

## Biography Resource Center

### Name Search

The Name Search queries the database for an individual whose name corresponds to whatever you key into the search field. Searches can be performed on the full surname, the first name and the last name in any order, beginning portion of the surname and any word or a combination of words known to be part of the person's name.

1. Select the search option: either [Name contains](#) or [Start of last name](#).
2. Type in the name of the individual you wish to search in the entry field.
3. Click on [Search](#) button.

### Biographical Facts Search

The Biographical Facts Search performs highly targeted searches to extract results that match certain search criteria. The search criteria include Name, Occupation, Nationality, Ethnicity, Gender, Birth Year and Death Year, Birth Place and Death Place.

1. Click on [Biographical Facts Search](#).
2. Type in the name or part of the name of the individual in the name field and select options to narrow the search.
3. Click on [Search](#) button.

### Advanced Search

The Advanced Search performs searching using name, full text, keyword, source, date of publication and document number as a search criterion.

1. Click on [Advanced Search](#).
2. Type in words or phrases in the entry field.
3. Select the search option in the Look For field. Four options including Name, Full text, Keyword, Source are available.
4. Click on [Search](#) Button.

Gale's *Biography Resource Center* is a comprehensive, full-text, online biographical reference database on more than 320,000 from throughout history, around the world and across all disciplines and subject areas.

The database comprises over 414,000 biographies gathered from more than 135 Gale Group sources, full text articles from over 265 periodicals selected for their biographical content in a broad range of subject areas and more than 1,000,000 "thumbnail" biographies from *The Complete Marquis Who's Who*. It provides links to both brief and lengthy biographies, summaries of recent news events, full text magazine and newspaper articles on the individual's life and accomplishments, links to more than 18,000 relevant web sites, more than 24,000 images, in-depth coverage of key events and access to *Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*.

## Searching

*Biography Resource Center* provides three main types of searches: Name Search, Biographical Facts Search and Advanced Search.

- To conduct a Name Search, a Biographical Facts Search or Advanced Search. Click on the [Home](#) button.

### Spotlight On...

A brief synopsis of the person of importance and a link to the *Biography Resource Center* page for that individual along with the person's picture are featured on the splash screen.

- Click on the name of the individual for more information.

## Navigating the Results

The matching hits are displayed in the results list which is presented in alphabetical order by last name with birth and death years, nationality and occupation where available.

1. Click on the individual's name to view the person's full name, birth and death years, any variant names or pseudonyms, the person's primary nationality, occupation and portrait if available.
2. Click the tabbed results list to view more information on the individual. There are five tabs available:
  - [Narrative Biographies](#)
  - [Thumbnail Biographies](#)
  - [Marquis Who' Who](#)
  - [Magazine Articles](#)
  - [Websites](#)
3. Click the newspaper icon at the left of the page to view information on Recent Update.
4. Click on [Results List](#) button to return to the results list.

## Features

- To get Help documentation:  
Click on [Help](#) button.
- To get tips on searching:  
Click on [Search Tips](#) button.
- To use other Gale group databases under subscription:  
Click on [Gale Databases](#) button.
- To use Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary:  
Click on [Dictionary](#) button.
- To have a useful guide to conduct biographical research:  
Click on [Research Guide](#) button.
- To view the current lists of sources and full text periodicals accessible in *Biography Resource Center*:  
Click on [List of Sources](#) button.

## Printing

Results can be formatted and printed using *Biography Resource Center* command.

1. Click on the [Print](#) button on the sidebar; or
2. Use the print function of browser to print.
3. Follow the standard procedures to pay for and collect the printouts.

## Available At

All major and district libraries of Hong Kong Public Libraries.

For Enquiry: 2921 0222  
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## Biography Resource Centre (英文資料庫)

提供古今中外百萬多位著名人物的詳盡資料，收錄了完整的 Marquis Who's Who 上人物傳記資料以及超過 265 份的期刊全文資料。

讀者可於各主要分區圖書館及各分區圖書館使用。

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