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Overview

One of the most important Western Civilization begins to understand the history of the world and New York, London, and other countries through the Middle Ages, Renaissance, Reformation, and the exploration in the New World. From there it shows the Early Modern Europe through the 17th century, which includes European history and the development of science through the 18th century. The period including political, economic, and cultural developments such as Scientific Thought, the Enlightenment, the French and Industrial Revolutions, and the First and Second World Wars.

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THE FRONTIER IN THE AMERICAN IMAGINATION

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As a space and as an idea, the frontier has had a powerful influence on the cultural identity of the United States, especially for Americans of European descent. The term frontier took on a new meaning for people in the United States. This article examines some of the ways Americans have imagined the frontier—especially the trans-Mississippi West—and claimed it as part of the United States.

Frontier is one of many English words that took on new meaning in North America and assumed a role in explaining the continent's history during the past five hundred years. In time, the word has acquired other connotations, both positive and negative, and with that a power to kindle high emotions about the course and consequences of North American history. In England and Europe, frontier meant a border or a boundary, usually between nations, and thus by nature it was static. In North America, and especially in the United States, the meaning became dynamic, referring to the outer edge of European settlement and influence intruding into the continent.

The Significance of the Frontier

Among historians, the frontier is most closely associated with Frederick Jackson Turner (1861–1932), whose essay "The Significance of the Frontier in American History" (1893) profoundly influenced American historiography and the meaning of the frontier in American culture, especially in the four decades immediately following its publication. Here and in subsequent essays, Turner draws heavily from inspiration and examples from the early years of the American Republic and the frontier's advance from the Appalachian Mountains to just beyond the Mississippi River.

Reading against historians who considered American history to be essentially an outgrowth of British and European institutions, Turner argues that Old World customs and attitudes broke down and reformed in America's radically different physical and social environments. The prime site of that transformation was along the cutting edge of advancing settlement, "the meeting point between savagery and civilization" (Turner 1893). First in England's Atlantic colonies and later in the United States, the opportunity of free land drew pioneers westward into settings that required them to modify or scrap entirely many of the institutions and values of their previous lives. The result was a "composite nationality," a distinctive culture and people. The frontier, as a process and as a condition, thus "explain[s] American development," Turner writes.

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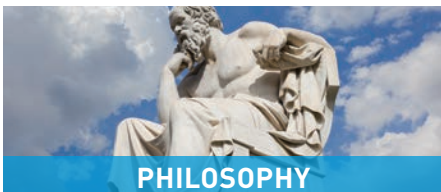
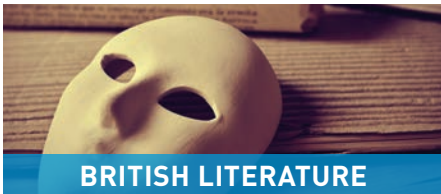
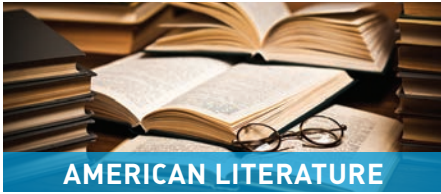
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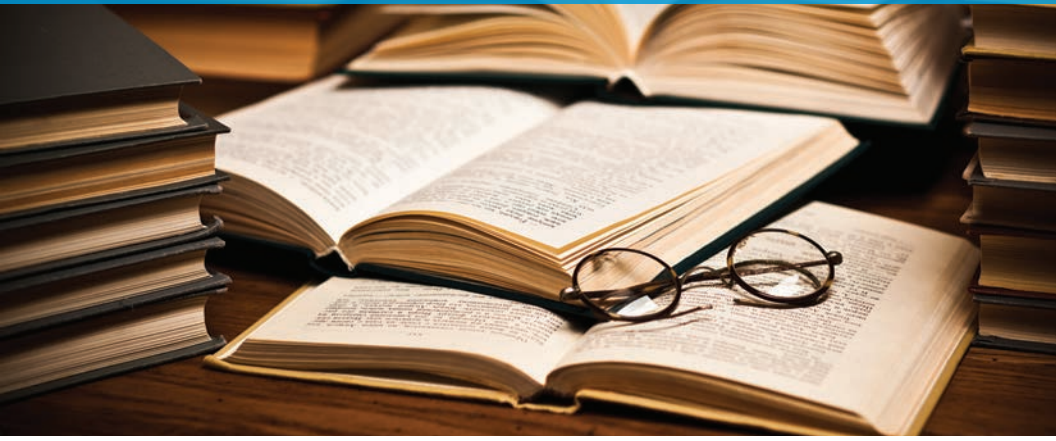
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Areas of Study



American Literature



Whether driven by a love of literature or by curriculum requirements, students of American literature gain insight into American history and culture, changing values and beliefs, and the diversity of perspectives represented in American society. In addition, the study of literature enhances vocabulary and improves students' critical writing and analytical skills, which serves them well in their university careers and throughout their lives.

Gale Researcher introduces students to the scope of American literature from the Puritan tradition and colonial period to present day, which aligns with survey courses and provides a balance of chronological consideration with genre-themed collections.

TOPICAL COVERAGE INCLUDES:

- Exploration and Discovery
- The Puritan Tradition
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British Literature



Grappling with the sometimes challenging material covered in British literature courses improves students' intellect, vocabulary, reading skills, knowledge of Western art and culture, and analytical and interpretive skills—all of which are valuable to their education and their employability.

Gale Researcher introduces students to the scope of British literature from the Middle Ages to the present day. It focuses on the breadth of literature produced, emphasizing the most important writers in each period, including such well-known figures as Geoffrey Chaucer, William Shakespeare, John Milton, Jane Austen, the Brontë sisters, Charles Dickens, and T. S. Eliot.

TOPICAL COVERAGE INCLUDES:

- Literature of the Early Middle Ages
- Middle English Literature
- English Literature of the 16th Century
- William Shakespeare
- 17th Century English Literature
- British Literature of the Long 18th Century
- British Literature of the Romantic Era
- British Literature of the Victorian Era
- British Literature of the Early 20th Century
- Popular and Genre Fiction
- The Short Story in Britain
- The Novel in Britain
- British Poetry
- British Drama
- British Creative Nonfiction
- Literary and Book Productions
- British Literature and Film
- Contemporary British Literature

Criminal Justice



An introductory criminal justice course provides students with an overview of the criminal justice system in the United States. Students learn to identify what constitutes a “crime,” how society responds to it, how we explain crime, and how criminals and the justice system itself have changed over time.

Gale Researcher introduces students to the scope of American criminal justice, including criminal procedure, the Constitution, the US court system and its structure, police and law enforcement, the history of the criminal justice system, and much more. These illuminating materials familiarize students with core fundamental concepts needed in understanding US criminal justice.

TOPICAL COVERAGE INCLUDES:

- Criminal Procedure and the Constitution
- Substantive Criminal Law
- Law Enforcement
- Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science
- Criminal Behavior and Demography
- US Court System and Structure
- Prisons, Corrections, and Incarceration
- History of the US Criminal Justice System
- Philosophy and Goals of the Criminal Justice Process
- Juvenile Justice System

Economics



Many students majoring in economics build on the groundwork gained from one or two introductory courses in the principles of economics, learning about ideas developed by economists and investigating current issues. Some degree programs for related disciplines, such as environmental science, government, public policy, and social studies, require students to take introductory economics as a foundational course.

Gale Researcher provides articles and supplemental materials (i.e. charts, graphs, illustrations, pictures, videos, etc.) to help students become familiar with basic economic principles and gain the initial knowledge needed to understand how an economy works.

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- Economic Principles of Supply and Demand
- Economic Systems
- Econometrics and Forecasting
- Keynesian Economics
- Labor Economics
- Recessions and Depressions
- Economic Development
- Fiscal and Monetary Policy
- Game Theory and Behavioral Economics
- The Global Economy

Philosophy



Students in introductory philosophy courses become familiar with major philosophical problems and the methods of dealing with them. They also learn how to read and interpret philosophical texts and demonstrate what it means to adopt a “philosophical attitude” as an elevated form of human curiosity and resistance to any kind of dogmatism.

Gale Researcher provides an accessible guide for undergraduate philosophy students that is thorough, balanced, rigorous, and historically informed. To support philosophical learning, materials focus on predominant themes such as politics and society, democracy and law, religion, the development of science, ethics, the meaning of life, and many others.

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- Karl Marx’s Philosophy
- Søren Kierkegaard’s Philosophy
- William James’ Philosophy
- Friedrich Nietzsche’s Philosophy
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- Ludwig Wittgenstein’s Philosophy

Political Science



Introduction to political science classes offers students the opportunity to better understand the American political system by investigating its historical evolution and its current state. This vital course in undergraduate education gives students needed knowledge and analytical skills to actively engage in shaping the future of the nation.

Gale Researcher introduces students to the perspectives, tools, and methods used by political scientists to explore the processes, systems, and political dynamics of American government and politics. Articles help students understand the role of money, interest groups, political parties, citizens, and the media in US politics.

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- Public Policy and Administration
- Participation, Public Opinion, and the Media
- Economic Policy

Psychology



Studying psychology gives students self-awareness and an understanding of human behavior that is valuable in all aspects of their lives. Psychology majors develop highly sought-after workplace skills, such as thinking critically, knowing how to predict and understand behavior, having insight into problematic behavior, interpreting and using data, understanding how learning and memory function, managing difficult situations and high-stress environments, and being adaptable to change.

Gale Researcher gives students a unique opportunity to learn about specific and important aspects of psychology from area experts.

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- Intelligence, Critical Thinking, and Creativity
- Behavioral and Mental Disorders
- Psychiatry
- Death and Dying

Sociology



Introductory sociology courses provide students with the tools and language to interpret and understand the world around them. Students of sociology gain deep insights that help them live and work effectively in an ever-changing global society. They learn to consider the significant roles that institutions such as family, religion, education, and culture play in society. They also understand how equality, gender, race, age, and other aspects of society impact and influence behavior.

Gale Researcher's interdisciplinary content can help sociology students articulate meaningful opinions on subjects like economics, globalization, history, politics, and religion.

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- Family and Kinship
- Intimate Partnerships
- Politics and Economy
- Work and Occupations
- Religion and Society
- Education and Society
- Health and Health Care
- Crime and Society
- Deviance
- Gender and Sexuality
- Race and Ethnicity
- Social Class
- Age
- Population
- Environment
- Social Movements

US History

Students of American history concentrate on understanding the dynamic forces that have shaped the United States and its development into a world leader. Essential to the American history curriculum is the United States' emergence and actions as a global superpower as well as the internal social, political, economic, and cultural conflicts that have impacted its very essence and character.

Gale Researcher covers the depth and breadth of US history from its origins to present day, focusing on key events, issues, movements, and wars, to improve student comprehension and analysis of this important subject area.

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- Exploration and Colonization in the Americas
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- The New Republic

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- Postcolonial Economic Transformations
- Foreign Policy in the New Republic
- Slavery and the Old South
- An Era of Reform and Religious Revivalism
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- The Civil War
- Reconstruction

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- Politics in Late-19th-Century America
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- Immigration and Urbanization
- The Progressive Era
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- World War I and Its Aftermath
- Native Americans 1850-1920

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- World War II
- The Cold War
- The Civil Rights Movement
- The 1960s
- America in Vietnam
- Nixon and Watergate
- The Reagan Era
- The War on Terror

Western Civilization



Through introductory Western civilization courses, students gain vital knowledge and understanding of the development of Western-oriented traditions, including their cultural, political, economic, religious, and military aspects. Customarily organized into ancient, medieval, early modern, and modern periods, this study forms a fundamental base for student comprehension of European, American, and world history as well as events, both past and present.

Gale Researcher supports student exploration and research of Western civilization topics through authoritative articles on relevant subject matters paired with insightful media such as images, videos, and more—all selected with the guidance of an expert editorial board.

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- Ancient Greece
- Ancient Rome
- Christianity in Antiquity
- Rise of Islam
- Early Middle Ages
- High Middle Ages
- Renaissance
- Reformation

COLONIALISM TO THE 21ST CENTURY IN WESTERN CIVILIZATION

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- Early Modern Europe
- Scientific Revolution & Enlightenment
- Industrial Revolution
- Imperialism & Nationalism
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- Europe between the Wars
- World War II
- Cold War
- Global Age

World History



Understanding the complex and multi-faceted subject of world history can be daunting. To make it more accessible, **Gale Researcher** uses a two-pronged approach: highlighting key figures along with the cultural, scientific, political, and economic movements that increased interaction of nations and peoples on a global scale; and providing a chronological account that focuses on how these interactions manifested themselves through conflict and cooperation among nations.

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- Central Asia

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- Early Modern Islamic Empires

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- Revolutions of the Atlantic World
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