



Do you need to check a definition, understand a literary reference or a scientific term? Need a great image you can use for your homework or project? Tired of getting too many irrelevant results from Web search engines when you need quick, accurate answers? Need trustworthy reference information with properly formatted citations for your footnotes?

Let the ESCC library and Credo Reference help.

Credo Reference is an online reference collection, and it features full-text content from hundreds of reference books covering a broad range of subjects. It's a search engine like Google, but instead of searching the entire Internet, your results come from a comprehensive library of trusted reference sources without advertisements, clutter, or irrelevant hits.

Credo Reference Overview

- Unlimited 24/7 access to Credo Reference from your library
- Remote access from home or off-campus
- Links to library's OPAC and databases for meta searching
- A quick search gadget bar (define, person, image, pronunciation, crossword solver)
- Cross-reference links across topics and titles for accurate, contextual results
- Topic pages to help narrow topics
- Concept maps to expand knowledge
- Content from 550 reference books covering every major subject
- Over 3 million entries, 200,000+ images (art, diagrams, maps and photos)
- More than 100,000 audio pronunciation files, sound clips and videos
- Historical speeches, timelines, maps
- Company commitment to information literacy

Four Ways to Search

1. Use a **Keyword Search** on your entire Credo Collection.
2. Browse for a book through the **Credo Title List**.
3. Narrow your focus with an **Advanced Search** features like **Topic Search**.
4. Visualize your topic with the **Concept Map** option.

A Quick Search Gadget Bar

- **Define:** look up definition of any term or phrase in one of our dictionaries
- **Person:** find information on any person
- **Images:** searches only images
- **Pronunciations:** limits a search to results containing audio
- **Crossword solver:** use "?" for unknown letters or enter letters in any order
- **Conversions:** convert one unit of measurement into another
- **Quotations:** find out who said a specific quote or all the quotes on a specific topic
- **Holidays and festivals:** check to see what happened on a specific day

Credo Subjects

Art	Language	Psychology
Business	Law	Religion
Food & Beverage	Literature	Science
General Reference	Medicine	Social Sciences
Geography	Music	Technology
History	Philosophy	

Types of Information

Atlases	Facts	Quotations
Bibliographies	Gazetteers	Religious Texts
Biographies	Guides	Speeches
Chronologies	Handbooks	Statistics
Dictionaries	Histories	Thesauri
Encyclopedias	Image Collections	Unknown

** Selected BEST OVERALL Reference Database - 2012*

(Voted BEST by librarians all over the country and [Library Journal](#) reviewers, 11/15/2011)

Press Quotes

"In an age in which Wikipedia is king and students are loathe to pick up a reference book, Credo's Topic Pages is an attractive solution for steering students toward trusted information." -- *CHOICE*, Jan. 2011

"[Credo forces] us to ask at least whether we should begin to expect more from a reference ebook collection than a faithful reproduction of a printed text" --*Library Journal*, Oct. 2010

"**Credo really seems to get it.**" --*Library Journal*, Jan. 2010

"[Credo's] strong content, accessibility, and impressive scope earn it a **resounding ten.**" --*Library Journal*, Feb. 2009

"Credo Reference's **pursuit of excellence** in the e-reference world is working" --*Information Today*, Feb. 2009

"Credo Reference provides an impressive array of searching options within an easy-to-use interface...**Highly recommended.**" --*CHOICE*, Feb. 2009

"Credo Reference **inspires the task of searching**... it's almost as if it wants you to discover more."
--*Information World Review*, Oct. 2008

"[Credo] does the most impressive job of covering multimedia resources, and... its interface presents some of the most innovative efforts to provide tools for working with its content." --*College and Research Libraries*, Sept. 2008

"Credo Reference offers top quality titles and extensive subject coverage from acclaimed publishers...the user will find searching clean, uncomplicated and intuitive." --*The Charleston Advisor*, July 2008
