

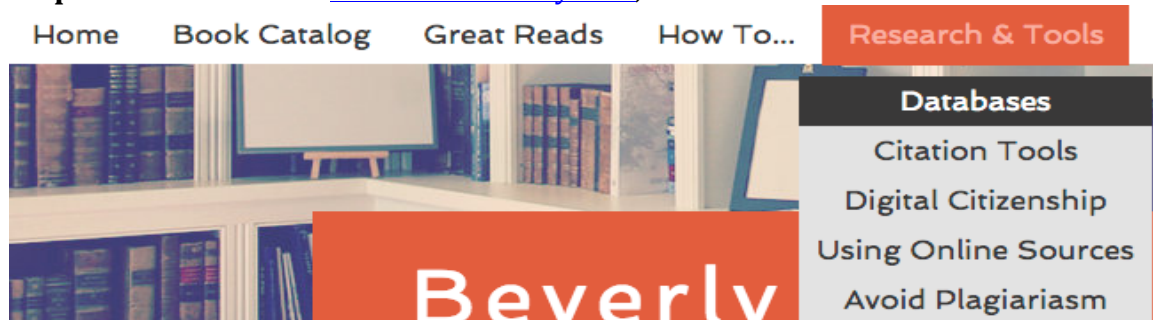
QUICK GUIDE BIOGRAPHY IN CONTEXT

Follow this guide step-by-step and you'll have mastered the basics of all the Gale databases (they all use the same tools and search functions).

Want to jump directly to the library webpage? Use the free QR Code Scanner app in your phone to jump to it:



Step 1—START. Go to www.bhhslibrary.com, then **Research&Tools—databases.**



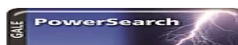
Step 2—Click on the Biography in Context icon. You only need the username and password if you are NOT on the BHHS campus.

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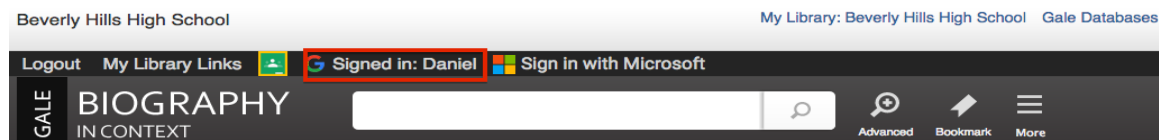
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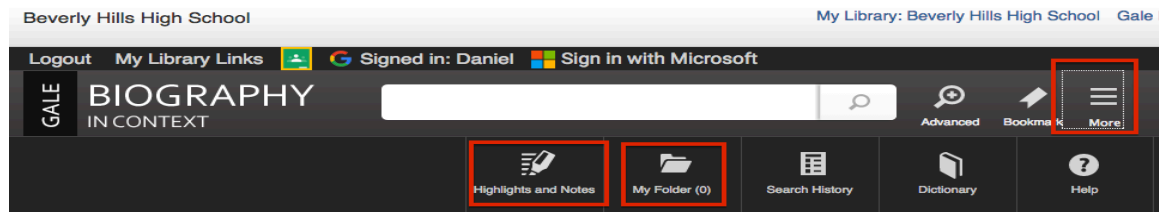
Step 3—SIGN IN. Sign in with your Google account FIRST then click “Sign in...” to create a free online account. You’ll need this!



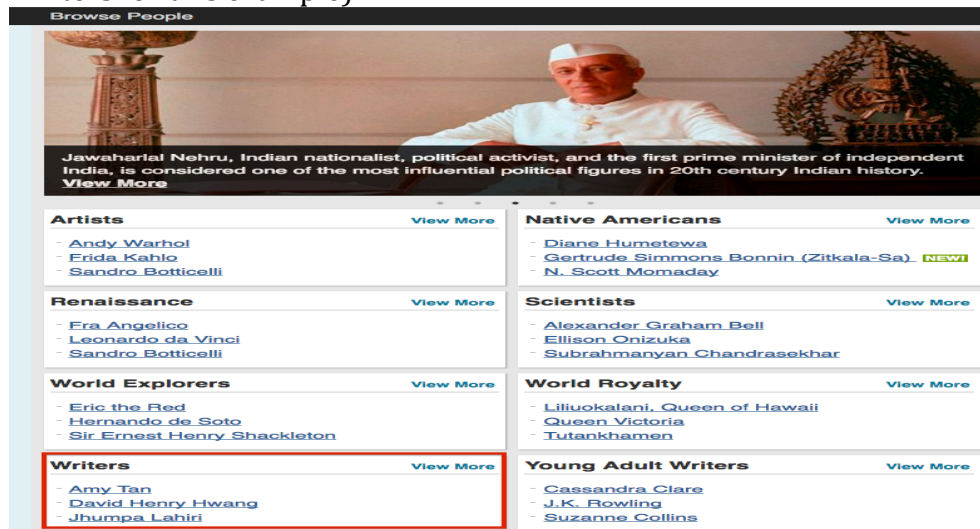
Step 4—You can tell you’re signed in when your first name appears at the top of the screen.



Step 5—Click on MORE and you’ll see some cool functions in the dropdown menu. Let’s look at “highlights and notes” and “my folder”—both useful for organizing your work!



Step 6—Need ideas for research? Pick a category to see what’s available (choose Writers for this example).



Step 7—Any name on this list is GUARANTEED to have enough information to do a research paper—a real time-saver when doing research!!!

The screenshot shows the Biography in Context website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with "Logout", "My Library Links", and a user profile for "Signed in: Daniel" with a "Sign in with Microsoft" button. Below this is the "BIOGRAPHY IN CONTEXT" header with a search bar and icons for "Advanced", "Bookmark", and "More". The main section is titled "Browse People" and features a "Choose a Category:" dropdown menu set to "Writers". A red box highlights the "Writers" category. Below the dropdown, a list of writers is displayed in two columns, each with a blue hyperlink to their profile. The list includes names like Abbey, Edward; Abramson, Jill; Abu-Jamal, Mumia; Achebe, Chinua; Adams, Douglas; Adichie, Chimamanda Ngozi; Adiga, Aravind; Aesop; Agatston, Arthur; Agee, James; Ahern, Cecelia; Albee, Edward; Albom, Mitch; Alcott, Louisa May; Aldridge, James; Kennedy, Caroline (American writer); Kerouac, Jack; Kertész, Imre; Kesey, Ken; Kidd, Sue Monk; Kincaid, Jamaica; King, Coretta Scott; King, Stephen (American novelist); Kingsolver, Barbara; Kingston, Maxine Hong; Kinney, Jeff; Kinsella, Sophie; Knowles, John (American novelist); Koontz, Dean; and Kramer, Larry (American screenwriter).

Step 8—If you already know the name of the person you want to research, just type it in the search bar at the top. The database will suggest search terms when you start typing in the search bar. The MAIN ENTRY for this person will appear in **boldface**. Click on that!

The screenshot shows the Biography in Context website interface with a search bar at the top. The search bar contains the text "shel silverstein" and is highlighted with a red box. Below the search bar, a dropdown menu displays a list of search suggestions. The first suggestion, "Shel Silverstein", is highlighted in boldface and is also highlighted with a red box. To the right of this suggestion are the words "On" and "Off". Below the search bar, the "Writers" category is selected in the "Choose a Category:" dropdown menu. The list of writers is partially visible, showing names like Abbey, Edward; Abramson, Jill; Abu-Jamal, Mumia; Achebe, Chinua; Adams, Douglas; and Adichie, Chimamanda Ngozi.

Step 9—On This Page shows you everything available about Shel Silverstein! Click on **View More** to see the main entry.

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GALE BIOGRAPHY IN CONTEXT

Browse People

Topic

Shel Silverstein



Shel Silverstein

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Shel(don Allan) Silverstein

Major Authors and Illustrators for Children and Young Adults, 2002

Cartoonist, composer, lyricist, folksinger, and writer. *Playboy*, Chicago, IL, writer and cartoonist, 1956-82. Composed...

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Shel(by) Silverstein

Almanac of Famous People, June 8, 2011

Self-illustrated best-sellers include *Where the Sidewalk Ends*, 1974; *A Light in the Attic*, 1981. Born September 25,...

Shel Silverstein

Newsweek, November 19, 1999

Updated: July 20, 2000

Born Sheldon Allan Silverstein, November 23, 1930, in Chicago, IL; died of a heart attack, May 9 or 10, 1999, in Key...

Shel Silverstein

Authors and Artists for Young Adults, May 31, 2001

Cartoonist, songwriter, recording artist, and writer. *Playboy* magazine, Chicago, IL, writer and cartoonist, 1956-96....

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Factbox

Silverstein, Shel

Born

September 25, 1930

Chicago, Illinois, United States

Died

May 10, 1999

Key West, Florida, United States

Occupation

Writer


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Writer Shel Silverstein Plays the Guitar, Circa 1968

Step 10—The entry shows the SOURCE and also has an option to have the text read to you!

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Shel Silverstein

Encyclopedia of World Biography, September 10, 1999

Updated: July 20, 2000

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Died: May 10, 1999 in Key West, Florida, United States

Other Names: Silverstein, Shelby; Uncle Shelby; Silverstein, Sheldon Alan

Nationality: American

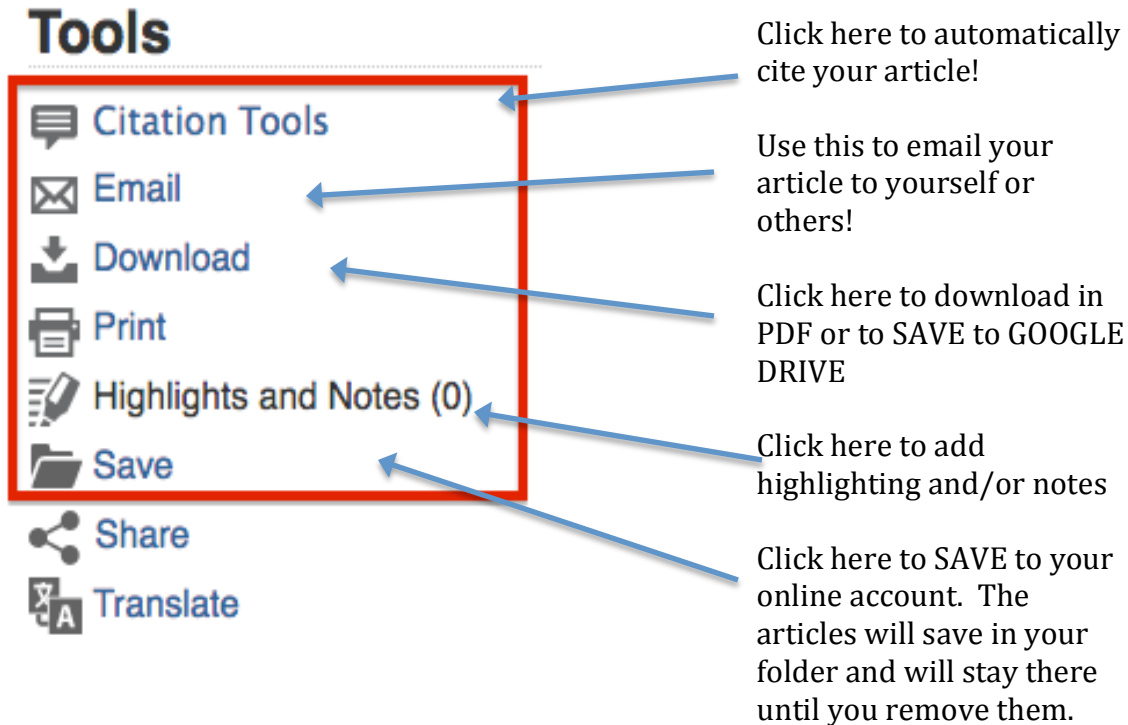
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Michigan Young Readers' Award for *Where the Sidewalk Ends*, 1981; George C. Stone Center for Children's Books Award (twice), 1984.

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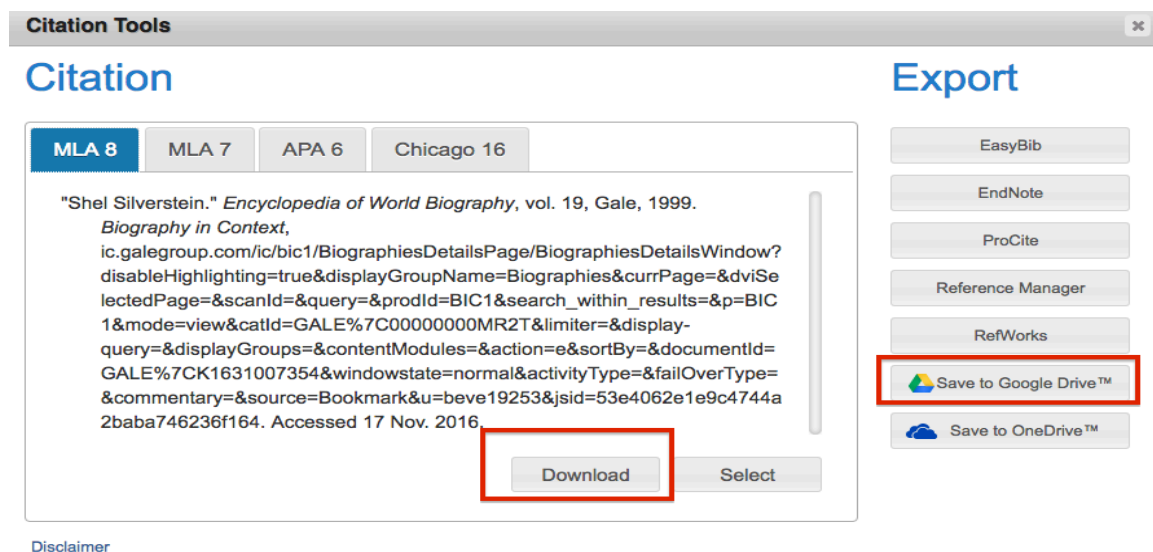
Step 11—Let's use some of the TOOLS (menu on the far-right side of the page) to see how they can help us do our work faster and more accurately! We'll start with **Citation Tools**.



The 'Tools' menu is shown with a red box highlighting the 'Citation Tools' section. Blue arrows point from text annotations to specific items in the menu:

- Citation Tools**: Click here to automatically cite your article!
- Email**: Use this to email your article to yourself or others!
- Download**: Click here to download in PDF or to SAVE to GOOGLE DRIVE
- Print**: (No annotation)
- Highlights and Notes (0)**: Click here to add highlighting and/or notes
- Save**: Click here to SAVE to your online account. The articles will save in your folder and will stay there until you remove them.
- Share**: (No annotation)
- Translate**: (No annotation)

Step 12—You have 4 options for Citation Tools. You don't have to worry about citing your sources: the database does it for you! You can also save it to Google Drive!



The 'Citation Tools' interface is shown. The 'Citation' tab is active, displaying a citation for 'Shel Silverstein.' in MLA 8 format. The 'Export' tab is also visible, showing options like 'EasyBib', 'EndNote', 'ProCite', 'Reference Manager', 'RefWorks', 'Save to Google Drive™' (highlighted with a red box), and 'Save to OneDrive™'. The 'Download' button is also highlighted with a red box.

Citation Tools

Citation

MLA 8 | MLA 7 | APA 6 | Chicago 16

"Shel Silverstein." *Encyclopedia of World Biography*, vol. 19, Gale, 1999. *Biography in Context*, ic.galegroup.com/ic/bic1/BiographiesDetailsPage/BiographiesDetailsWindow?disableHighlighting=true&displayGroupName=Biographies&currPage=&dviSelectedPage=&scanId=&query=&prodId=BIC1&search_within_results=&p=BIC1&mode=view&catId=GALE%7C00000000MR2T&limiter=&display-query=&displayGroups=&contentModules=&action=e&sortBy=&documentId=GALE%7CK1631007354&windowstate=normal&activityType=&failOverType=&commentary=&source=Bookmark&u=beve19253&jsid=53e4062e1e9c4744a2baba746236f164. Accessed 17 Nov. 2016.


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Step 13—EMAIL: There's an EMAIL button in the menu. Click on it and fill in the blanks to send the article to yourself, a teacher, or your work partners. Send as an html link or as a PDF document.

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
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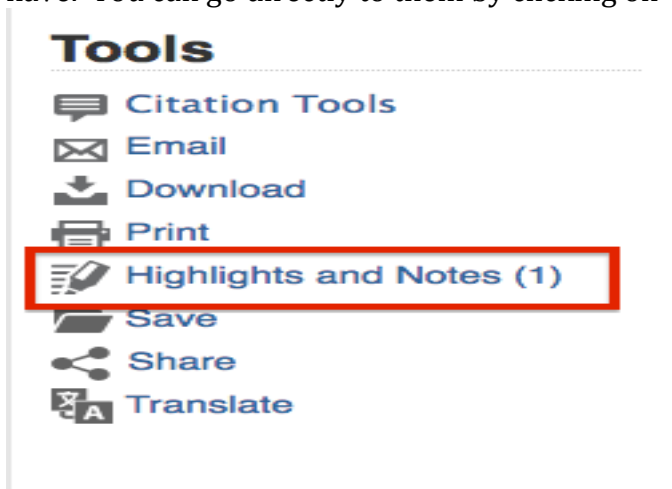
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Step 15—HIGHLIGHT/NOTES: You can highlight and take notes on key parts of an article. Just hold down the LEFT button your mouse and drag it across the text you want to highlight, then click “Highlight” and/or “Notes”. The highlight remains until you click DELETE.

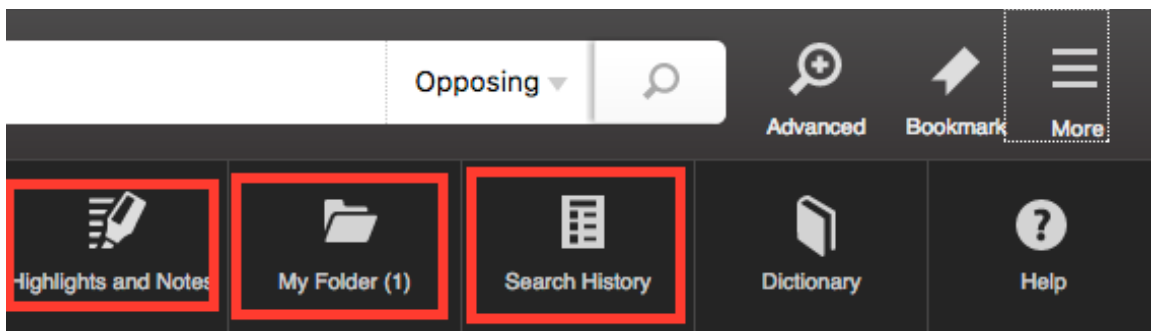
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Step 16—When you do this, the **Tools** will show how many highlights or notes you have. You can go directly to them by clicking on “Highlights and Notes”.



Step 17— SAVE: When you click on the SAVE button in the menu, the article will show up as added in “My Folder”. Click on “My Folder” to see all the articles you saved. The articles stay in “My Folder” until YOU remove them and are stored “in the cloud”.

(Review all of your searches by clicking on Search History.)



Step 18—Click on **MY FOLDER**. All of your articles are saved here until YOU remove them. You can save ALL of them to Google Drive or email all of them at one time by putting a check mark next to the article and then using the Tools. You can also remove ALL of them at one time.

My Folder

Uncheck All

Remove Selected

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Shel(by) Silverstein <i>Almanac of Famous People</i> , June 8, 2011	Brief biography
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Tools

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Step 19—WAIT! I saved the best part for last! The Gale databases ALL use the SAME Tools and search functions. By learning this database, you've learned how to use ALL of them! That's NINE databases!

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Remember: Use databases BEFORE using Google! Databases are written by experts and are VERY trustworthy. Websites found through a Google search actually take MORE time because you have to evaluate each website and you have to search through a lot more results to get the information you need.

Save time! Be accurate! Use a database!