

2015-2016 Online Database features

Title	Good for...	Librarian's notes	My notes
<p>ABC-CLIO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>American History</i> • <i>American Geography</i> • <i>American Government</i> • <i>World History: Ancient & Medieval Eras</i> • <i>World History: Modern Era</i> • <i>World at War</i> • <i>World Geography</i> • <i>African-American Experience</i> 	<p>Higher level, in-depth coverage of social sciences related topics</p> <p>Statistics</p> <p>Images, artwork, maps</p> <p>Intermediate to advanced search skills</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topic overviews and related resources gathered together • Good for images of primary sources, art, & political/military maps • Translates articles (but only full text) • Reads articles aloud (robot voice) • Sort search results by text difficulty • Easy to switch between databases • Highly customizable search parameters using advanced search • Filter results by type within results list • Results include summary 	
<p>BrainPOP!</p>	<p>Quick, easy to understand videos on curricular topics & research and study skills</p> <p>Beginning search skills</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great for differentiation and introducing new topics • Some excellent content on digital literacy, research, writing skills, and study skills as well as curricular topics • Subscription includes Espanol and Jr. • Quizzes and learning games 	

Britannica Academic Edition	<p>Higher level, in-depth coverage of a wide range of topics</p> <p>Beginner to advanced search skills</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current news articles • Country comparison • Quotations • Extensive collection of videos • Adjust text size within article or search • Lists past searches in drop-down • Advanced search feature on page • View article history & contributors 	
Britannica Annals of American History	<p>Primary sources from throughout US history</p> <p>Beginner to advanced search skills</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Browse timeline or search using key word • Browse by topic or author • Sort results by type, date, or specific year 	
Britannica Global Reference Center	<p>Intermediate-level content in each of our taught world languages on a wide range of topics</p> <p>Beginning search skills with foreign language interface</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access the Encyclopedia Britannica in Spanish, French, Chinese, Korean, & Japanese • Interfaces & features vary depending on the database 	
Britannica Image Quest	<p>Pictures of everything that are legal to reuse (if cited, of course!)</p> <p>Beginning search skills</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good alternative to Google/Bing/... image search (because it is legal!) • Includes historical photos, stock photos, etc. • Provides background information about each photo • No clipart :(

<p>Britannica School Edition</p>	<p>Easy to intermediate articles on a variety of topics with varying degrees of depth</p> <p>Beginning search skills</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to elementary, middle, and high school levels • Choose from 3 levels of text difficulty within article or search • Each topic includes related topics, suggested websites, primary sources, and images 	
<p>Britannica Spanish Reference Center</p>	<p>Easy to advanced articles on a wide range of topics in Spanish with Spanish-language interface</p> <p>Beginner search skills</p> <p>Requires Spanish language literacy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Escolar</i>: see features of Britannica School above. • <i>Enciclopedia Moderna</i>: • Articles sometimes include images/videos • Search toggles between encyclopedia, Spanish-language dictionary, and Spanish-English dictionary. • Hyperlinks to related articles in text. • Includes interactive atlas. 	
<p>Britannica World Data Analyst</p>	<p>Detailed information on countries</p> <p>Beginner to advanced search skills</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compare statistics by countries or years • Printable data sheets • Printable customized data tables of country/year comparisons 	
<p>CultureGrams</p>	<p>Information on nations and cultures, US states, Canadian provinces</p> <p>Beginning search skills</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Printable country overviews • Fun features like images, national anthem, recipes, etc. • Articles are brief and to the point • Choose country/state/province from alphabetical list or use interactive map to navigate 	

Discovery Education	<p>Videos, news, and lesson planning on a wide range of topics</p> <p>Intermediate search skills</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes ties to curriculum standards • Create lessons using builder tools • Requires individual student login (uses computer login) 	
DK Find Out!	<p>Lower-level texts on a wide range of topics, exploring interests</p> <p>Beginning search skills</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See image links to related articles at the bottom of each article • Simple navigation to search or visual browse on each page 	
Financial Literacy	<p>Intermediate-level discussion of economics from personal to macro</p> <p>Any level search skills</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College cost, mortgage, car cost, & other calculators • Curricular connections • Translates into other languages, including interface • Relates economic and social issues 	
Grolier Online	<p>Easy to intermediate level information on a wide variety of topics (soon may be just animals though)</p> <p>Beginning search skills</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Browse or search • Includes multimedia encyclopedia • Articles are brief and readable • Includes web links 	
Historical Newspapers	<p>Scans of historical newspapers from US history;</p> <p>Advanced search skills</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For each article, choose article image, page map (includes surrounding articles on page), or abstract (in plain English!) • Topic overviews for each historical period and major events 	

<p>Gale CENGAGE Literature Resource Center</p>	<p>Any information related to literary criticism.</p> <p>Advanced search skills</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highly customizable search parameters including type of work, time period, ethnicity, country of origin... • Access previous searches • Pop-up dictionary • Incredibly wide array of resources 	
<p>Maps101</p>	<p>Maps of all kinds, not just relevant to I&S!</p> <p>Intermediate to advanced search skills (but this is probably one where you'll want to pre-select resources for student use)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Search or browse map collections • Collections around specific topics • Interactive maps • Print, download, or mark up maps with easy interface • Includes Spanish-language collection 	
<p>SIRS Discoverer</p>	<p>Easy to advanced articles from newspapers, encyclopedias, and magazines on a wide range of topics; beginning search skills</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New interface! It's really pretty. • Browse curricular topics with subtopics or search for keywords or subject headings • Advanced search allows filtering by Lexile, grade level, type • Refine search by document type within results list • Results include description 	

<p>SIRS Issues Researcher</p>	<p>Opposing viewpoints on a wide array of current social and cultural issues, both US and global</p> <p>Beginning to advanced search skills</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary and secondary sources related to each issue • Issues are updated regularly so new current events are included • Graphics and statistics provide visual & concrete information • Visual browse option helps narrow down interests • Refine search by Lexile, document type using advanced search features • Sort results by difficulty level • Reads content aloud and translates into world languages within article 	
<p>SIRS WebSelect</p>	<p>Web links to reviewed sites on wide range of topics</p> <p>Beginning to advanced search skills</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note: referral does not take the place of teacher review of sites, according to AACPS policy. Content may change so review all sites before using with students. • Great place to find websites for student use around a particular topic/topics 	
<p>TrueFLIX</p>	<p>Videos and ebooks introducing curricular topics</p> <p>Beginning search skills</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each topic/subject heading includes ebook and related videos • Related to curriculum standards • Limited coverage of specific topics • Easy reading level & engaging, graphic/multimedia interface 	

<p>World Almanac for Kids</p>	<p>Easy to intermediate articles on a range of topics</p> <p>Beginning search skills</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easy search and browse interfaces will be friendly for reluctant readers • Collections around high interest and curricular topics • Statistical information about sports • Great for differentiation for lower level readers, but discussion is less in-depth 	
<p>World Book</p>	<p>Easy to advanced articles in Spanish and English on a range of curricular topics.</p> <p>Beginning search skills</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online version of the World Book Encyclopedia, updated daily • Includes access to Kids, Student, Discover, Advanced, and Spanish-Language versions so students can select appropriate level • Includes links to related articles • Includes graphics and video where available 	