Virtual Library Subject Guides

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Select Subject Guides

Plot summary? Newspaper article? Academic journal? Book review?

When you need a specific kind of resource, where do you start to look?

These Virtual Library Subject Guides give you a head start, suggesting the best starting points for the kind of resource you need, organized by the subject you are studying.

English Subject Guide

Where to find literary definitions and theories:

- **Literary Reference Centre**: All about literature and authors. Look at the Reference Shelf and the Literary Glossary.

Where to find plot summaries:

- **NovelList Plus**: Plot summaries included for most books.

Where to find newspaper and magazine articles:

- **CPI.Q**: Canadian and international sources.
- **Canadian Student Research Centre**: Uncheck all and then select Magazines and Newspapers.
- **Advanced Placement Source**: Full-text academic journals and magazines.

Where to find reviews or scholarly articles:

- **NovelList Plus**: Reviews from major journals for most books.
- **Literary Reference Center**: Use the Advanced Search to select your preferred document type.
- **Canadian Literary Centre**: Focus on Canadian literary content and sources.
- **Literature Resource Center**: Literary criticism and biography.

Additional Databases for extending your research:

- **Global Issues in Context**: Current and historical perspectives on global issues.
- **Canadian Points of View**: Look at both sides of current, controversial issues.

Geography Subject Guide

Where to find information on environmental issues:

- **GREENR**: Global environmental focus that includes topic overviews, video, images, podcasts, weblinks, newspaper, magazine & academic journal articles, statistics & more.
- **Environmental Studies and Policy Collection**: Magazines and academic journals.
- **Newspaper and magazine articles**:
  - **CPI.Q**: Canadian and international sources.
  - **Canadian Student Research Centre**: Uncheck all and then select Magazines and Newspapers.
- **Advanced Placement Source**: Full-text academic journals and magazines.

Where to find information on Canadian provinces and cities:

- **Canada in Context**: Images, newspaper and magazine articles, journals, reference material and weblinks.

Where to find information on world issues:

- **Global Issues in Context**: In-depth coverage on a wide variety of issues: topic overviews, featured content, reference materials, video, images, audio, newspaper and magazine articles, and academic journals.

Information on countries and cities:

- **Gale Virtual Reference Library**: See Cities of the World; Countries and Their Cultures; Geo-Data; The World Geographical Encyclopedia
- **Grolier Passport -> Lands and Peoples**: Provides statistics, cultural comparisons, and atlas and more.

Information on travel and tourism:

- **Hospitality, Tourism & Leisure Collection**: Specialized sources on the tourism and hospitality industries.
History Subject Guide

Where to find comprehensive information on Canada:
Canada in Context: Portal pages on Canadian topics give overview and gather newspaper, magazine and journal articles.

Where to find newspaper and magazine articles:
CPI.Q: Canadian and international journals.
Canadian Student Research Centre: Select Magazines and Newspapers (Uncheck all first to make specific selections).
Advance Placement Source: Full-text academic journals and magazines.

Where to find current and historical perspectives on global issues:

Where to find articles on current, controversial issues:
Canadian Points of View: Looks at both sides of controversial issues.

Where to search for history related articles:
History Reference Center: Comprehensive full-text reference.

Where to find articles related to religion and philosophy:

Where to find biographical articles:
Biography in Context: In-depth biographical information.

Science Subject Guide

Where to find General Science information:
Science in Context: Comprehensive general science information: multimedia, reference, newspaper and magazine articles, and academic journals.
Science Reference Center: Provides full-text for hundreds of science encyclopedia, books, and journal articles.
Gale Virtual Reference Library: Go to Gale Encyclopedia of Science; Science and Its Times; Encyclopedia of Everyday Things.
Grolier Online Passport: Select New Book of Popular Science. Material on a wide variety of science disciplines, project ideas, news articles, and more.

Where to find Environmental Science information:
GREENR: Global environmental focus including topic overviews, video, images, podcasts, weblinks, newspaper, magazine and academic journal articles, statistics.
Gale Virtual Reference Library: Environmental Encyclopedia; Pollution A-Z; Water: Science and Issues
Environmental Studies and Policy Collection: Magazines and academic journals.

Where to find Plant and Animal information:
Garden, Landscape & Horticulture Collection: Magazine and academic journals.
Grzimek’s Animal Life: Reference material, academic journals, audio and video.

Where to find Health and Medicine information:
Gale Virtual Reference Library: Encyclopedia of Drugs, Alcohol and Addictive Behavior; Encyclopedia of Public Health; Nutrition and Well-Being A to Z
Health and Wellness Resource Center: Reliable health information, drug facts, magazine and newspaper articles, and video.
Teen Health & Wellness: Reliable and frank health information with a teen focus.

Additional Sources: CPI.Q, Canadian Student Research Centre, Advanced Placement Source.

Social Sciences Subject Guide

Where to find full-text academic and professional articles:
Academic OneFile: Academic and professional sources.

Where to find newspaper and magazine articles:
CPI.Q: Canadian and international journals.
Canadian Student Research Centre: Select Magazines and Newspapers (Uncheck all first to make specific selections).

Where to find current and historical perspectives on global issues:

Where to find articles on current, controversial issues:
Canadian Points of View: Looks at both sides of controversial issues.

Where to find health related articles:
Health & Wellness Resource Center: Reliable health information. Includes magazine and journal articles.
Teen Health & Wellness: Frank and reliable health information for teens.

Where to find articles related to religion and philosophy:
InfoTrac Religion & Philosophy: Specialized reference sources on religion and philosophy.

Need help?
Ask your school’s teacher-librarian!