

Using Opposing Viewpoints Database in Social Studies

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What is Opposing Viewpoints?

- Online resource covering both sides of today's hottest social issues
- Cross-curricular research database supports science, **social studies**, **current events**, and language arts classes.
- Informed, differing views help learners develop critical-thinking skills and draw their own conclusions.
- Specific titles include *The New York Times*, *Newsweek*, *Foreign Policy*, *American Scientist*, and *Education Week*.
- Offers current and authoritative information to meet the needs of today's learners
- Engaging, topical databases seamlessly integrate acclaimed content with curriculum-aligned materials that span core subjects and develop future-ready skills
- <https://www.gale.com/c/opposing-viewpoints-in-content>

What is the connection to the 2018 MS CCRS for Social Studies?

- MS Studies
 - MS8
 - MS9
- World Geography
 - ITG7
 - ITG8
 - ITG9
 - ITG12
- US History
 - US16
 - US17
 - US18
- Government
 - USG 1-7
- Economics
 - E1-9
- African American Studies
 - AAS8
 - AAS9

How do I find it?

[OHS Library Home Page](#)

<https://oxfordsd.follettdestiny.com/common/servlet/presenthomeform.do?l2m=Home&tm=Home&l2m=Home>

- Under Databases select *Opposing Viewpoints in Context*
- Username: ohslibrary
- Password: chargers
- all lowercase

Now what?

- Important features
 - Constantly updated
 - Boxes don't change but topics change
 - Featured news updated constantly
- Browse Issues
 - Summary of the topic (this is a resource)
 - Provides an overview of the topic with pros/cons
 - "On This Page"
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- Maps
- Curriculum Standards (linked to 2011)
- Advanced Search
 - Boolean logic
 - Full text option
 - Peer Reviewed
 - Content specific
 - Reading level
 - Green circle - beginning
 - Orange box - intermediate
 - Red triangle - advanced

How easy is it for students to use?

VERY!

- Tool Box - right of article
 - Highlight & Notes
 - Download highlighted and notes to Google Drive with citations
 - Google Drive creates a folder for Opposing Viewpoints
 - Save
- Saved work is session based! Once the students log out, the saved information including highlighting, etc. is gone. Downloading to GOOGLE DRIVE is important if students want to save an article and/or highlights & notes!
 - Listen
 - Translate
 - Reading Level indicator

What is the MORE button?

- Highlight & Notes
 - Displays highlighted text and any notes made by students
 - Download option available in tool box on right
- Saved
 - Displays saved articles
 - Select articles for download or print or email
- Search History
 - Session based
 - Allows students to go back in a session to look at history
- ? Help
 - Resources
 - Research Tool Kit
 - Lesson Plans

Technical Support

- <https://support.gale.com>
- Location ID: mag_K_magn0691 (all lowercase)
- View Your Products
- Select Opposing Viewpoints
- Scroll to bottom to “Training Materials”
- Select Opposing Viewpoints in Context Resource Guide
- Coming Soon ... access to Tutorials

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