# Gale Databases Most Relevant for K-12

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| **Books and Authors** | **Leisure Readers of All Ages**  
Readers’ advisory tool with information about 230,000 books  
Includes information about books for  
Children (ages 1-10): 28,700 fiction titles & 6,700 nonfiction titles &  
Young adults (ages 11-17): 30,700 fiction titles & 6,900 nonfiction titles  
Also includes read-alike suggestions, book reviews, and biographical information about many authors | Specialty database (not related to “research”)  
Not part of a Power Search (intentionally)  
No Lexile ratings  
Can browse by genre, author, expert pick, & awards lists  
Advanced search by character, subject, location, & time period  
[https://support.gale.com/products/bna](https://support.gale.com/products/bna) |
| **In Context: Elementary** | **Elementary School**  
Developed for grades K-5  
Broad range of topics, including current events, the arts, science, health, people, government, history, & sports  
Full-text reference sources from Blackbirch Press, UXL, KidHaven Press, & more  
100 elem-level ebooks from *Gale eBooks* integrated here  
296 full-text reference books (content from the books)  
100 full-text magazines  
2 newspaper sources  
10,800 topic overviews  
23,300 biographies  
1,200 maps, flags, & seals & 16,600 indexed images  
1,800 kid-friendly charts & graphs  
600 short videos | General database with broad coverage  
*Good place for elementary students to start research*  
Not part of a Power Search (intentionally)  
Graphical interface  
Developmentally appropriate  
Subject-based topic tree search is one search option (= drill down from broad categories to specific content based on pictures)  
[https://support.gale.com/products/itke](https://support.gale.com/products/itke) |
| **National Geographic Kids** | **Elementary & Middle School Students**  
Appropriate for grades K-8  
Specific focus on science, technology, animals, nature, peoples, cultures, places, history, archaeology, & space  
Complete run of *National Geographic Kids* magazine  
215 videos  
650 ebooks published by National Geographic Society  
1,000 images | Specialty database  
Not part of a Power Search (intentionally)  
Limited extra tools due to NG restrictions (can have text read aloud, no translation, no highlight and notes feature, cannot save to Google Drive, Google Classroom, or Microsoft OneDrive)  
[https://support.gale.com/products/ngmk](https://support.gale.com/products/ngmk) |

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<td>Research In Context</td>
<td><strong>Upper elementary</strong> may want to use it, depending on needs**</td>
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**General database with broad coverage**  
**Good place for middle school students to start research**  
Not part of a Power Search (intentionally)  
600 topic-specific portal pages (= pre-search on certain topics; information on other topics can be found through a regular or advanced search)  
Use advanced search to find science experiments (limit document type to experiment activity)  
https://support.gale.com/products/msic

**General database with broad coverage**  
**Good place for high school students to start research**  
1,100 topic-specific portal pages (= pre-search on certain topics; information on other topics can be found through a regular or advanced search)  
Use advanced search to find science experiments (limit document type to experiment activity)  
https://support.gale.com/products/suic
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<th><strong>Gale OneFile: High School Edition</strong></th>
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<th><strong>General database with broad coverage</strong>&lt;br&gt;Goal is that reading level is appropriate for high school students&lt;br&gt;A selection of the content is also included in <em>In Context: High School</em>&lt;br&gt;<a href="https://support.gale.com/products/stom">https://support.gale.com/products/stom</a></th>
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<td>Former name: InfoTrac School Edition</td>
<td>Developed for grades 9-12&lt;br&gt;Broad range of topics, including current events, the arts, science, popular culture, health, people, government, history, &amp; sports&lt;br&gt;1,300 magazines &amp; journals&lt;br&gt;100 newspapers&lt;br&gt;50 reference books&lt;br&gt;Historical images&lt;br&gt;300 maps&lt;br&gt;Lots of podcasts &amp; broadcast transcripts from NPR, NASA, etc.</td>
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| **In Context: Opposing Viewpoints** | **High School Students**<br>**Middle school** may want to use it, depending on needs<br>Broad range of topics related to social issues in science, social studies, & current events<br>21,100 pro/con viewpoint essays<br>19,100 reference articles<br>172 full-text newspapers, magazines, & journals<br>7,600 statistics tables, graphs, & charts<br>1,500 court-case overviews<br>155,000 images<br>16,350 videos<br>200,000 podcasts/audio<br>900 primary sources | **Specialty database for finding information related to controversial social issues**<br>For broader search results, try *In Context: High School, In Context: Middle School*, or other Gale databases<br>465 issue-specific portal pages (= pre-search on certain topics; information on other topics can be found through a regular or advanced search)<br>https://support.gale.com/products/ovic |
| **Former name:** Gale Virtual Reference Library (GVRL) | **Middle School & High School Students**<br>Select titles have reading levels appropriate for *Elementary Students*<br>Ebook platform; schools can purchase access to additional ebooks<br>230 ebooks provided by state contract | **Specialty database**<br>For broader search results, try *In Context: High School, In Context: Middle School, Kids InfoBits* (Elem), or other Gale databases<br>Lexile ratings are being added<br>Can search within all books or within a specific title; can switch between book view & text view<br>Multiple users can access same book at same time; no special reader or hardware required<br>https://support.gale.com/products/gvrl |

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| **LitFinder** | **High School Students** | **Middle school** may want to use it, depending on needs | **Topics related to U.S. and world literary works & authors only** | **150,000 full-text poems**
| | | | | **800,000 poetry citations**
| | **Middle School Students** | **Middle school** may want to use it, depending on needs | **Topics related to U.S. and world literary works & authors only** | **10,000 full-text short stories and novels**
| | | | | **4,100 full-text essays**
| | | | | **1,400 full-text plays**
| | | | | **2,000 full-text speeches**
| | | | | **Secondary materials, like bios, reviews, and images**
| | Specialty database | For broader search results, try In Context: High School, In Context: Middle School, or other Gale databases | Not part of a Power Search | Search by author or title | Advanced search by publication century and publication type | [https://support.gale.com/products/litf](https://support.gale.com/products/litf)
| **In Context: U.S. History** | **High School Students** | **Middle school** may want to use it, depending on needs | **U.S. history topics only** | **180 reference books**
| | | | | **143 full-text newspapers, magazines, & journals**
| | | | | **5,400 primary sources**
| | | | | **90,000 biographies**
| | | | | **42,900 images**
| | | | | **1,500 seals, maps, & flags**
| | | | | **12,150 videos, including from The History Channel**
| | | | | **168,150 podcasts/audio**
| | Specialty database | For broader search results, try In Context: High School, In Context: Middle School, or other Gale databases | 420 topic-specific portal pages | [https://support.gale.com/products/uhic](https://support.gale.com/products/uhic)
| **In Context: Environmental Studies** | **Advanced High School Students** | **11-12 and beyond** | **Topics mostly relate to “green issues” like sustainability** | **1,000 periodicals**
| | | | | **60 reference books**
| | | | | **Case studies**
| | | | | **Interactive maps**
| | | | | **Videos, podcasts, images**
| | Specialty database | For broader search results, try In Context: High School, In Context: Middle School, or other Gale databases | Lexile ratings are being added | 450 portal pages for countries, topics/issues, & organizations | [https://support.gale.com/products/grnr](https://support.gale.com/products/grnr)

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<td>1,000 full-text newspapers, magazines, &amp; medical journals</td>
<td>4,800 disease/disorder overviews</td>
<td>Find info on nutrition, body systems, diseases or conditions, drugs, treatments, alternative medicine, &amp; more</td>
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### General Information about Gale Databases

**Access the databases** via the Find Information pages on OSLIS and/or via the Power Search link: [https://secondary.oslis.org/find-information](https://secondary.oslis.org/find-information) or [https://elementary.oslis.org/find-information](https://elementary.oslis.org/find-information).

**Power Search** lists all of the databases available through the State Library of Oregon contract and allows users to search a specific database or to search selected or (nearly) all databases simultaneously.

**Other helpful databases** include General OneFile, Informe Académico (Spanish-language content), Gale OneFile: News, & Gale OneFile: Educator’s Reference Complete.

**General reading level indicator**: For the In Context family of databases, Gale divides content into 5 reading level categories based on Lexile level ranges. Refer to their guide for more information. While other Gale databases do not indicate reading levels, they do still include the Lexile level, when available, in the information next to the “i” in the circle located just under the document (article) title.

**Lexile ratings** have traditionally only been provided for periodical content (newspapers, magazines, and journals). However, Gale is adding Lexile ratings for content from reference books in many of their databases. Use Advanced Search to limit search results to a specific Lexile range. Depending on the topic, there may be limited results for information with lower Lexile levels.

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Tools and Features: Users can do the following with articles in nearly every database: print, email, download, translate to one of about 40+ languages, listen to or download MP3 file in English or a translated language, use “Get Link” to easily share Gale content and get back to same content later, highlight and take notes, change the font and text size and spacing, and save to Google Drive, Google Classroom, and Microsoft OneDrive. Some tools are at the top right of pages, and others are at the top of articles. Here is an example from an In Context database:

My Folder, which was a way to save articles only until the database session ended, is no longer included in the Gale databases. There are many other options to save Gale content, including saving to Google Drive, Google Classroom, and Microsoft OneDrive.

Help: Click on the Help link at the very bottom of the homepage of any database to access information that explains the search functions and features for the database.

Educator Resources: For the In Context family of databases, click on the Educator Resources link at the bottom of a database homepage to find information about reading levels, links to database tutorials, information about the research process, and more.

Gale product pages provide supporting resources about individual databases, including brief database tutorials, recorded webinars, resource guides, and title lists – spreadsheets that list all the sources from which a database pulls content.

Database names technically start with Gale. For example, In Context: Middle School is Gale In Context: Middle School.

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