contact your government, and other tools.
- [The White House](#) - This is the official White House site. Information about the federal government, presidential information, access to White House documents, and commonly requested federal services are included.
- [Zip codes](#) - This site gives access to the United States Postal Service Zip Code directory

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