

## 2015-2016 Online Database features

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

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| <p><b>Britannica Academic Edition</b></p>           | <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"> <li>• Current news articles</li> <li>• Country comparison</li> <li>• Quotations</li> <li>• Extensive collection of videos</li> <li>• Adjust text size within article or search</li> <li>• Lists past searches in drop-down</li> <li>• Advanced search feature on page</li> <li>• View article history &amp; contributors</li> </ul> |  |
| <p><b>Britannica Annals of American History</b></p> | <p>Primary sources from throughout US history</p> <p>Beginner to advanced search skills</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Browse timeline or search using key word</li> <li>• Browse by topic or author</li> <li>• Sort results by type, date, or specific year</li> </ul>  |  |
| <p><b>Britannica Global Reference Center</b></p>    | <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"> <li>• Access the Encyclopedia Britannica in Spanish, French, Chinese, Korean, &amp; Japanese</li> <li>• Interfaces &amp; features vary depending on the database</li> </ul>   |  |
| <p><b>Britannica Image Quest</b></p>                | <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"> <li>• Good alternative to Google/Bing/... image search (because it is legal!)</li> <li>• Includes historical photos, stock photos, etc.</li> <li>• Provides background information about each photo</li> <li>• No clipart :(</li> </ul>   |  |

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

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

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| <p><b>Gale CENGAGE Literature Resource Center</b></p> | <p>Any information related to literary criticism.</p> <p>Advanced search skills</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Highly customizable search parameters including type of work, time period, ethnicity, country of origin...</li> <li>• Access previous searches</li> <li>• Pop-up dictionary</li> <li>• Incredibly wide array of resources</li> </ul>  |  |
| <p><b>Maps101</b></p>                                 | <p>Maps of all kinds, not just relevant to I&amp;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"> <li>• Search or browse map collections</li> <li>• Collections around specific topics</li> <li>• Interactive maps</li> <li>• Print, download, or mark up maps with easy interface</li> <li>• Includes Spanish-language collection</li> </ul>   |  |
| <p><b>SIRS Discoverer</b></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"> <li>• New interface! It's really pretty.</li> <li>• Browse curricular topics with subtopics or search for keywords or subject headings</li> <li>• Advanced search allows filtering by Lexile, grade level, type</li> <li>• Refine search by document type within results list</li> <li>• Results include description</li> </ul> |  |

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| <p><b>SIRS Issues Researcher</b></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"> <li>• Primary and secondary sources related to each issue</li> <li>• Issues are updated regularly so new current events are included</li> <li>• Graphics and statistics provide visual &amp; concrete information</li> <li>• Visual browse option helps narrow down interests</li> <li>• Refine search by Lexile, document type using advanced search features</li> <li>• Sort results by difficulty level</li> <li>• Reads content aloud and translates into world languages within article</li> </ul> |  |
| <p><b>SIRS WebSelect</b></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"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Great place to find websites for student use around a particular topic/topics</li> </ul>  |  |
| <p><b>TrueFLIX</b></p>               | <p>Videos and ebooks introducing curricular topics</p> <p>Beginning search skills</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each topic/subject heading includes ebook and related videos</li> <li>• Related to curriculum standards</li> <li>• Limited coverage of specific topics</li> <li>• Easy reading level &amp; engaging, graphic/multimedia interface</li> </ul>  |  |

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