



EMPOWER EXPLORATION

TEACHER-CURATED eBook COLLECTIONS
FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Middle school is a time when students expand their skills, so it's crucial we get students back on track to thrive. In addition to personalizing instruction and strengthening critical-thinking skills, it's vital to break barriers by strengthening social and emotional learning and advocating for diversity and inclusion. Do it all with *Gale eBooks*. Our teacher-curated collections align with curriculum standards while focusing on the most popular subjects and school priorities. They also deliver high-quality content from diverse authors and top publishers, like Macmillan Reference USA, Greenwood Publishing Group, and ABC-CLIO. Better yet, they meet learners where they are—physically and emotionally.

BUILD SKILLS FOR THE FUTURE

Gale eBooks is designed to cross-search all of your titles from Gale at the chapter level to pinpoint relevant material. The result? Students spend less time looking for credible information and more time making new discoveries. *Gale eBooks* offers students an award-winning, hassle-free eBook experience they can access anytime, anywhere, and on any device.

ACCESSIBLE FOR ALL LEARNERS



WORKFLOW TOOLS

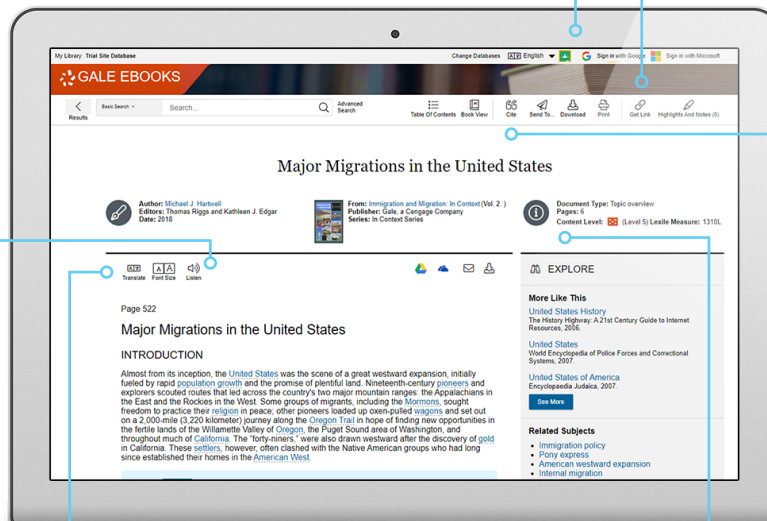
Expand access and increase discovery by integrating Gale resources into your learning management system. Add to that the power of **G Suite for Education** and **Microsoft Office 365** tools, which enable users to easily share, save, and download content—including highlights and notes.

SHAREABLE LINKS

Persistent URLs allow educators to incorporate materials into the students' workflow. They can be used in learning management systems or in curriculum planning to guide students to supplemental course materials.

READSPEAKER TEXT-TO-SPEECH TECHNOLOGY

Audio files can be downloaded and saved onto any device in more than 40 different languages.



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ARTICLE AND INTERFACE-LEVEL TRANSLATIONS

On-screen text can be translated into more than 20 languages.

CITATION TOOLS

Integrated directly into the user's workflow, formatted citations can be easily exported from single or multiple documents to services like EasyBib or NoodleTools. MLA, APA, and Chicago style citations are supported.

CONTENT-LEVEL INDICATORS

Ensure students can access the right level of content.

ADDITIONAL FEATURES

Resources for instruction – Select Gale published titles now include curriculum mapping, printable worksheets, instructional guides, lists of further resources, and more.

Customizable collections – Allow Gale administrative users to organize titles within their collection and create custom title groupings.

Optimized search results – Make content easy to find via detailed indexing, discovery services, MARC records, and more.

Varied article formats – Enable web reading with HTML or a cover-to-cover book view.

Topic Finder – Explore a visual representation of search terms to help younger researchers find what they're looking for quickly and easily.

ENGAGING eBOOK COLLECTIONS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

CURATED BY GALE

From Ancient Civilizations and Engineering to Asian Heritage and Women's History, collections on *Gale eBooks* span a variety of subject-specific and culturally relevant topics that kids are trying to understand, often for the first time. To dig deeper, simply click on the collection names to view a description, title list, and more. As always, your Gale education consultant is available to answer questions, offer customized solutions, and show the power of these collections in action.

Click to explore more than 100 collections that support goals for unfinished learning, social and emotional learning (SEL), diversity and inclusion, and more:

#MeToo Movement Collection

African American Studies Collection

Aliens Collection

Alternative Energy Collection

Anatomy Collection

Ancient Civilizations Collection

Animals, Insects, and Sea Life Collection

Anti Bullying Collection

Arab Heritage Collection

Art, Dance, and Theater Collection

Asian Heritage Collection

Astronomy and Space Science Collection

Banned Books Collection

Bilingual Fairytales Collection

Biography Collection

Black History Collection

Black Lives Matter Collection

CA HSS Alignment Collection

Cameron's Collection

CASEL Alignment Collection

Charity, Community, and Philanthropy Collection

Chemistry Collection



Click to explore:

Cities, Landmarks, Parks, and States Collection
 Civics and Economics Collection
 Coding Collection
 Computer Science Alignment Collection
 Conspiracy Theories Collection
 Constitution Day Collection
 Cooking Collection
 Coronavirus and Global Pandemics Collection
 Countries of the World Collection
 Criminal Justice, Forensics, and Law Collection
 CTE: Career Exploration Alignment Collection
 Digital Citizenship Collection
 Dinosaurs Collection
 Disasters and Rescues Collection

"I celebrate Gale so much for having the foresight and the vision to already have these [digital eBook] materials before we were in the midst of a pandemic so that students can really stay engaged in work that often wasn't even available in print material."

Duchess Harris, J.D., Ph.D.
 Professor of American Studies
 and Political Science
 Macalester College, MN



Diseases, Disorders, Illness, and Viruses Collection
 Diversity and Inclusion Collection
 Drugs and Alcohol Collection
 Duchess Harris Collection
 Earth Animal Rights and Conservation Collection
 Earth Day Collection
 Earth Science Collection
 Election Collection
 Engaging Readers Collection
 Engineering Collection
 Enhanced Collection
 Family Collection
 Film and TV Collection
 Financial Literacy Collection
 FL BEST ELA and Civics Alignment Collection
 FL BEST Math Alignment Collection
 FL DOE Mental Health and Trafficking Alignment Collection
 Flowers, Plants, and Trees Collection
 For Students Series Collection
 Foundational Classics Collection
 Geography Collection
 Graphic Novels and Picture Books Collection



Click to explore:

Halloween Collection

Harlem Renaissance Collection

Health and Nutrition Collection

Hispanic Heritage Collection

Holidays, Events, and Celebrations Collection

Holocaust Remembrance Collection

Immigration and Migration Collection

LGBTQIA+ Collection

Makerspaces Collection

Math Collection

Mental Health Collection

Music Collection

Mythology Collection

National History Day Collection

Native American Collection

NC ELA Alignment Collection

NC Math Alignment Collection

NGSS Science Alignment Collection

NY Social Studies Inquiries Alignment Collection

Pacific Northwest Collection

Physics Collection

Poetry Collection

Primary Sources Collection

Reading and Writing Collection

Reluctant and Struggling Readers Collection

Revolutions of the World Collection

Riots, Protests, and Rebellions Collection

Robotics Collection

School Safety and Community Collection

Science Fair Collection

September 11th Collection

Sexual Health Collection

Shakespeare Collection

Social Issues Collection

Sports and Recreation Collection

Starter Technology Collection

STEAM Collection

Terrorism Collection

Transportation Collection

U.S. History Collection

Video Games Collection

War: American Revolution Collection

War: Civil War Collection

War: Cold War and Korean War Collection

War: Middle East Collection

War: Vietnam War Collection

War: World War I and World War II Collection

Weather Collection

Westward Expansion Collection

Women's History Collection

World Cultures Collection

World History Collection

World Religions Collection



DON'T MISS THESE TOP 5 COLLECTIONS, LOVED BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS ALIKE!

Students need informative, yet fun resources to meet their academic goals, support their social and emotional learning, and pique their interest in new topics. Teachers need digital content to accelerate learning, introduce diverse and inclusive ideas, and differentiate instruction. Our expertly curated eBook collections allow educators to easily tie in current events, mental health, and social issues to everyday teaching—all with trustworthy sources that introduce research skills to young learners. Explore the top five collections that educators are using to help middle school students not just survive the school year, but thrive.

1 BIOGRAPHY COLLECTION

2 CODING COLLECTION

3 ENGAGING READERS COLLECTION

4 GRAPHIC NOVELS AND PICTURE BOOKS COLLECTION

5 MYTHOLOGY COLLECTION



SEE WHAT YOU
CAN DO WITH OUR
AWARD-WINNING
eBOOK PLATFORM

ADOPTING NEW CURRICULUM STANDARDS? GALE CAN HELP!

Curriculum standards adoptions are happening from coast-to-coast. Supporting these requirements can be challenging, but it's not impossible. The specialists at Gale have been teachers too, and they will work with you every step of the way to provide hand-curated eBook collections aligned to your school's needs. Explore a sample alignment of the CA History–Social Science Framework below.

California adopted a new framework for History–Social Science (HSS) across K–12. Four key areas of the framework include content knowledge, discipline inquiry, student literacy, and citizenship. **More than 700 titles** have been aligned to the framework across three collections:



CA History–Social Science Alignment Elementary School
CA History–Social Science Alignment Middle School
CA History–Social Science Alignment High School

FIND ALIGNMENTS TO:

BROWSE COLLECTIONS

to find **standards-aligned** HSS Framework content as well as “bonus” bookshelves that highlight **special content** in support of the California FAIR Act, LGBTQ, and primary sources.

HSS

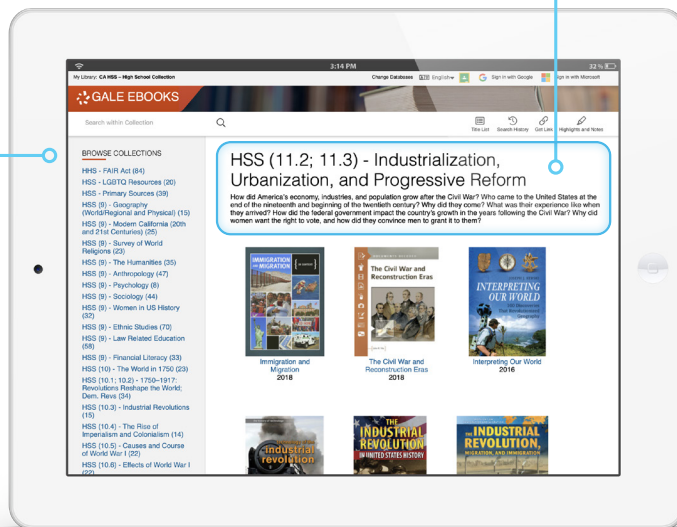
History–Social Science

HSS FRAMEWORK UNIT

Unit guiding questions taken directly from the HSS Framework

(11.2; 11.3)

Curriculum Standards



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ADDITIONAL ALIGNMENTS:



FL DOE Mental Health, Substance Use, and Human Trafficking Alignment Middle School
FL DOE Mental Health, Substance Use, and Human Trafficking Alignment High School



TX TEKS ELA-R Alignment Elementary School
TX TEKS ELA-R Alignment Middle School
TX TEKS ELA-R Alignment High School



NY Social Studies Inquiries Alignment Middle School
NY Social Studies Inquiries Alignment High School



U.S. CKLA Domains Alignment Elementary School



TN Social Studies Alignment High School

CREATING A DISTRICT-WIDE “SECURITY BLANKET” SO KIDS FEEL LESS ALONE

Learn how this librarian’s determination helped her secure funding for much-needed online SEL resources for students across the district, from elementary through high school.



Laurie Nordahl
Librarian
North Bend High School
North Bend, OR



Nordahl uses an “invisible backpack” to acknowledge the emotions that students carry around, even if they can’t be seen on the outside. It reminds students that Cameron’s Collection is there to help.

FOCUSING ON MENTAL WELLNESS

Nationally, one out of five teens suffer from mental health challenges, and more than 75 percent don’t seek help.¹ With social issues changing life as we know it, it’s even more important that students learn how to deal with their emotions in a healthy way. That’s why Laurie Nordahl, a librarian at North Bend High School, began advocating to make Cameron’s Collection and Cameron’s Camp for Wellness available to students across her district.

These age-appropriate eBook collections—Cameron’s Collection for middle and high school and Cameron’s Camp for Wellness for elementary—include more than 100 eBooks curated by Gale in partnership with the Cameron K. Gallagher Foundation. Cameron Gallagher was a bright and talented young girl who suffered from depression and anxiety. Her dream was to raise awareness about teenage depression and anxiety and erase the stigmas. At 16, Cameron passed away, but her legacy and efforts live on.

The collections are great first steps for kids who aren’t ready to seek in-person help or want privacy while they explore, and Nordahl wanted to provide these resources for all the students in her district. She began by planting seeds about how useful the resources would be. She talked about it with school leaders, counselors, and teachers every chance she got.

“The real ‘gotta-have-it-right-now’ moment came when we lost a student to suicide,” she said. “It devastated our school community, and after the initial surge of support, some students were still processing. If a student was up in the middle of the night thinking about these things, I wanted them to have access to these quality, vetted resources.”

Through her persistence, funding for Cameron’s Collection at the high school level eventually came through the normal channels. However, when she attempted to gain funding to add K–8 collections, it became tougher. She got creative and applied for competitive COVID-19 grants, offered by the State Library of Oregon with funds from the Library Services and Technology Act.

1. Cameron K. Gallagher Foundation website, accessed December 1, 2020, ckgfoundation.org.

“There are a lot of kids who aren’t seeking help, but this is a way they can start that process privately. To me, this resource is worth every penny if I help even one student.”

Laurie Nordahl
Librarian
North Bend High School
North Bend, OR



HAVING RESOURCES AT THE READY

In 2020, Nordahl was awarded the grants and received the funds needed to offer the K–8 collections, including Cameron’s Camp for Wellness, which provides targeted guidance on sensitive issues for elementary students.

“When I introduce Cameron’s Collection to classes, I want them to know Cameron was a real person—and that Cameron wanted people to be able to talk about these things and get help,” Nordahl said. For teachers, Cameron’s Collection is a simple way to incorporate authentic social and emotional learning into instruction.


Along with in-person discussions, Nordahl uses ready-made marketing materials from the Gale support site to promote the resources. She takes advantage of every possible avenue to keep Cameron’s Collection visible to those who may need it.

TAKING BABY STEPS

“I have always tried to make the library not only a warm, welcoming place but the place students can get answers and help for anything,” Nordahl said.

But with the prevalence of blended and online learning, students may not have in-person access to supportive environments like this. That’s where the power of the *Gale eBooks* platform comes in. With unlimited online access, students don’t have to wait for someone to return a title before they can read it. With private, online reading, they don’t have to worry about what people will think. With age-appropriate content, they can explore challenging topics in a safe space. Plus, the eBooks can be translated into dozens of languages, providing access for more students and families.

Nordahl is proud of her library for providing this essential content, but she knows her job isn’t done. “You can start small and build a collection while you’re seeking funding. You don’t have to purchase the entire collection at once,” she said. “It’s about taking baby steps.”

To hear Laurie Nordahl tell her story in her own words, watch this video. 

SUPPORT SEL WITH CAMERON'S COLLECTION

When kids are struggling with mental health issues, the fear of being viewed as different can be a barrier to asking for help. Together, we can support students by providing a resource they can access when they need it most.

THE SITUATION



1 IN 5 TEENS SUFFER FROM MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES. MORE THAN 75 PERCENT DON'T SEEK HELP.¹

Schools are placing an even greater emphasis on social and emotional learning (SEL) to:



Meet the **diverse** needs of students and the adults who support them.



Provide content that is relevant, relatable, and reliable.



Ensure **privacy** for students and families.



Make sure students have access to resources when, and where, it's needed.

1. The Cameron K. Gallagher Foundation.

WHERE TO START



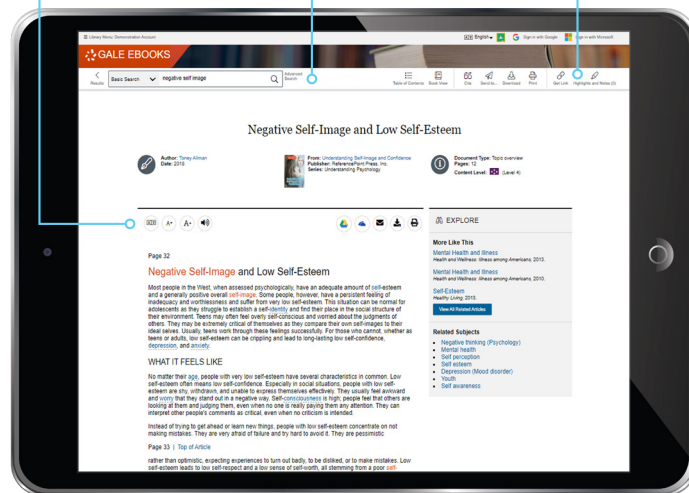
Cameron K. Gallagher

HUNDREDS OF AGE-APPROPRIATE, EVIDENCE-BASED eBOOKS TO HELP STUDENTS OF ALL AGES BETTER UNDERSTAND AND IMPROVE MENTAL HEALTH—inspired by our collaboration with the Cameron K. Gallagher Foundation and curated by Gale's certified teachers. Cameron's Camp for Wellness, Cameron's Collection, and custom SEL collections are life-changing resources that can be accessed from the privacy of a student's home.

TRANSLATE content into dozens of languages—on-screen and read aloud.

CROSS-SEARCH to uncover relevant content within all titles.

ADD HIGHLIGHTS AND NOTES for yourself and to share information with others.



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WHAT SCHOOLS ARE SAYING



"As educators, we must provide the best materials and resources for every student. Offering Cameron's Collection to our students, parents, teachers, and staff 24/7 is a step in the right direction."

—**Julia Desalernos**
Library Media Teacher
Stauffer Middle School, CA



"Privacy is so important. A kid who's exploring their mental health, dealing with cyberbullying, or researching depression doesn't necessarily want to walk around with a book."

—**Anne Ernst**
Library Media Specialist
Charlottesville High School, VA



"We need support now and in a way that's best for students. So, we purchased *Gale eBooks* focused around mental health."

—**Shericka D. Smith, M.S.S.W., L.C.S.W.**
Coordinator of Extended School Services, Social Work, and School Mental Health Services Fayette County Public Schools, KY