

## Examples of Information Sources for ENGL 210

### How to find reference sources like these listed below:

From the library homepage, click on **SWUCat**.

1. Select advanced search
2. In “any field,” change to subject and type the topic area into text box to right
3. In next “any field,” change to subject and type “encyclopedias,” “biography,” “statistics,” or “yearbooks,” etc. as appropriate for your need
4. Click on submit

### **BIOGRAPHY – use these to learn more about people who may be important in your speech**

Databases: [Biography Resource Center](#)

#### **Print Reference:**

Scribner Encyclopedia of American Lives The 1960s -- REF 920.073 Scr31 1960s V.1  
Dictionary of Christian Biography -- REF 270.0922 W168  
Science and Its Times -- REF 509 Sc21 V.5  
Concise Dictionary of Scientific Biography -- REF 509.22 C752  
International Dictionary of Business Biographies-- REF 338.0922 In8 V.1  
New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians -- REF 780.3 G919 2001 V.3  
Latino and African American Athletes Today -- REF 796.0922 L349  
Twentieth-Century American Historians -- REF 809.003 D561 V17  
Current Biography Yearbook -- REF 920.C936 2005  
American National Biography -- REF 920.073 Am35 V1  
Great Lives from History -- REF 920.00904 G798 V1

### **QUOTATIONS – use these to find a quotation that helps illustrate a point you will make**

New Encyclopedia of Christian Quotations -- REF 230.003 N42  
Dictionary of American Proverbs -- REF 398.921 D561  
Feminist Quotations -- REF 305.403 F349  
Simpson's Contemporary Quotations -- REF 808.88 Si58 1988  
Oxford Dictionary of Quotations -- REF 808.882 Ox2 2004  
New Quotable Woman -- REF 808.882 N42  
Encyclopedia of Religious Quotations -- REF 808.882 M461  
Scientific Quotations -- REF 808.882 M192  
14,000 Quips and Quotes -- REF 808.882 M199  
America in Quotations -- REF 973 Am35

### **ALMANACS – use these for quick facts or data that add credibility to your position**

Notable Last Facts -- REF 031.02 B73  
Famous First Facts -- REF 031.02 K131  
Guinness Book of World Records 2007 -- REF 032 G948 2007  
AMG's Encyclopedia of Bible Facts -- REF 220.3 En19  
Demographics of the U.S. -- REF 304.62 R912 2003  
The ESPN Pro Football Encyclopedia -- REF 796.33264 Es65  
American Attitudes -- REF 306.0973 M695  
Social Trends & Indicators USA -- REF 306.0973 So13 V.2  
Time Almanac -- REF 310 In3 2007  
Almanac of the 50 States -- REF 317.3 A162 2006  
Kids Count Data Book -- REF 305.230973 K  
The Millennials -- REF 305.2350973 N 489  
America's Top Rated Cities -- REF 317.308 Am35G1 V.4  
Business Statistics of the United States -- REF 330.973 B964  
Statistical Abstract of the United States: 2007 -- REF 317.3 Un3s 2007  
Online: <http://www.census.gov/compendia/statab/>

### **OTHER USEFUL SOURCES:**

#### **Information Plus Reference Series**

Find in SWUcat by doing a title search for "Information Plus Reference Series."

These books take a broad topic (e.g. "The Environment") and discuss aspects of the topic (e.g. "Acid Rain") with a narrative and a variety of statistics and other data.

#### **Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center**

Available on library webpage > Online databases by subject (all subjects area)

Excellent for understanding differing perspectives

Tricky database – their "reference" sources not generally considered "reference" in library world, some citations incorrect, difficult to see where their commentary ends and the actual source begins

Contains plethora of information: viewpoints, scholarly journals, news, statistics, multimedia, website links

#### **Christian Periodicals Index**

Available on library home page or later at "Online databases by title"

Journal and magazine articles on all topics but from Christian perspective

#### **Government Documents on the Web**

[www.usa.gov](http://www.usa.gov) – provides access to a wide array of government publications and information sources

link to this site is provided from Library web page > Online Databases by Subject > under Reference Sources

#### **Credo Reference**

From the library homepage, go to the "Online Databases by Subject" heading and look in the Reference Sources List for. This is a suite of about 240 online encyclopedias, dictionaries, and other reference sources. It is currently available on campus only.

#### **Academic Search Premier**

EBSCOhost: Advanced Search - Windows Internet Explorer


http://web.ebscohost.com/ehost/search?vid=1&hid=4&sid=87e0b8d2-a3ed-4e7e-ac36-6baf25f09739%40sessionmgr11

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**Search modes** ?

- ☒ Boolean/Phrase
- ☐ Find all my search terms
- ☐ Find any of my search terms
- ☐ SmartText Searching [Hint](#)

**Apply related words** ☐

**Also search within the full text of the articles** ☐

**Limit your results**

**Full Text** ☐

**Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals** ☐

**Publication**

**Document Type**  All  
Abstract  
Article  
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**References Available** ☐

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