



Biographical Information **Library Resource Guide**

A **biography** is an account of the special and important events in a person's life. It should not be confused with the similar sounding term *bibliography*, which is a listing of books and articles on a topic.

Biographies may be brief and cover only basic information about a person's life such as dates of birth and death, education and vocation. A biography may also be very detailed, and cover the cultural background, outstanding accomplishments, and historical significance of an individual.

Biographical sources cover living and deceased persons, notable persons in particular countries, persons in specific occupations, celebrities, and civil and government leaders. It is helpful when searching for biographical information to know:

- The person's full name and correct spelling (for example: Smith, Smyth or Smythe)
- date of birth
- date of death (when applicable)
- nationality or country of residence
- occupation or profession

This guide will assist you in locating biographical information. It is organized in three sections:

- 1) [Biographical master indexes](#), online and print, available at Carlson Library,
- 2) [General suggestions](#) on locating biographical information,
- 3) [Reference books](#), available at Carlson Library.

Biographical Master Indexes

Please note: this is not a comprehensive list of master indexes in the Reference Collection. It is a selected list of titles that provide broad coverage. Other master indexes are available covering a variety of specific topics. Consult a reference librarian for assistance in locating these titles, if the ones listed below do not meet your needs.

[Biography and Genealogy Master Index](#)

International in scope. Identifies entries in over 300 biographical dictionaries. Arranged alphabetically. Refers to other master indexes such as *Biography Index* (see below). Multivolume set begun in 1981 and supplemented to the present. Z 5305 .U5 B56 General Indexes 2nd Floor

[Biography Index](#) (1984-present)

A multivolume set covering the period 1946-1994, arranged alphabetically. Identifies entries in periodicals and books. Covers the U.S. unless otherwise indicated. Includes obituaries. Z5301 .B5 General Indexes 2nd Floor

[Index to Marquis Who's Who Publications](#)

Indexes 12 publications providing brief entries with basic information on thousands of people. The primary focus is the U.S. by region or occupation. Arranged alphabetically. CT210 .M3 General Collection 4th Floor

General Suggestions

1) If you need basic facts about a person, e.g., "When was Napoleon born?", check general encyclopedias, such as [The New Encyclopaedia Britannica](#) (General Collection 4th Floor) or [Britannica Online](#), [Encyclopedia Americana](#) (General Collection 4th Floor), and [World Book Encyclopedia](#) (General Collection 4th Floor). You might also want to check some foreign language encyclopedias, such as [Grand Larousse](#) in French ([NWO Book Depository](#)) or [Brockhaus Enzyklopädie](#) in German (General Collection 4th Floor).

2) If you are unable to find simple biographical information in general encyclopedias, or you need more information than provided, check one of the specialized [biographical reference books](#) below. These sources are arranged by the following broad subjects: [General Sources](#), [Multicultural](#), [Women](#), [Nationality](#), [Authors](#), [Business and Economics](#), [Education](#), [Entertainment and Sports](#), [Music](#), [Physical and Social Sciences](#), and [Politicians and Leaders](#).

3) If you cannot find the person you are looking for, or cannot get enough information from a biographical reference book, check one of the [biographical master indexes](#) listed above. These guide you to books, periodical articles or other reference sources. Please note that sometimes you will be referred to another index.

4) For highly detailed information, search [UT's online library catalog](#) for books on the person. Perform a **subject search** by typing the person's last name followed by their first name, e.g., *Whitman, Walt*. Execute the search and look for the subheading --*Biography*. The complete heading in this example is: *Whitman, Walt, 1819-1892 -- Biography*. You can also use UTMOST to search for the titles of books and periodicals found in the biographical master indexes.

5) If UT does not own a title you want, you can use the [OhioLINK Central Catalog](#) to directly borrow books from other college libraries in Ohio. Books arrive within three to five business days. If the book you need is not available through OhioLINK, or if you need a periodical article that UT does not own, fill out an [online interlibrary loan form](#). There is generally no charge for this service, but the library may need two to three weeks to get the item you need. For assistance with the **library catalog**, OhioLINK, or interlibrary loan forms, consult a reference librarian at the Information/Reference Desk.

6) It is important to remember that biographical information may not be available for all individuals. In these cases, information about an author can sometimes be found by checking the preface or introduction of an author's work for scholarly background and academic achievements. Perform an **author search** in the **library catalog** by typing in the last name followed by the first name.

Biographical Reference Books

Please note this is not a comprehensive list of titles in the Reference Collection. These titles were selected to provide broad, well balanced coverage within their categories. Some were chosen over similar titles because they are recognized standards, have unique features, such as portraits or contact information, or are more comprehensive. Consult a reference librarian for assistance in locating other titles, particularly those with very specific coverage, if the ones listed do not meet your needs.

General Sources

[American National Biography Online](#)

Biographical dictionary of about 17,500 notable deceased American men and women from all eras of American history. Includes illustrations and hypertext links to other web resources. Searchable by subject name, occupation, sex, birth date, death date, birthplace, contributor, and keyword. Corresponds with multivolume print version [American National Biography](#) (CT213 .A68 1999 Reference).

Biography Resource Center from Gale

Combines over 432,000 biographies on more than 340,000 people from over 980 volumes of more than 135 respected Gale sources such as Contemporary Authors, Encyclopedia of World Biography, Newsmakers, Contemporary Theatre, Film, and Television, Contemporary Musicians, Historic World Leaders, Notable Twentieth-Century Scientists, Contemporary Black Biography, Religious Leaders of America, International Dictionary of Art and Artists, and Writers Directory, and more.

Current Biography

International in scope. Coverage began in 1940. Prominent individuals in their fields. Articles approximately 2500 words, and include portraits and references. Recent obituaries included. Published monthly with annual cumulations in the [Current Biography Yearbook](#) (CT 100 .C8 Reference). Monthly issues indexed alphabetically; yearbooks indexed by occupation and include alphabetic indexing for current and previous years. CT 100 .C8 Reference

Gay and Lesbian Biography

International in scope. Covers 275 people from historical and contemporary eras. Articles range from a few paragraphs to three or four pages, and include portraits and references. Indexed by nationality, occupation and subject. HQ 75.2 .G39 1996 Reference

Great Lives from History

International in scope. Series of six multivolume titles published between 1987 and 1995. Covers ancient times through the twentieth century. Scholarly articles of 1500-2000 words, with references. Each set indexed alphabetically, geographically and by achievement in the last volume. Search the series title above in [UT's online library catalog](#) for specific titles and call numbers. Reference

International Who's Who

Short entries with basic information on approximately 20,000 prominent living people. Coverage began in 1935. Addresses included. Also lists reigning royal families by country. Arranged alphabetically. **Latest edition in Reference.** Older editions in General Collection 4th Floor. CT 120 .I5

McGraw-Hill Encyclopedia of World Biography

Multivolume set featuring 5,000 deceased people significant to social and cultural history. Articles are approximately one to two pages in length, and include portraits, illustrations and references. The last volume serves as subject index to the set, with cross-references. Updated by the five-volume [Encyclopedia of World Biography: 20th Century Supplement](#) (CT 103 .M27 1987x Suppl Reference), which includes a mix of living and deceased. CT 103 .M27 1973y [NWO Book Depository](#)

Merriam Webster's Biographical Dictionary

International in scope. Provides short entries with basic information on 30,000 important deceased people. Cross-references included. Arranged alphabetically. CT 103 .M47 1995 Reference

Oxford Reference Online

Multi-part database of the online versions of Oxford University Press texts. Contains the searchable version of the latest edition of published dictionaries and encyclopedias. Includes biographical information within a myriad of topics.

Multicultural

Contemporary Black Biography

Two to six page articles on 360 living and deceased people, primarily Americans. Articles include portraits and references. Indexed by nationality, occupation, and subject. E 185.96 .C66 Reference

Dictionary of Hispanic Biography

International in scope. Provides one to three page articles on 470 living and deceased people, largely from the 20th century. References and selected portraits included. Arranged alphabetically and indexed by occupation, nationality/ethnicity and subject. CT 1343 .D53 1996 General Collection 4th Floor

[Encyclopedia of Native American Biography](#)

Articles range from a paragraph to three pages on 600 living and deceased people. References and selected portraits and illustrations. Arranged alphabetically and indexed by subject with cross-references. E 89 .J69 1997 General Collection 4th Floor

[Notable Latino Americans: A Biographical Dictionary](#)

Three to four page articles on 127 living and deceased people. References and selected portraits included. Arranged alphabetically and indexed by occupation, ethnic subgroup and subject. E 184.S75 M435 1997 General Collection 4th Floor

[Who's Who among African Americans](#)

Brief entries with basic information on 20,000 people prominent in their fields. Most are Americans, with some international coverage. Addresses included. Coverage back to 1976. Obituaries included for noteworthy individuals. Arranged alphabetically and indexed by geography and occupation. E 185.96 .W52 Reference

[Who's Who Among Asian Americans](#)

Short entries with basic information on 5,000 people. Addresses included. Selected recent obituaries provided. Arranged alphabetically and indexed by occupation, geography and ethnic/cultural heritage. E 184.O6 W46x 1994/95 General Collection 4th Floor

Women

[The International Who's Who of Women](#)

Short entries with basic information on 5,500 women. Addresses included. Arranged alphabetically, and indexed by occupation. CT 120 .W5 1997 General Collection 4th Floor

[Notable American Women, 1607-1950](#)

Scholarly biographical essays on 1,359 noteworthy women, who died prior to 1951. Articles average one to two pages, and include references. The third volume includes an occupational index for the set. Updated through 1975 by [Notable American Women: The Modern Period](#) (CT 3260 .N573 Reference) which adds 442 entries, and through 1999 by [Notable American Women: A Biographical Dictionary Completing The Twentieth Century](#) (CT 3260 .N5725 2004 Reference), which adds close to 500 entries. CT 3260 .N57 Reference

[Native American Women: A Biographical Dictionary](#)

Provides 400-600 word articles on U.S. and Canadian women born between 1595 and 1960. Selected portraits included. Arranged alphabetically, and indexed by subject. Also includes appendixes that list entries by area of specialization, decade of birth, place of birth, and tribal affiliation. E 98.W8 .B38 1993 General Collection 4th Floor

[Notable Black American Women](#)

Two to three page articles on 501 historical and contemporary women. Articles include references and portraits. Addresses included. Arranged alphabetically and indexed by subject. Also provides a table of contents organized by occupation. Supplemented by [Notable Black American Women: Book II](#) and [Book III](#), which add approximately 300 women each. Occupational and geographic indexes are included. E 185.96 .N68 1992 General Collection 4th Floor

[Notable Hispanic American Women](#)

Three volumes cover over 500 women in 500-2500 word articles, which include references. Selected portraits included. Arranged alphabetically and indexed by subject. E 184 .S75 N68 General Collection 4th Floor

[Who's Who of American Women](#)

Brief entries with basic information on 29,000 women who are prominent in their fields. Addresses provided. Arranged alphabetically. **Four latest editions are located in Reference;** older editions at the [NWO Book Depository](#). E 176 .W647

Nationality

[Dictionary of American Biography](#) (U.S.)

Scholarly biographical essays on approximately 15,000 prominent, influential Americans, primarily men, who died prior to 1936. Multivolume set. Articles average one to two pages, some

longer, and include references. Ten [supplements](#) (E176 .D564 Suppl. Reference) update the original through 1980 and add approximately 4,000 entries. The [Comprehensive Index](#) (E 176 .D564 Index 4 Reference) provides subject, contributor, birthplace, school and college, occupation and topical indices for original volumes and supplements. E 176 .D564 Reference

[Dictionary of Canadian Biography](#)

Scholarly articles on 7,168 noteworthy people born between 1000 and 1910. Articles are approximately one to two pages in length and include references. Multivolume set. Volumes one through 12 have a cumulative alphabetical index, and volume 13 is indexed by occupation, geography and alphabetically by name. F 1005 .D49 [NWO Book Depository](#)

[Dictionary of National Biography](#) (British)

Scholarly articles on approximately 35,000 influential deceased Britons. Covers the earliest times through 1901. Articles average one to two pages, and include references. Multivolume set. Each issue is indexed alphabetically by name. [Supplements](#) (DA 28 .D48 Reference) update through 2001. DA 28 .D47 Reference

[Dictionnaire de Biographie Francaise](#) (French)

Articles written in French on outstanding deceased people from earliest times. Articles are, on average, shorter than those in the other national biographies above, and include extensive references. Multivolume set. Arranged alphabetically from A through Gueroult. CT 143 .D5 [NWO Book Depository](#)

[Neue Deutsche Biographie](#) (German)

Articles written in German about important deceased people from earliest times. Articles are approximately one page in length and include references. Multivolume set. Arranged alphabetically from A through Melanchton. Each volume is also indexed by subject. CT 1053 .N4 [NWO Book Depository](#)

[Who's Who](#) (British)

Brief entries with basic information on 30,000 eminent contemporary people from the United Kingdom, British Commonwealth and some foreign countries. Coverage at Carlson Library goes back to 1926, with some interruptions. Includes a special section on the royal family. Addresses provided. Also provides an obituary list of entrants who died during the previous year. Arranged alphabetically. **Current volume in Reference.** DA 28 .W6 [NWO Book Depository](#)

[Who's Who in America](#)

Brief entries with basic information on 100,000 prominent contemporary people. Coverage is from 1899 to the present. Entries are predominantly Americans, but other nationals who have a significant impact on the U.S. are included. Addresses included. Also includes an obituary list of entrants from the three previous editions. Multiple volumes arranged alphabetically, with the last volume serving as a geographic and occupational index. **Latest 3 years in reference. Older volumes in general collection.** 176 .W642

[Who's Who in Russia and the CIS Republics](#)

Brief entries with basic information on contemporary influential Russians and citizens of former Soviet republics. Addresses included. Arranged alphabetically. Includes appendixes that list people by occupation, organizational affiliation and awards won. Indexed by works written as appropriate. CT 1203 .W46 1995 General Collection 4th Floor

[Who's Who in the People's Republic of China](#)

Short entries with basic information on 2,026 prominent people. Selected portraits included. Arranged alphabetically. DS779.28 .B37 1991 General Collection 4th Floor

[Who Was Who](#) (British)

Brief entries with basic information on influential deceased Britons originally listed in [Who's Who](#). Coverage is from 1897 to 1990. Multivolume set, with each issue covering a time period and listing entries alphabetically. There is a cumulative alphabetical index volume to the set. DA 28 .W65 [NWO Book Depository](#)

[Who Was Who in America](#)

Brief entries with basic information on important deceased Americans originally listed in [Who's Who in America](#). Coverage is from 1897 to 1996 (a special *Historical Volume* covers 1607-1896). Multivolume set, with each issue covering a time period and listing entries alphabetically. There is a cumulative alphabetical index volume to the set. **Volumes 1-12 in the [NWO Book Depository](#). Volumes 13-17 General Collection 4th Floor.** E 176 .W64

Authors

[Contemporary Authors](#)

A bio-bibliographical guide to writers in many fields, including fiction, general nonfiction, poetry, journalism, drama, motion pictures, and television. Biographical and bibliographical sources are employed, as well as authors' responses and original, in-depth interviews. [Contemporary Author, First Revision](#) (Z1010 .C6x Reference), [Contemporary Authors, Permanent Series](#) (Z1010 .C65 Reference), and [Contemporary Authors, New Revision Series](#) (Z1010 .C66x Reference). Coverage coincides with [The Literature Resource Center](#), an electronic database through OhioLINK.

[Contemporary Dramatists](#)

Covers over 300 dramatists writing in English. Articles average one to two pages and include a list of publications by type and references. Addresses provided. Arranged alphabetically. Also includes supplements providing brief information on screenwriters, radio writers, television writers and musical librettists. Provides a list of entrants, supplement of British and American theater groups, biographies for seven deceased dramatists and a title index. PR737 .C57 1999 Reference

[Contemporary Novelists](#)

Approximately 700 novelists writing in English. Articles average one to two pages and include a list of publications by type and references. Addresses provided. Arranged alphabetically. Provides a list of entrants and is indexed by nationality and title. PR881 .C69 2001 Reference

[Contemporary Poets](#)

Describes 779 poets writing in English. Articles average one to two pages and include a list of publications by type and references. Addresses provided. Arranged alphabetically. Provides a list of entrants and is indexed by nationality and title. PR603 .C6 2001 Reference

[Literary Reference Center](#)

A database that encompasses over 100,000 current writers from 1962 to present, with some pre-1960's "greats" included. Covers all literary genres, as well as other kinds of writers such as print journalists, screenwriters and cartoonists. Major international writers whose work was published in the U.S. or translated are also included. Entries provide detailed information with references and addresses included. The database can be searched by: author, title, genre, full text, personal information, career information, honors and awards and media adaptations.

[Literature Resource Center](#)

A database that serves as a guide to writers in many fields, including fiction, general nonfiction, poetry, journalism, drama, motion pictures, and television. Includes links to: Dictionary of literary biography, Contemporary authors, Contemporary literary criticism, and more.

[Something About the Author](#)

International in scope. Covers contemporary authors and illustrators of books for young people. Entries range from a few paragraphs to several pages and include basic personal and career data, as well as information on writings, works in progress and semi-autobiographical sidelights. Portraits, selected illustrations, addresses and references are also provided. Multivolume set. Each volume is arranged alphabetically, includes its own table of contents and illustrator and author indexes to all previous volumes. Accompanied by the multivolume [Something about the Author: autobiography series](#) (PN497 .S66 Reference). PN451 .S6 Reference.

[Wilson Authors Series](#)

An international and historical series that covers authors from 800 BCE to the mid-1980s. Entries average approximately two pages, sometimes more depending on the subject. Portraits, a list of principle works and references are included. Each volume is arranged alphabetically. The [Index to the Wilson Authors Series](#) (PN 451 .I5 1997 General Collection 4th Floor), provides alphabetical access to all 11 titles in the series: [Greek and Latin Authors, 800 B.C.- A.D. 1000](#) (PA31 .G7 Reference); [European Authors, 1000-1900](#) (PN451 .K8 Reference); [British Authors Before 1800](#) (PR105 .K9 Reference); [British Authors of the Nineteenth Century](#) (PR451 .K8 1936 Reference); [American Authors, 1600-1900](#) (PS21 .K8 Reference); [Twentieth Century Authors](#) (PN771 .K86x General Collection 4th Floor); [Twentieth Century Authors: First supplement](#) (PN771 .K86s 1979 [NWO Book Depository](#)); [World Authors 1950-1970](#) (PN451

.W3 General Collection 4th Floor); [World Authors, 1970-1975](#) (PN451 .W67 Reference); [World Authors, 1975-1980](#) (PN451 .W672 1985 Reference); and [World Authors, 1980-1985](#) (PN451 .W672 1990 Reference).

Business and Economics

[African American Business Leaders: A Biographical Dictionary.](#)

Describes 123 people. Emphasis on the period 1880 to World War Two. Articles are several pages long and include references. Some articles have multiple entries. Arranged alphabetically and indexed by subject. Includes appendixes that list leaders by place of birth, place of business and type of business. An appendix of prominent women is also included. HC 102.5 .A2 I52 1994 Reference

[American Business Leaders: From Colonial Times to the Present](#)

Two volumes spanning the last three centuries of visionary figures in American business. Presents articles on approximately 400 industrialists, investors, inventors, entertainment moguls, and communications pioneers. Includes a list of leaders organized by their field of business and suggestions for further reading. Also available as an [electronic book](#). HC 102.5.A2 H36 1999 Reference

[Biographical Dictionary of American Business Leaders](#)

Covers 1,159 people from earliest times to present, with a heavy emphasis on the pre-World War Two era in four volumes. Articles are approximately 750 words and provided references. Some articles have multiple entries. Multivolume set. Arranged alphabetically. The last volume provides an alphabetical index and appendixes that list leaders by industry, company, birthplace place of business activity, religion, ethnicity, year of birth. An appendix of prominent women is also included. A companion volume, [Contemporary American Business Leaders](#) (HC102.5.A2 I534 1990 [NWO Book Depository](#)), focuses on post World War Two leaders. HC102.5.A2 I53 1983 Reference

[Biographical Dictionary of American Labor](#)

Half-page articles on 730 men and women from the 1800 and 1900s. References included. Arranged alphabetically and indexed by subject. Includes appendixes that list people by union affiliation, religion, place of birth, formal education and political preference. HD8073.A1 B56 1984 General Collection 4th Floor

[Encyclopedia of Entrepreneurs](#)

One to two page articles on approximately 550 famous living and deceased American entrepreneurs. Some articles have multiple entries. Selected portraits included. Arranged alphabetically and indexed by company name and person. HC102.5.A2 H35 1997 Reference

[Reference Book of Corporate Managements](#)

A directory of contact information that contains brief biographical information on directors and executives of corporations. Facts are obtained from the Dunn & Bradstreet database, telephone interviews, and annual reports. About 12,000 companies are covered. HD2745 .D85 General Collection 4th Floor

[Who's Who in Economics](#)

International in scope. Provides brief information on approximately 1,300 living and deceased people. Arranged alphabetically and indexed by field of interest, nationality and place of birth. HB76 .W47 1986 Reference

[Who's Who in Finance and Industry](#)

International in scope. Brief entries on 24,500 prominent people in business or business-related fields. Addresses included. Arranged alphabetically. The Library's collection covers the years 1975/76-1994/95. **Latest five editions in reference. Older editions in general collection.** HF 3023 .A2 W5

Education

[Biographical Dictionary of Modern American Educators](#)

One page articles on 410 people born prior to 1935 or now deceased. Arranged alphabetically and indexed by subject. Also includes appendixes listing individuals by place of birth, state, field, and birth year. Updates [Biographical Dictionary of American Educators](#) (LA2311 .B54 [NWO Book Depository](#)), a multivolume set that profiles 1,665 people. LA 2311 .O55 1997 Reference

[Directory of American Scholars](#)

Brief entries with basic information on 37,500 practicing (as of 1982) U.S. and Canadian educators in the humanities and social sciences. Publication, professional affiliation and research interests are included. Multivolume set. Each volume covers a broad academic field (history; philosophy, religion and law; foreign languages, linguistics and philology; and English, speech and drama) and is arranged alphabetically. Indexed geographically. **2002 edition in Reference; later editions in general collection 4th Floor.** LA 2311 .C32

[Women Educators in the United States, 1820-1993](#)

Profiles 66 significant contributors. Scholarly articles of approximately ten pages each. References included. Arranged alphabetically and indexed by subject. A chronological appendix is also provided. LA2311 .W65 1994 Reference

Entertainment and Sports

[Biographical Dictionary of American Sports](#)

Articles approximately one page long on 2,700 living and deceased U.S. athletes, coaches and others (including media people) associated with a wide variety of sports. References included. Multivolume set. Each volume covers particular sports as follows: *Baseball, Basketball and Other Indoor Sports, Football* and *Outdoor Sports* (includes race horses). The volumes are organized by sport and then alphabetically and have subject indexes, as well as topically organized appendixes. The [Cumulative Index](#) (GV697.A1 P576 1993 Reference) covers these volumes alphabetically by subject. The [Biographical Dictionary of American Sports, 1992-1995 Supplement](#) (GV697.A1 B494 1995 Reference) adds 616 additional profiles. Search the series title above in [UT library catalog](#) for specific titles and call numbers. Reference

[Biographical Dictionary of Dance](#)

International in scope. Brief articles with basic information on 2,900 dancers and choreographers. Covers the last four hundred years. Arranged alphabetically. GV1785.A1 C58 1982 Reference

[Contemporary Theatre, Film and Television](#)

Profiles 8,000 performers and non-performers, primarily American and British. Most people are living. One to two page articles with list of works, portraits and references. Multivolume set. Each volume arranged alphabetically with a cumulative index to all previous volumes. PN2285 .C58 Reference

[International Dictionary of Films and Filmmakers](#)

A comprehensive resource providing thorough coverage of films and filmmakers through the spring of 2000. One to two page articles which include a list of works, portraits and references. Multivolume set. Arranged alphabetically and indexed by title. PN1997.8 .I58 2000 Reference

[International Dictionary of Theatre](#)

Two to four page articles on 785 people, living and dead. Articles include list of works, list of criticism for playwrights, portraits and references. Multivolume set, with volume two covering playwrights and volume three covering actors, directors and designers. Arranged alphabetically. Volume two includes a title index. PN2035 .I49 1992 Reference

[Sports People in the News](#)

International in scope. One to two page articles on 400 current prominent athletes, coaches and broadcasters. References and pictures included. Arranged alphabetically and indexed by sport. GV697.A1 S655 1996 [NWO Book Depository](#)

Who's Who of Sports Champions

International in scope. Brief entries with basic information on 2,233 living and deceased athletes and coaches. Arranged alphabetically and indexed by sport. GV697.A1 H53 1995 Reference

Music

Baker's Biographical Dictionary of Musicians

International in scope. Brief articles providing basic information on 13,000 historical and contemporary people. Articles include a list of works and references. Arranged alphabetically. [The Portable Baker's Biographical Dictionary Of Musicians](#) (ML105 .S62 1995 General Collection 4th Floor) focuses on the key composers and musicians from Bach and Cage to Billie Holiday and John Lennon. Entries contain biographical information and analysis of the musicians' accomplishments. ML105 .B16 1992 Reference

Contemporary Composers

International in scope. Three to four page articles on 500 composers of symphonies, chamber music operas and choral/vocal pieces. Living and deceased people born in the twentieth century. Lists of works and references included. Arranged alphabetically, with a list of entrants preceding the biographies. ML 390 .M677 1992y Reference

Encyclopedia of Popular Music

The third edition of the Guinness publication. International in scope. Covers living and deceased people (and groups) in all genres of popular music. Articles range from 150-3,000 words and include a list of works. Multivolume set. Arranged alphabetically. The last volume contains references listed by artist and a subject index to the set. Also includes non-biographical information. ML102 .P66 G84 1998 Reference

International Who's Who in Music

Brief articles providing basic information on 8,000. Concentrates on the classical and light classical fields. Arranged alphabetically. Addresses included. Companion volumes ML106.G7 I57 v.1 1999 Reference

The New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians

International in scope. Entries range from a paragraph to several pages depending on the person (e.g., J.S. Bach). References and a list of works included. Multivolume set arranged alphabetically. Also includes non-biographical information. ML100 .N48 2001 Reference

Physical and Social Sciences

American Men and Women of Science

Brief entries with basic information on 119,618 U.S. and Canadian scientists in natural science, agriculture, medicine, mathematics engineering and computer science. Field of science, current position and addresses included. Multivolume set. Arranged alphabetically with the final volume serving as an index by scientific discipline. **Latest in reference. Older editions in general collection.** Q141 .A47

Dictionary of Scientific Biography

International in scope. Scholarly articles ranging from one to several pages on historical and contemporary people. References included. Covers the natural and physical sciences, engineering and the social sciences (history, philosophy and dissemination of knowledge), but excludes medicine. Multivolume set. Arranged alphabetically. Volumes 16 and 18 serve as a subject and field of science index. Q141 .D5 Reference

International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences (Biographical Supplement)

International in scope. Scholarly three to five page articles on 200 prominent living and deceased social scientists of the twentieth century born prior to 1908. References included. Fourteen social sciences are represented, including history, which is considered a humanities discipline by some. Arranged alphabetically, with alphabetical and field of study lists preceding the biographies. H40.A2 I5 v.18 General Collection 4th Floor

[Notable Twentieth-Century Scientists](#)

International in scope. Two to four page articles on 1,300 living and deceased people in the natural, physical and applied sciences. Selected portraits and references included. Multivolume set. Arranged alphabetically and indexed, in the last volume, by field of specialization, gender, nationality/ethnicity and subject. Q141 .N73 1995 Reference

[Who's Who in Science and Engineering](#)

International in scope. Brief entries with basic information on 31,000 living scientists, doctors and engineers. Addresses included. Arranged alphabetically and indexed by country and specific profession. Q141 .W576 General Collection 5th Floor

Politicians and Leaders

[American Leaders, 1789-1994 : A Biographical Summary](#)

Very brief entries covering national and state leaders. Arranged by the following categories: Presidents, Vice Presidents, Cabinet Members, Supreme Court Justices, Members of Congress and Governors. Alphabetic arrangement within category. Party affiliation identified. Appendixes include the make-up of cabinets by president, party affiliation of presidents and respective congresses and congressional leadership by session. E176 .A59 1994 General Collection 4th Floor

[Columbia Dictionary of Political Biography](#)

International in scope. Brief entries with basic information on current leaders (through 1990). Arranged alphabetically and indexed by country. D108 .C65 1991 Reference

[Founders of Modern Nations : A Biographical Dictionary](#)

One to two page articles on people who began or shaped the development of current nation-states that began no later than 1130 AD. References included. Arranged alphabetically and indexed by subject. A table of contents organized by country is provided. D226.7 .H36 1995 Reference

[Historic World Leaders](#)

Three to five page articles on 620 leaders in all fields, not just politicians and rulers. Entries include portraits, a chronology and references. Multivolume set organized by the following regions: Africa, Middle East, Asia Pacific; Europe (2 vols.); and North and South America (2 vols.) Each volume is arranged alphabetically and indexed by subject. Each volume also has an alphabetic table of contents for itself and all other volumes in the set. CT103 .H57 1994y General Collection 4th Floor

[Who's Who in American Politics](#)

Brief entries with basic information on 28,977 current national, state and local leaders. Addresses and party affiliations included. Two volume set organized by state, and then alphabetically. Volume two includes an index to the set. **Latest edition in Reference. Older editions in General Collection.** E 176 .W6424

[Who's Who in World Politics: From 1860 to the Present Day](#)

Entries are approximately one-half page. References included. Arranged alphabetically. D 21.3 .P35 1996 General Collection 4th Floor