

World History: The Modern Era Database User Guide

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the User Guide for the **World History: The Modern Era** 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 World History: The Modern Era 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 World History: The Modern Era curriculum needs.

For more information on the World History: The Modern Era 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

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 World History: the Modern Era database.

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

2. On the World History: The Modern Era 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 World History: The Modern Era 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://worldhistory.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://worldhistory.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 World History: The Modern Era Home page.

Custom ABC-CLIO Link

To create a custom-designed ABC-CLIO World History: The Modern Era 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.



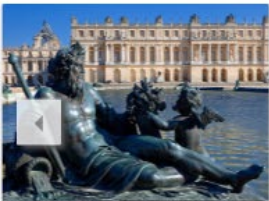
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Explore by Time Periods




The Emergence of Modern Europe,
1500-1700



The World Beyond Europe,
1500-1776




The Age of Reason,
1700-1800





A Time of Revolutions,
1776-1825


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Academic Success Corner


Researching

Writing


Reading

Critical Thinking


Working with Primary Sources

Ask a Cybrarian


How to Use the Database




American Revolution




Industrial Revolution




20th Century History




Health and Wellness




Space




Modern Genocide




Pop Culture Universe




The African American Experience




The American Indian Experience



The Latino American Experience



United States Geography



World War II

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 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** and **CLIOview** features.

- **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 World History: The Modern Era 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

World History: The Modern Era is a broad subject area that lends itself to many topics for exploration. Users may view these topics through the **Explore by Time Periods** section. Clicking on one of the time periods will give users access to a number of topics within that Era , each of which provide an in-depth investigation of a particular theme, including textual, video, and assessment material.

Select a topic by clicking on it from the carousel of images on the Home page. Clicking on a topic takes the user to that subject’s **Time Period** page, which serves as a hub for material related to that era. The **Time Period** page allows the user to select from various **Topic Centers** within that **Time Period**.

The Emergence of Modern Europe, 1500-1700

Reformation and Counter-Reformation

Examine Europe's Protestant Reformation, the 16th-century movement that rebelled against the power and practices of the Catholic Church, as well as the Church's response, called the Counter-Reformation.

Topic Centers



The Reformation



The Spread of Protestantism



Thirty Years' War

The Flowering of the Renaissance

Explore the Italian Renaissance and the Northern Renaissance, the 14th- to 16th-century chapters of European history during which literature, science, and technology began to flourish.

Topic Centers



The Italian Renaissance



The Northern Renaissance

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 **Topic Essentials**, **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.

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The Spread of Protestantism
Overview
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The Spread of Protestantism

Overview

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After German monk [Martin Luther](#) first challenged the authority of the pope, individual inquiry and personal opinion became important parts of reformist thought. Early Protestants were united in their desire to curtail the authority of the Roman [Catholic Church](#), which influenced the politics of all the European countries as well as England and [Scotland](#). Once the initial breach in that authority was made, it was inevitable that the spirit of questioning would cause further changes within the Protestant movement itself. Often, those changes reflected regional political influences.

French Reform

In [France](#), religious reform and political ambitions often became indistinguishable. In the years before Luther made his famous stand against the perceived abuses in the Catholic Church, liberal Catholics in France were already pressing for change.

It didn't take long for politics to merge with the reform movement. During the early years of the [Reformation](#), the French [monarchy](#) alternately protected and persecuted French Protestants, who were called [Huguenots](#). Often the French king's attitude toward Huguenots depended on the person or group with whom he wanted a political alliance. If he wanted support from the Lutheran kings of [Saxony](#), repression would lighten. If a partnership with the papacy fit the current political bill, persecution would increase.

The noble houses of France also took sides and battled for political supremacy under the banner of either Catholicism or Protestantism. As they rose in power, both sides used repression and violence against the other. Massacres in the name of religion, all too common, created martyrs to the faith in both the Catholic and Protestant camps.

In the left column beneath **Overview**, users can click on **Topic Essentials**, a series of videos and foundational resources that help students understand the subject further; **Investigate Activities**, designed to cultivate and enhance students' critical thinking skills; and the subject's **Topic Library**, which provides all the resources needed for a full exploration.

Topic Essentials

Topic Essentials a deeper exploration of the topic with resources for the Overview, including Video Lessons, Key Questions, Vocabulary, and a Check Your Understanding self-assessment quiz.

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The Spread of Protestantism


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The Spread of Protestantism: Introduction [1:57]




Rise of Lutheran and Calvinist Churches [3:42]




French Wars of Religion [4:22]



English Reformation [5:01]



Dutch Revolt and Spanish Armada [5:52]



The Spread of Protestantism: Closing [1:22]

- **Videos:** At the top of each Topic Essentials section are in-depth video presentations about the selected Topic Center. Each Topic Essential features an opening and closing video in which a master teacher introduces the Subtopic and then reiterates what the student has learned. At the core of the Topic Essentials is a set of 3–5 short audio/video slideshows exploring key aspects of the topic. Narrated by master teachers, these videos cover key information and concepts; and feature photographs, illustrations, and maps to provide visual and aural dimensions to the presentation of the concept. Transcript and Outline versions of the videos are also available through links at the top.
- **Key Questions:** The Key Questions section offers a series of questions to promote foundational understanding for each Topic.
- **Vocabulary:** Definitions for key terms, events, or sources relating to each Topic.
- **Check Your Understanding:** This assessment feature lets students test what they have learned in the Topic. Quizzes consist of multiple choice questions, plus questions based on primary source texts and the close reading of secondary sources in the database. In cases where students answer the question incorrectly, the quiz directs them to the page in the database where they can find more information about the Topic. At the end of the quiz, students will be able to see their total score. In addition, they have the option to review all of the questions and compare their responses to the correct answers.

Investigate Activities

World History: The Modern Era'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.

The screenshot shows the 'World History: The Modern Era' website. The sidebar on the left has 'Investigate Activities' selected. The main content area is titled 'The Spread of Protestantism' and 'Activity 1: Protestantism in Europe'. It features three numbered sections: 1. Inquiry Question (How did Protestant ideas spread through Europe? with an 'Understand the Question' link), 2. Activity Worksheet (a printable worksheet for tracking findings), and 3. Sources (a grid of icons for Image, Video, and Reference). A large historical painting of a group of people in 16th-century attire is shown in the top right of the main content area.

Inquiry Question

This section displays 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 'World History' website interface. The top navigation bar includes a search bar, 'Advanced Search' link, and links for 'Home', 'Educator Support Site', 'Switch Database', and 'Logout'. The left sidebar, titled 'TOPIC CENTER', lists 'The Spread of Protestantism' with sub-links for 'Overview', 'Topic Essentials', 'Investigate Activities', and 'Topic Library' (which is highlighted). The main content area is titled 'The Spread of Protestantism' and features a 'Topic Library' section. This section includes a 'Filters' button and a '50 Results Per Page' dropdown. Below these are four resource entries, each with a checkbox, a title, a resource type, a time period, and a brief description:

- ☐ [Act of Supremacy \(1534\)](#)
Resource Type: Political, Government & Court Documents | Time Period: The Emergence of Modern Europe, 1500-1700
Enacted in 1534 by the English Parliament, acting under the forceful guidance of King Henry VIII, the Act of Supremacy broke England's ties to the Roman Catholic Church, thus initiating the English Protestant Reformation.
- ☐ [Anabaptist Church](#)
Resource Type: Reference Articles | Time Period: The Emergence of Modern Europe, 1500-1700
Hans Denk founded the Anabaptists in Augsburg, Germany in 1526 as part of the more radical branch of the Protestant Reformation. Denk taught that the baptism of infants was useless and that true believers would become baptized as adults.
- ☐ [Anglican Church](#)
Resource Type: Reference Articles | Time Period: The Emergence of Modern Europe, 1500-1700
The Anglican Church, also called the Church of England, is the United Kingdom's official Protestant church, founded by Henry VIII in 1534.
- ☐ [Calvin, John](#)
Resource Type: Biographies | Time Period: The Emergence of Modern Europe, 1500-1700
John Calvin (1509–1564) was a French theologian and leader of the Protestant Reformation. His strict moral brand of Christianity that became known as Calvinism had a profound impact on European and North American Protestantism.

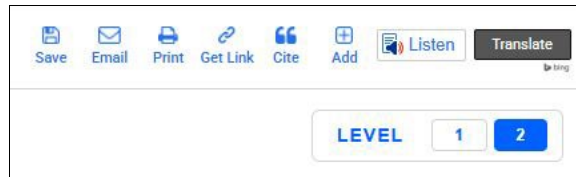
TOOLS

ABC-CLIO Solutions databases employ various tools to help students navigate through and make the best use of our content.

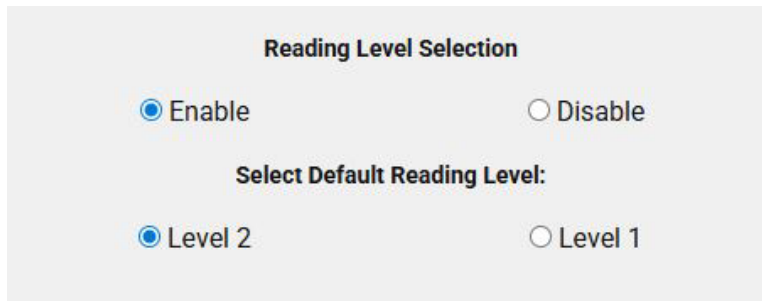
Readability

Topic Centers Overviews and select reference articles have Level 1 versions of the text available that have been adjusted by Bloomsbury Editorial. These adaptations are designed for readability, making the content more accessible for students with developing reading skills. The simplified language, coupled with additional explanations for vocabulary, ensures clearer understanding. Each Level 1 text begins with a "Key Points" section, highlighting three essential takeaways to guide students as they read.

In articles with a Level 1 version, the LEVEL menu appears by default at the top of the page (below Tools), with Level 2 selected as the default level.



Whether the LEVEL menu appears on the student version of the site and the default level can be set in the Admin Center of the Educator Support Site.



Whether the level defaults can be set at the district or school level depends on whether there is a single account for the district or individual accounts for schools under the district's subscription.

Saving, Citing, and Accessibility



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 specific 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 bar with a light gray border and a magnifying glass icon on the right side. The text "Search this database" is entered into the search field.

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 who 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 pre-select 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
- ☐ Flags
- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Visuals

☐ Documents

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

☐ Topics and Activities

- ☐ Topic Centers
- ☐ Investigate Activities

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Time Periods & Topic Centers

☐ The Emergence of Modern Europe, 1500-1700

- ☐ Reformation and Counter-Reformation
- ☐ The Flowering of the Renaissance
- ☐ The Rise of Absolutism
- ☐ The Scientific Revolution

☐ The World Beyond Europe, 1500-1776

- ☐ African Empires
- ☐ East Asia
- ☐ South Asian and Middle Eastern Empires
- ☐ The New World

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

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

CONTACT

Customer Support

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

Help

The Help section offers 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.

EDUCATOR SUPPORT SITE

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