

LAPL ELECTRONIC RESOURCE OF THE MONTH!

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the Biography in Context website. On the left is the logo "GALE BIOGRAPHY IN CONTEXT". On the right are links for "My Activity", "Change Resources", and "Logout". Below these are search filters: "Name", "Occupation", "Nationality", "Birth Place", and "Death Place". A large search box is present with a "Search Name" button. At the bottom of the search area are links for "Person Search" and "Advanced Search".

FEBRUARY 2011: BIOGRAPHY IN CONTEXT

HOW DO I FIND BIOGRAPHY IN CONTEXT?

In-Library and Home (Remote Access with a valid LAPL Library card)

Biography in Context is available online at all LAPL locations and remotely from the LAPL Web site in the [Databases](#) alphabetical list and under the subject categories of *Art, Music & Recreation, Biography, Business, History, Geography & Genealogy, Literature, Philosophy & Religion, Science & Technical, Social Sciences & Government, and Student Sources*; in *Kids' Path / Homework Help / LAPL Databases*; and in *Teen Web / Homework Help Sites / Biographies*.

DESCRIPTION: *Biography in Context* delivers research support with nearly a million biographical entries. The addition of Marquis Who's Who with brief thumbnail profiles to quickly identify subjects moves the number of biographical entries that focus on the world's most influential people to more than 3 million. In the curriculum-aligned resource, reference content merges with periodicals and multimedia allowing users to **search** for people based on **name, occupation, nationality, ethnicity, birth/death dates and places, gender, keyword and full text**. The format is similar to the other Gale databases in the LAPL database menu, *History in Context (U.S. & World)* and *Opposing Viewpoints in Context*.

HOME PAGE: Ways to search in Biography in Context:

1) **Search Box.** If you have a name in mind, the easiest way to begin is to type the name in the search box in the upper right hand corner and click search name to see what type of information appears. (The search box also appears on every page of the database.)

This screenshot shows a portion of the search interface. It features a row of tabs: "Name", "Occupation", "Nationality", "Birth Place", and "Death Place". Below these tabs is a large search input box and a "Search Name" button. At the bottom, there are links for "Person Search" and "Advanced Search".

The default is "Search Name", but you can click on Occupation, Nationality, Birth Place, or Death Place and "Name" will change to search the specific subject you have selected and create a list of applicable names, e.g. Occupation (Artists), or Birth Place (Chicago).

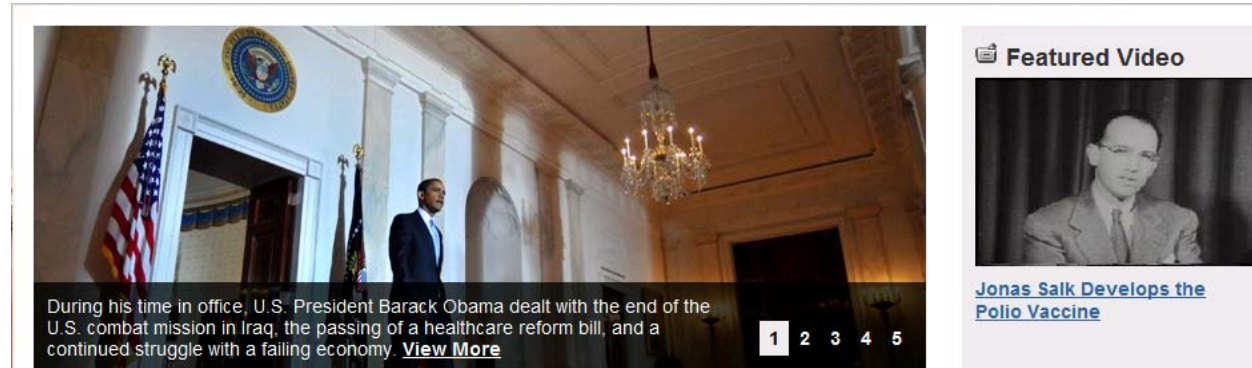
- If you click on "[Person Search](#)", a page will open and allow searching on all of the categories of occupation, ethnicity, and gender, birth, or death years simultaneously.
- If you click on "[Advanced Search](#)", you can limit the search to Full Text documents or Peer review journals and limit further by publication date, document type and content type, and lexile range.

[Home](#)[People](#)

2) Top bar.

If you are not looking for a particular person, Click on “People” in the top left bar and you can browse a select list of subject categories e.g. actors, authors, scientists, etc. under **ALL**. The second list on the page is a select **Browse People** list of prominent people whose names are live links and take you to their biographical information (not all names are represented in these categories).

3) **Picture on the Home Page**, of a significant person identified and a link **View More** offering **Expert Picks, Videos, Images, Audio** and **Related Topics** regarding that person. Numbers in the bottom right corner of the picture link to recent photos of other people in the news. To the right of the photo, if available, is a clickable **Featured Video**. Speakers or earphones are required for the audio.



4) **List of pre-selected topics and names**. Under each topic are listed live links for a few people that fall into that category ([View More](#) will display more names.) Below are listed two of the major topics. To the far right is a column for **Featured News** with current news notices.



Special Features

- 1) **Factbox** – gives quick facts, name, birth & place, death & place, occupation and a link to [More Facts](#)
- 2) **Listen** Click on icon to have text read aloud, select portions, or download to MP3.
- 3) **Tools** On practically every page a variety of tools are available:

Bookmark	Copy the Bookmark URL and paste it into another document.
Download	Download into HTML or PDF formats.
Share	Bookmark and share; lists over 200 social networking sites.
Citation Tools	MLA 7 th ed. (Modern Language Association) and APA (American Psychological Association).
Email	Email form.
Print	Print
Translate	Translate into Spanish, French, Japanese, German, Italian, Portuguese, Chinese (simplified) and Korean.
Save	Saves to “My Activity” at the very top right side of the page and can be retrieved later.