



Biography

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This pathfinder will be useful in finding information about the life of a person, living or dead. It will be useful for general readers and for students at junior high school level and above..

For an introduction to the topic, see the person's name in:

- Biographical Dictionary
<http://www.s9.com/biography>

Key Resources at a Glance:

- Biography.com -- Information on 25,000 contemporary and historical figures; allows searching by name and/or keyword
<http://www.biography.com/>
- *Biography Index* (Annual, 1949-) A cumulative index to biographical material in books and magazines

Reference Background

- *Merriam-Webster's Biographical Dictionary*
- *American National Biography*
- *Who's Who in America* (for living Americans)
- *Who's Who in the World* (for living figures around world)
- InfoPlease Almanac: Biography
www.infoplease.com/people.html

Resources

Books

- *Researching People*, by Maity Schrecengost (1996)

Journals

- *Biography Today*
- *Current Biography*

Web Pages and Web Portals

Search Aids

Search Terms

(Use for computer searches)

- [name of the person] AND biography

Subject Headings

(Use in card catalogs and print indexes)

- [name of the person (last name first)]--Biography
such as: Lincoln, Abraham--Biography
- general field of the person--Biography, such as:
Athletes--Biography OR
Scientists--Biography

Call Number

- 920 (Dewey Decimal)
- B or Bio
- CT1-CT999 (Library of Congress)

Indexes and Abstracts

- EBSCOhost
- First Search
- Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature

Library catalogs

- Your local library catalog
- SILO - State-wide catalog
- World Cat - World-wide Catalog

- Biography Center
<http://www.biography-center.com/>
- Internet Resources for Biographical Information (Univ. of Delaware Library)
www2.lib.udel.edu/subj/biography/internet.htm
- Biography Megasites: Multnomah County Library
<http://www.multcolib.org/homework/biohc.html>
- Yahoo: Society and Culture: People
http://dir.yahoo.com/Society_and_Culture/People
- Lives, the Biography Resource (for deceased)
amillionlives.com/
- Who2?
www.who2.com

Websites on Specific Selected Categories of Biography

- Athletes: Current biography Excerpts--Sports Figures
<http://www.hwwilson.com/currentbio/cbonline.html>
- Authors: Author Guides, from LSU Libraries
www.lib.lsu.edu/hum/lit/authors.html
- Presidents of the United States: Internet Public Library's POTUS
<http://www.ipl.org/div/potus/>
- Scientists: Eric Weissteins' World of Scientific Biography
<http://scienceworld.wolfram.com/biography>

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