

Using BIOGRAPHY RESOURCE CENTER (Gale)

*Comprehensive, full-text, online biographical reference database covering literature, science multicultural studies, business, entertainment, politics, sports, government, history, current events and the arts. Material from **reference books**, links to **magazine articles**, and selected **websites**.*

You will need a valid HCC Student ID/Library card number and PIN to access this database from any Internet connection.

Basic Search Steps

1. Go to <http://hccfl.edu/yborlibrary>
2. Click **Online Article Databases**
3. Click inside the **Borrower ID** box to activate the cursor. Enter your Student ID/Library Card number (starts with “27777...” or “HCC...”).
4. Click inside the **PIN** box to activate the cursor. Enter the last four digits of your Social Security Number. Wait a moment.
5. Scroll down and click on **Biography**.
6. Scroll down and click on **Biography Resource Center (Gale)**.
7. Click on **Connect to Database**. You will now see the **Biography Resource Center** database search screen.
8. At **Name Search**, enter as many words in the person’s name as you know
OR
9. Click **Start of last name** button and enter the person’s last name.

Results

- **Narrative biographies** are reprints of in-depth essays from biographical reference books, e.g. *Encyclopedia of World Biography*.
- **Thumbnail biographies** are reprints of brief summaries of an individual’s life and career, found in concise reference books, e.g. *Almanac of Famous People*.
- **Magazine Articles** are links to reprints of articles that appear in magazine databases provided by HCC.
- **Websites** are selected by the editors of **Biography Resource Center** for their credibility and usefulness.

Other Links – At the Bottom of the Screen

- **Help** gives tips on search and retrieval options.
- **Search Tips** gives advice on how to construct your searches for better results.
- **Research Guide** offers steps to follow in conducting literary research--including *how to prepare your works-cited page*.

To Print

1. Click **Print**, on the left-hand side of the screen, for a clean, “printer-friendly” version of the article.
2. Click **File/Print** on your browser toolbar to print the article.

To Find Another Article

Click **Back** on your toolbar until you return to the list of articles—OR *scroll* to the top of the screen to start another search.