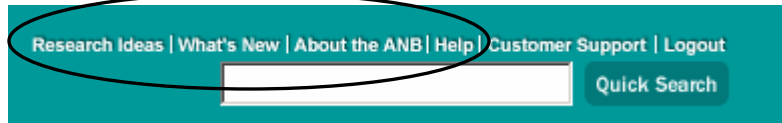


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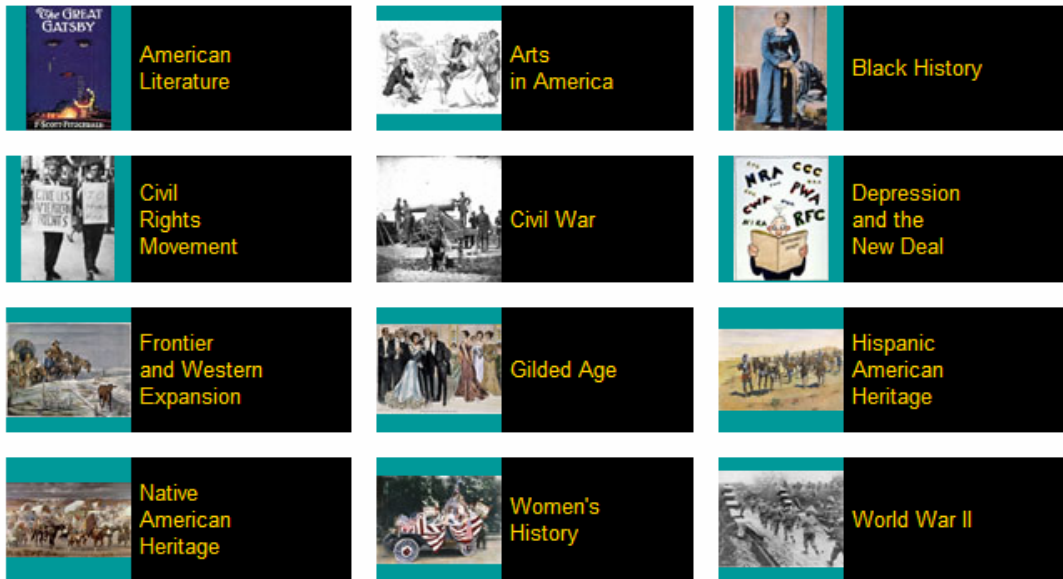


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1. Research Ideas

Jump-start Your Research

This small, highly selective set of articles is recommended by Oxford editors to help students get started doing research in this massive, 19,000-biography collection and The Oxford Companion to United States History encyclopedia content that supports it. Browse the list or start with an overview article and follow the links.



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The ANB Online is expanded and further enhanced in regular quarterly updates. For information on the latest update, [click here](#). Subscribers to ANB Online and the new [Oxford Dictionary of National Biography](#) can now benefit from cross-referenced entries linking biographies in the two sites. Articles in the ANB Online provide links to their counterparts in the Oxford DNB and vice versa. How is Benjamin Franklin portrayed in the context of British history? The ability to easily compare treatments of the subjects is a valuable research and teaching tool.

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2. **Resource Tools:** *Jump Start Your Research*, *Teacher's Guide (with lesson plans)* and *Oxford Companion to United State History*.
 - Be sure to look at page 4 of Teacher's Guide with a lesson on how to read a biographical essay
 - Six separate lessons are available in this guide. They are very well done.

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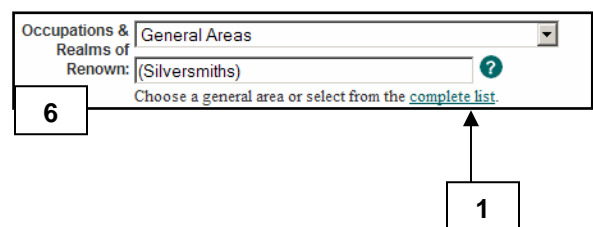
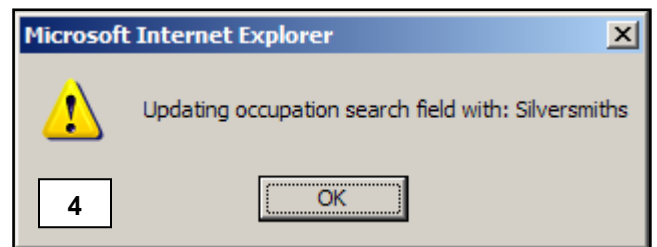
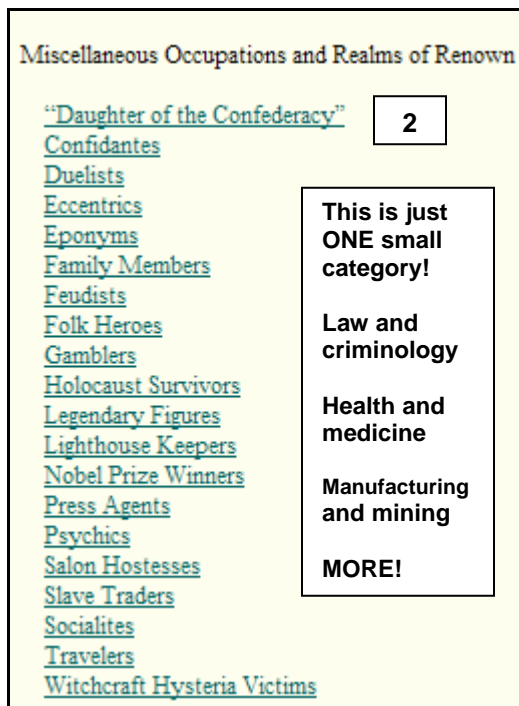
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- Special Collections:** Guide your research with specially selected collections that celebrate the diversity of American history: Black History, Women's History, Asian Pacific American Heritage, American Indian Heritage, and Hispanic Heritage.
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- **Search and Browse tabs:** Use the browse tab to search alphabetically in either American National Biography or the Oxford Companion to United States History. Choose number of results per page. Use the search tab to search by name, location, date, or occupation and realm of renown.
 - Search full text, same as “Quick Search”
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- **Special Collections** Simply click on a special collection and then click on search.
- **Question Mark** Always look for the question mark for help in the section you are using!
- **Occupations and Realms of Renown:** 1.) Click on the hyperlink that reads “complete list”. 2.) This will open a new page. Look at the extensive list of occupations; some that no longer exist! 3.) Click on one of the occupations 4.) A message will appear “Updating occupation search field with. 5.) Click “ok” 6.) Close window, new term is in search box 7.) Now, click on “search” (top of page)



**Find the category “Olympic medallists” and add to search box. Next, choose the state of Ohio for “Birthplace”. Find out about Olympic medalists from our state! Do the same for Civil War generals. Great for Ohio history!

Ohio Content Area Standards

1. 8th Grade Social Studies

- “Describe and analyze the territorial expansion of the United States including b.) *The Louisiana Purchase and the Lewis and Clark expedition*” Use ANB, search Meriwether Lewis and William Clark. Note all the “Online Resources”, also the article, “Lewis and Clark Expedition” in the Oxford Companion to United States History.
- “Explain causes of the Civil War with emphasis on: d.) *The extension of slavery into the territories, including the Dred Scott Decision...* e.) *The abolitionist movement and the roles of Frederick Douglass and John Brown*”. Use ANB and search for Dred Scott, note additional information from Oxford Companion to United States History, Scott vs. Sanford. Also search ANB for Frederick Douglass and John Brown. Note the online references and the articles about the antebellum era and antislavery in the Oxford Companion to US History.
- You can also use terms such as “Sons of Liberty” and “Underground Railroad” to search both ANB and the Oxford Companion to US History.

2. 10th Grade Social Studies

- “Analyze the reasons for the rise and growth of labor organizations in the United States (i.e. *Knights of Labor, American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations...*” Search this indicator using each of the organizations mentioned. You will notice that you get a list of names from ANB and reference to articles in Oxford Companion to US History, such as “Knights of Labor” and “Labor Movements”.

3. 9th Grade Language Arts

- “Analyze an author’s implicit and explicit argument, perspective or viewpoint in text.” How better to know the author’s perspective than to learn about the author? Search ANB for an American author, e.g. Emily Dickinson. Note the references to the “Gilded Age” and “Romantic Movement”. Also, in reading the biographical information note the reference to Emily’s “...reclusive existence spent almost entirely in the Dickinson Homestead.”

4. 6th Grade Arts

- “Investigate the roles and relationships between artists and patrons and explain the effect on the creation of works of art.” Search ANB for Norman Rockwell. Note in the article how he credits his style to Clyde Forsythe, a style that included humorous pictures of children and families. Also note the influence of his work for the Saturday Evening Post and the influence of small town America prompting him to use neighbors and friends as models.

5. Grade 9 Fine Arts: Music

- “Research and explain how music and composers both influence and are influenced by society and culture”. For this search, use the “Occupations and Realms of Renown” and search the “complete list”. Scroll down to “Performing Arts” and find composers. Click on search. On the first page, reference is made

to Roy Acuff, a country music singer and composer. Find out how his southern upbringing and gospel music were an influence in his composing.

6. Grade 9 Physical Science

- *“Describe advances and issues in physical science that have important, long-lasting effects on science and society (e.g., atomic theory, quantum theory, Newtonian mechanics, nuclear energy, nanotechnology, plastics, ceramics and communication technology).”* For this benchmark, you can use ANB, quick search. Simply input the term “atomic theory”, or “quantum theory”. For each, a list of names will come up from ANB and a listing of articles in the Oxford Companion to US History.

7. Grade 8 Science and Technology

- *“Examine how science and technology have advanced through the contributions of many different people, cultures and times in history.”* 1.) For this indicator, the teacher could provide a list of scientists for the students to research in ANB. Students would read the article to find out about the culture and time in history in which the scientist lived. For example, looking at the article in ANB about Albert Einstein reveals his youth spent in Germany with a family that emphasized education and science. His family owned an electrical business where his uncle, who influenced him greatly, was noted for many electrical innovations. 2.) Another way to cover this indicator using ANB is to search the database using the term “Nobel Prize”. Students can search for the scientists in the 6 pages of results and write about the culture and times of one of the scientist. 3.) Finally, use the “Occupations and Realms of Renown”, “complete list”. When you open the complete list, scroll down to “Science and Technology” and click on the link. From there students will find scientists in the Earth Sciences, Life Sciences, Physical Sciences, Mathematical Sciences, Engineering and more.