

The Five Themes of Geography: Library Resources

Welcome to the PHS Library! This is a mini-introduction to some of the resources we have here to help you with your research for school assignments. If you have any questions, please ask Ms. Stutzman.

1. Gale Student Resource Center

Accessible from the PHS library webpage at

<http://www.piedmont.k12.ca.us/phs/library>

- Scroll down the left side of the page and click on Gale Student Resource Center.
- Then hit the proceed button
- Click on Student Resource Center - Bronze
- Welcome to the database! Scroll down below the search boxes and you will see two links that are very helpful for this assignment: *Geography and Cultures*.
- Clicking *Geography* will bring up a search screen with a number of categories: *Nations, United States, Canada and Landforms & Other Geographic Features*.
- The *Nations* category will bring up a long list of countries.
- Click into the country of your choice. This will bring up a list of articles.
- Articles from *Worldmark Encyclopedia of the Nations* provide a comprehensive country overview with a focus on economic factors.
- Articles from *Worldmark Encyclopedia of Cultures and Daily Life* provide information on a country's folklore, history and heritage.
- Take advantage of the media files, including maps and other visuals, by scrolling to the end of the article.
- Click the "printer friendly" button before printing anything!!

You can also access this database directly from the Internet at

<http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/piedmonths>

From home computers, use the password listed in your organizer on page 128.

2. Encyclopedia Britannica

Accessible from PHS library website or directly from internet at
<http://search.eb.com>

From home computers use the user name and password listed in your organizer.

- Type the name of your country in the search box; this brings up a list of articles from the encyclopedia
- Many of these articles have an outlined table of contents on the left which you can use to jump to sections of interest
- Many also provide pre-selected web links (see *The Web's Best Sites*) which may be helpful to you

3. Websites

U.S. Department of State Country Background Notes
<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/>

CIA World Factbook
<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/>

International newspapers from the Internet Public Library
<http://www.ipl.org/div/news/>

International Newspapers
<http://abyznewslinks.com>