

Pop Culture Universe Database User Guide

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the User Guide for the **Pop Culture Universe** database from **ABC-CLIO**. Taking a few minutes to tour the database using this simple guide will help you get the most this database has to offer. The Pop Culture Universe database is an innovative resource and curriculum-driven instructional tool. An abundance of authoritative and comprehensive content, along with customizing capabilities, makes this a total system solution for your Pop Culture Universe curriculum needs.

For more information on the Pop Culture Universe database or this User Guide, contact us by phone at 1-800-368-6868 Monday through Friday, 7:30 am to 4:00 pm Pacific Time, or by email at service@abc-clio.com.

LOGIN PROCESS



Educator Support Site ▾ Login

Welcome to ABC-CLIO Solutions

Log In

Username:

Password:

Log In

Forgot your username or password? Contact [customer support](#).

For **Public Library** access, log in [here](#).

Accounts are given **TWO** types of usernames and passwords (or access codes):

Educator Support Site Code

This username and password combination gives educators access to the Educator Support Site—a separate website that allows educators and administrators to create Research Lists, align database content to their curriculum, set user preferences, access lesson plans, view account information, and much more.

Student Access Code

This username and password combination allows students to access the database from school or home.

Student Access

Here are the directions students/public users should follow to access the non-staff version of the Pop Culture Universe database.

1. Open a browser and go to <http://popculture.abc-clio.com>.

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2. On the Pop Culture Universe login screen, enter the username and password assigned to your class or non-staff users.
3. Click the **Log In** button.

Educator Access

This access code allows administrators and/or staff to access the Educator Support website. Staff users may log in following the steps under **Student Access** above using the staff username and password, or they may log in through the Staff login page following the steps below.

1. Follow the steps under **Student Access** above, but direct the browser to **http://databases.abc-clio.com**.
2. Under **Go to Databases**, click on the Pop Culture Universe icon.
3. Click on the **Educator Support Site** link at the upper right of the database's home page.
4. On the staff login screen, enter the staff username and password you received from ABC-CLIO or your school's database administrator.
5. Click the **Log In** button.

Access for IP Address Users

If your database has been set up through an IP address, which does not require a username and password, follow the steps below to gain access to the database.

1. Open a browser and go to <http://popculture.abc-clio.com>.
2. Click on the **Educator Support Site** link at the upper right of the database's home page.
3. On the login screen, enter the staff username and password you received from ABC-CLIO or your school's database administrator.
4. Click the **Log In** button.

Creating a Shortcut Link

To set up a shortcut link that will bypass the login screen:

1. Right-click on your desktop.
2. Select **New**.
3. Click **Shortcut**.
4. Type in <http://popculture.abc-clio.com/login.aspx?ipaddress=true>.
5. Click **Next** and type in a name for the shortcut.
6. Once you have named the shortcut, click **Finish**.

An icon for the shortcut will now appear on your desktop. Click the icon to automatically open the Pop Culture Universe home page.

Custom ABC-CLIO Link

To create a custom-designed ABC-CLIO Pop Culture Universe link, click on the **Shortcuts & Logos** link in the help menu. Custom logos can be found under **Add Icons to a Web Page**.

Multiple ABC-CLIO Subscriptions

Users who subscribe to multiple ABC-CLIO databases can use a universal login screen to access their databases.

1. Open a browser and go to <http://databases.abc-clio.com>.
2. On the databases login screen, enter the username and password you received from ABC-CLIO or your school's database administrator.

If you are accessing through an IP address, you will not require a username and password. Simply direct the browser to <http://databases.abc-clio.com>.

Logging Out

Always remember to log out. To do so, click on **Log Out**. The initial database login screen will appear with the verification that you have logged out of this session displayed at the top. To regain access, you will need to log in again. Logging out is especially important for staff access users, because anyone can access customizable tools from within the Educator Edition.

HOME

When first logging in from the login screen, you are brought to the Home page. To navigate back to the Home page from anywhere in the database, click on the **ABC-CLIO SOLUTIONS** logo in the main navigation bar at the top left of any page or the Home icon on the top right. Below is a brief description of the database's various sections that can be reached from the Home page.

ABC-CLIO[®] SOLUTIONS

Home Educator Support Site Switch Database Logout

Pop Culture Universe

Icons, Idols, Ideas

Search this database

Advanced Search

Explore by Time Periods

- 1900s: The Age of Innocence
- 1910s: The Age of Opulence
- 1920s: The Roaring Twenties
- 1930s: The Great Depression

Show All +

Academic Success Corner

- Researching
- Writing
- Reading
- Critical Thinking
- Working with Primary Sources
- Ask a Cybrarian

How to Use the Database

- American Government
- American History
- American History
- Health and Well-Being
- Music
- Modern America
- Pop Culture Universe
- The African American Experience
- The American Western Experience
- The Latin American Experience
- United States Geography
- World at War

Educator Support Site

The Educator Support website accessed through this link will help educators customize ABC-CLIO resources into teaching practices. See **Login Process** instructions above.

Logout

Automatically logs a user out of the database.

Search this database

This feature offers a text search of the entire database's contents. [See **Search this database** below].

Advanced Search

Click here to access such Advanced Search options as filtering and searching across multiple databases. [See **Advanced Search**]

Explore by Time Periods

The Explore by Time Periods feature allows users to select database topics chronologically. Use the two arrows located on the sides of the carousel of images to scroll through the time periods. Alternatively, users can click on the **Show All +** link to view all of the available time periods on one page. Note: You can select Carousel mode or Show All mode as the default display through the Educator Support Site's Admin Center page in Account Preferences.

Academic Success Corner: Student Tools

The Academic Success Corner consists of four video tutorial series for students: **Writing, Reading, Researching,** and **Critical Thinking**. Each video series offers advice to help students continue strengthening these key academic skills. Also included are **Working with Primary Sources** worksheets and the **Ask a Cybrarian** feature.

- **Researching:** A series of brief videos featuring such researching strategies as Explorative Research, Developing Ideas, Primary vs. Secondary Sources, and Evaluating Sources.
- **Writing:** These entertaining and informative videos focus on different stages of the writing process, and inspire students to improve their writing skills.
- **Reading:** To help students improve their reading skills, these videos feature several techniques, including passive vs. active reading, and other strategies that enhance reading comprehension.
- **Critical Thinking:** Our Critical Thinking videos align with skills that students use in our Investigate Activities, which illustrate what it means to Summarize, Define, Describe, and Classify. Higher-level skill videos address Analyzing, Interpreting, Evaluating, and Arguing. These videos take these seemingly abstract abilities and transform them into concrete processes for students.
- **Working with Primary Sources:** A series of worksheets that can help students analyze different types of primary sources, from works of art, to editorial cartoons, to formal speeches, including helping them identify the origin of the primary source, place it in context, and discover any claims (or biases) that might be present.
- **Ask a Cybrarian:** A source for database assistance—students and teachers can send a question in a simple email, and the Cybrarian responds by providing reference information and help in searching the database.

How to Use the Database

This introductory video demonstrates how teachers and librarians can easily navigate through ABC-CLIO's Solutions databases to empower student learning. The video displays the databases' student-friendly layout and Search methods and shows ways of accessing several levels of curriculum-aligned

content, student sharing and learning tools, and video lectures—all of which drive students' foundational learning and critical thinking skills.

Research Lists

This resource is made available to students when a staff member on the account has created and posted a **Research List**. All lists on the account appear with the names of the staff person who created them and the date they were last modified. Clicking on the name of the research list will reveal the titles of reference and curriculum items compiled for that list. Click on the title of a reference item to access it directly from the research list. If no Research Lists have been created, a selection of lists created by ABC-CLIO editorial staff will appear.

Advisory Board

The Pop Culture Universe Advisory Board comprises master high school educators, academic subject specialists, professional librarians, and other content experts. Board members are carefully selected for their knowledge, experience, and unique insights on making history and learning accessible to students. Together, they help determine the editorial scope and direction for each site, consult on new content types, and advise ABC-CLIO on new directions in their fields.

EXPLORE BY TIME PERIODS

Clicking on one of the Topic Center options brings up the introductory **Topic Center Overview** essay designed to help students obtain a general understanding of the subject at hand. To the left of the Overview is a navigation column containing the **Time Period Essays**, **Investigate Activities**, and **Topic Library** sections, which provide topic-specific curriculum, critical thinking, and additional reference material.

Topic Center Overview

The Overview provides a "big picture" perspective of a particular topic, establishing key terms, concepts, and themes. This broad essay prepares students to be able to understand the topic in greater detail through reference entries and other resources available in the Topic Center. Links within the Overview text itself connect relevant terms to additional information.

In the left column beneath **Overview**, users can click on the subject's **Topic Library**, which provides all the resources needed for a full exploration; and **Investigate Activities** (see description below), designed to cultivate and enhance students' critical thinking skills.

Pop Culture Universe
Icons, Idols, Ideas

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The 1900s

- Overview
- The Arts
 - Books & Literature
 - Film
 - Music
 - Performing Arts & Theater
 - Visual Arts
- Sports & Recreation
 - Sports
 - Recreation & Leisure
- Everyday Life
 - Clothing & Fashion
 - Food & Drink

The 1900s

Overview



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Later dubbed "*The Age of Innocence*" by Edith Wharton in her 1920 book of the same name, the first decade of the 1900s was a time of vast changes and rapid growth in industrialization and technological advancement. From cars and movies to wax-sealed food storage to the modern razor, new technologies infiltrated nearly every aspect of everyday life in ways that were both profound and subtle. For the most part, these changes were incorporated into peoples' lives with little question. Americans were eager to embrace progress and to take their place on the world stage as a prosperous and technologically advanced nation. One of the most profound and longest lasting changes that came about during this time of rapid growth was the emergence of what we now think of as "*consumer culture*."

The influx of immigrants transformed society and provided the workforce sought by corporations. Poverty was a way of life, however, for most working-class families. Divisions ran deep along class, ethnic, and racial lines, and this would flare up countless times throughout the decade.

Time Period Essays

Time Period Essays are a collection of essays that provide in-depth information about the decade regarding key aspects of popular culture, including: The Arts, Sports & Recreation, Everyday Life, and Communications.

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 - Food & Drink
 - Architecture & Housing

Realism, Naturalism, and Muckrakers

The Arts - Books & Literature



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Fueled by the nation's ascendancy in global economic and military affairs, U.S. writers began the new century with a heightened sense of authority, choosing to focus on the daily lives of common people, they loosened the nation's long-standing cultural ties to Britain and Europe and asserted their "Americanness."

Expanded public education and a rapidly increasing literacy rate expanded potential readership of books and periodicals. Technological advances in print production— including cheap book binding, faster print production, and a better understanding of mass marketing—led to the birth of the bestseller, particularly in the sentimental, romance, and historical romance genres. Dime novels (so called because of their cheap price), first published in the 1850s. Published weekly, with lurid covers enticing their mostly male readership, and featuring Western adventures, life on the rails, big city life, detective mysteries, and sports sagas, they were still extremely popular in the 1900s. Horatio Alger tales of rags-to-riches city boys, which originated in the previous century, still sold in department stores for 19 cents.

Investigate Activities

Pop Culture Universe's **Investigate Activities** can be accessed through the link on select Topic Center Overview pages. These multi-part interactive activities are designed to help students develop and enrich their critical thinking skills by posing a historical **Inquiry Question** with an "Understand the Question" link to

background information, which helps students strengthen their knowledge about the topic. Also provided is an **Activity Worksheet** to assist students in keeping track of their findings, along with links to evidence sources that help them answer the Inquiry Question.

Inquiry Question

An essential topic-based question to be addressed. Clicking on Understand the Question provides additional support:

- Clarifying Questions to help focus on issues to consider
- Vocabulary to help identify and understand the key terms
- Background Information to provide important context and broader understanding on important individuals, organizations, movements, events, and places associated with the question

Activity Worksheet

The Activity Worksheet provides students with a valuable tool to help their thinking as they respond to the Inquiry Question.

Sources

Students use key selected sources to help answer the **Inquiry Question**. Clicking into each **Source** brings up not only the source itself, but important questions about who created it, what it discusses, and suggestions for **Context and Things to Consider**.

Topic Library

The Topic Library section contains numerous images, documents and other references students need to better understand the Topic. All of the material in this section has been carefully curated by subject experts and includes links to information essential to each Topic. Using the **Filters** feature, users can select particular types of resources, and the Results Per Page button allows users to select how many are displaying at one time.

The screenshot shows the Pop Culture Universe website interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "Search this database" and a magnifying glass icon. To the right of the search bar are links for "Advanced Search", "Home", "Educator Support Site", "Switch Database", and "Logout". Below the search bar is a navigation menu with categories like "TIME PERIOD", "The 1900s", "The Arts", "Sports & Recreation", "Everyday Life", "Communications", and "Investigate Activities". The "Topic Library" section is active, showing a list of resources for the 1900s. The resources include "Advertising in the 1900s", "Aida (ca. 1908): advertisement poster", "Architecture in the 1900s", "Ashcan School", "Automobiles in the 1900s", and "Automobiles: Ford Model T (ca. 1908)". Each resource entry includes a title, resource type, time period, and a brief description. The page also features a "Filters" button and a "50 Results Per Page" dropdown menu.

TOOLS

Solutions databases employ various tools to help students navigate through and make the best use of our content:



Save

Clicking on the **Save** icon on the top right-hand portion of your screen allows users to save a PDF file to the Cloud using one of three options: Google Drive, Google Classroom, or Dropbox. Users must have an account

with these services in order to save files to them. Certain browsers may not support this functionality; if this is the case, the Save button will be grayed out.

Email

Click on this icon on the top right-hand portion of any page to email content from that page.

Print

The **Print** icon is located next to the Email icon and allows users to print the main window of each page.

Cite

The **Cite** icon shows users the three most common forms of citation for the article being referenced: MLA, Chicago, and APA. Users are also able to export the entry to either EasyBib or RefWorks citation creators.

ReadSpeaker (Listen)

This icon activates the **ReadSpeaker** capability, which allows text in the database to be read out loud. For more information about this function, see the ReadSpeaker/Translation tool tab in the Help menu.

Translate

Clicking on the **Translate** button will translate the text on the page to one of 12 languages. Users can also click on a language with the ReadSpeaker function to have it read back in that language.

SEARCH THIS DATABASE

Whether users are beginning a significant research project or verifying a few facts, the **Search This Database** function is a good place to start researching. To search by text, enter a word or phrase into the search field on the Home page and click the magnifying glass icon.

A search input field with the placeholder text "Search this database" and a magnifying glass icon on the right side.

Search results are grouped into resource types. Using the buttons at the top, the number of results per page can be changed, and search results can be sorted by relevance or title (alphabetical order). To further narrow a search, use the **Filter** option. To do this, select the categories that are of interest and click on Filter. You can also click on the boxes next to search results to save, email, or print a group of entries, and educators that are logged on with the educator password can add the selection to Research Lists. For more searching options, use **Advanced Search** on the right side.

Advanced Search

The Advanced Search function allows users to preselect their search criteria based on the type of resource they are searching for as well as the time period to which they would like the results to correspond. The Library section includes General Resources, Media, and Document options, while the Time Periods & Topic Centers section includes the key time periods featured in the database. To search, enter a topic into the Advanced Search field and then select a specific category or categories from either the Library or the Topic Center or both. Users also have the option of searching across ABC-CLIO databases to which they subscribe by clicking on the **Search across all databases** link.

Advanced Search

[Search Tips](#)

Search this database



Limit your search further by using the options below. You can also [search across all databases](#).

Library

General Resources

- Reference Articles
- Biographies
- Timelines
- Facts & Figures
- Glossary Terms
- Commentary
- Essays

Media

- Photos & Illustrations
- Political Cartoons, Posters & Document Images
- Audio
- Video
- Maps

Documents

- Speeches
- Political, Government & Court Documents
- Cultural Documents
- Letters & Narratives
- Newspapers & Magazines
- Quotes

Topics and Activities

- Topic Centers
- Investigate Activities

[Clear All](#)

Time Periods & Topic Centers

1900s: The Age of Innocence

- The 1900s

1910s: The Age of Opulence

- The 1910s

1920s: The Roaring Twenties

- The 1920s

1930s: The Great Depression

- The 1930s

WEBSITE INFORMATION

Terms of Use

States and clarifies the database's legal terms of use and copyright rules.

Privacy Policy

This section provides information about ABC-CLIO's privacy policy. ABC-CLIO is committed to protecting the privacy of visitors to its databases. Personally identifiable information is not collected unless willingly provided by database visitors. ABC-CLIO requests that students under the age of 13 ask their parents or teachers for approval before sending any personally identifiable information.

MARC Records

This link leads to a page with downloadable MARC records for ABC-CLIO databases. Select the appropriate products and click the **Get MARC Records** button.

About

This section provides information about ABC-CLIO, a publisher of educational and reference products, as well as information on the editorial team behind the database.

DATABASES

Quick access to subscribed ABC-CLIO databases and the Multiproduct Homepage.

CONTACT

Customer Support

Offers quick access to contact information for technical support or customer questions.

Help

The **Help** section provides access to FAQ, Tech Notes, ReadSpeaker/Translation, the User Guide, and Ask the Cybrarian.

- **FAQ:** Lists the most frequently asked questions users have about the database.
- **Tech Notes:** Gives information on system requirements, plug-in updates, and downloads.
- **ReadSpeaker/Translation:** Provides details regarding the use of the ReadSpeaker and Translation tool functions.
- **Contact Us:** Provides contact information for ABC-CLIO Customer Service and Tech Support.
- **User Guide:** Helps users learn how to use and stay current with the database.
- **Ask the Cybrarian:** The Ask the Cybrarian tool is an online guidance source that provides reference information, search help, and support via email. If several reference searches have not yielded the answers you need, you may want to try the Ask the Cybrarian tool. Questions are submitted in the submission box and then sent to the Cybrarian, who will respond by email to the sender, usually within one to three days.
- **Cybrarian Q&A:** Frequently asked questions about the Cybrarian and their answers are posted for quick reference.
- **Shortcuts & Logos:** This page provides directions to add a shortcut to ABC-CLIO's databases onto a desktop or to add hyperlinked logos for ABC-CLIO's Social Studies Databases onto a web page.

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