



Global Issues in Context Search Tips

Issues and countries form the core of this dynamic resource, which uses a wealth of resources to explain the historical and contemporary conditions necessary to understand global issues, conflicts, and events. *Global Issues in Context* supports research in virtually every corner of the library and in a wide variety of subject areas, including sociology, current events, civics, politics, science, economics, cultural/religious studies, women's studies, human rights, English composition and many more.

On the homepage, you will find the following options for beginning your research:

- Browse Issues and Topics
- World Map
- World News
- Basic Search
- Advanced Search

BROWSE ISSUES AND TOPICS

The issues and topics featured in *Global Issues in Context* are arranged into eight categories, which will vary depending on current news (issues/topics may appear in more than one category). Select a category to display an alphabetical list of all issues and topics within that category, along with a general description of the category. From there you can click on a specific issue or topic.

WORLD MAP

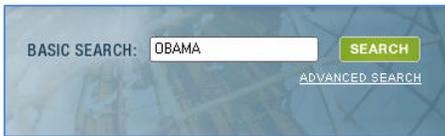
The interactive world map offers a pannable and searchable graphical world map powered

by Google© that lets you browse by topic, country or region, or by a keyword search, and then click on an "Info balloon" for headlines, related issues, multimedia, and more. Simply select Browse Topics, Browse Countries, or Browse Regions to select your interest.

WORLD NEWS

This feature allows you to search and browse over newspapers from around the globe. Recent articles are available with one click. You can choose which news sources display by selecting "Customize Your News."

BASIC SEARCH



Basic Search offers a straightforward way to search featuring a single search box.

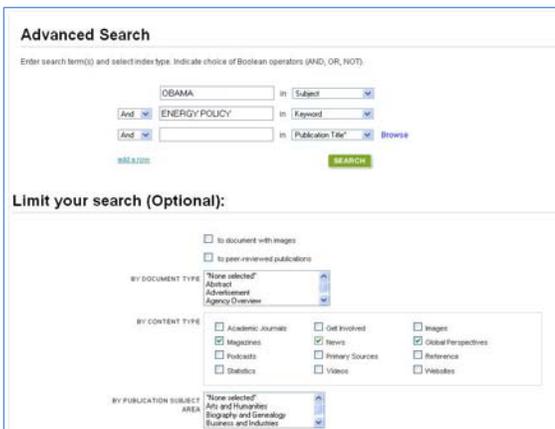
This search is ideal

when keywords and phrases are too specific to be found in the Browse Issues and Topics or World Map.

The system will look for an Issues or a Country Portal page that matches your search criteria; if the system is unable to find an exact or a near-match with a Portal, then the system will perform a keyword search of the resource and display a standard results list. If no results can be found, you will get a message asking you to revise your search.

ADVANCED SEARCH

Global Issues in Context supports an Advanced Search that combines criteria such as keyword, document title, entire document, place name, or subject. This option allows you to conduct a search on a particular field. You

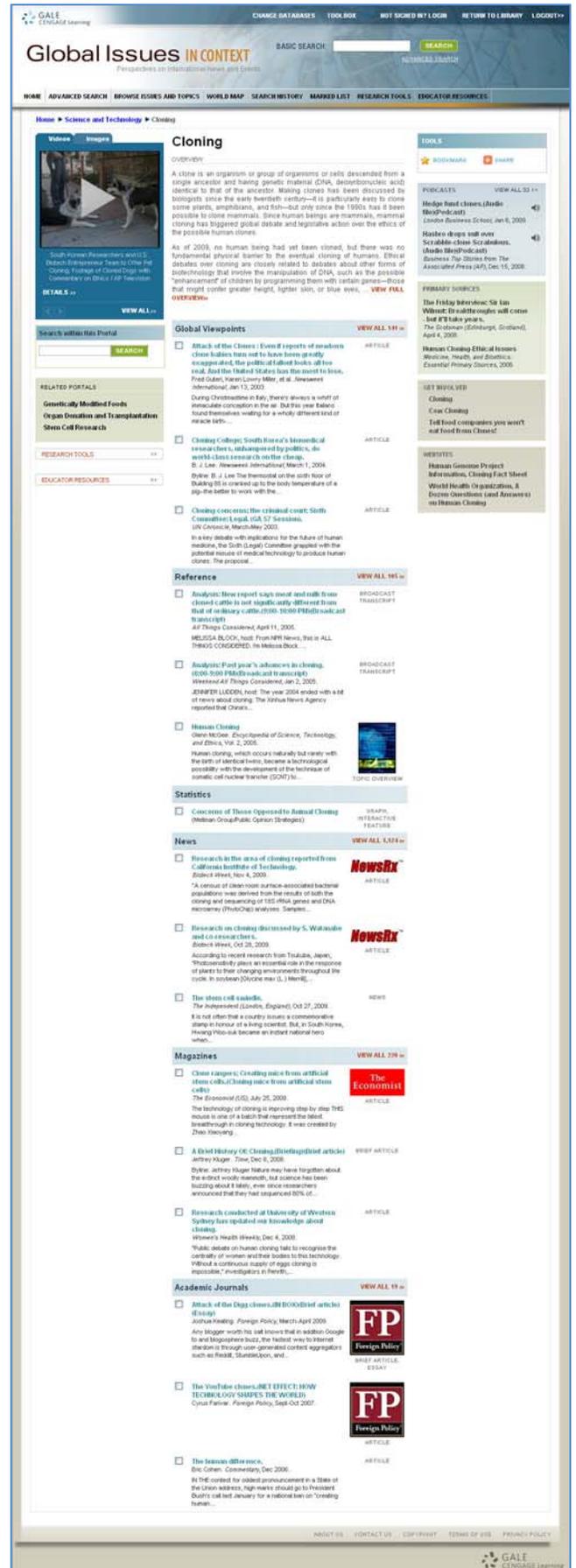


can also limit search results by document type, publication date, content type, and more.

WORKING WITH PORTALS

Each issue and country portal page includes:

- **Overview:** Essay providing an intellectual framework for understanding the topic: why it's important, controversies surrounding it, what should be focused on while researching.
- **Global Viewpoints:** Editorials, letters to the editor, news



reports and analysis selected from news sources across the globe that highlight local interpretations and analysis of issues and events. Select viewpoints are introduced with commentaries.

- **Reference:** Resources including biographies, topic overviews, event overviews, and more provide historical insight into an issue or country.
- **Statistics:** Interactive and static graphs, tables, and charts providing empirical data.
- **News, Magazines, Academic Journals:** Articles from over 450 full-text English-language international sources.
- **Multimedia:** Videos, interactive world map, images, podcasts, and links to recommended websites.
- **Primary Sources:** Excerpts from personal narratives, interviews, speeches, and testimony from such figures as Nelson Mandela, Noam Chomsky, Ishmael Beah, and Anna Politkovskaya.
- **Search within this Portal:** Allows you to search within the content available for this portal to narrow your results.

SEARCH RESULTS

In some cases your search will not find a matching Portal, but the system will still display results matching your search terms. Your results will be grouped by the same categories found in portal pages.

The screenshot shows the 'Global Issues IN CONTEXT' search results page. At the top, there is a search bar with 'OBAMA' entered and a 'SEARCH' button. Below the search bar, there are navigation tabs: HOME, ADVANCED SEARCH, BROWSE ISSUES AND TOPICS, WORLD MAP, SEARCH HISTORY, MARKED LIST, RESEARCH TOOLS, and EDUCATOR RESOURCES. The main content area is titled 'Home Results' and includes a search filter section with a 'GO' button and a 'within these results' checkbox. Below this, there are filters for 'Limit By' and 'Document Type'. The search results are categorized into 'Article (67540)', 'Broadcast Transcript (7217)', 'Audio File (5272)', 'Brief Article (2435)', 'Editorial (2034)', and 'Letter to the Editor (1391)'. A 'Topics associated with these results' section lists '2008 U.S. Presidential Election', 'International Perspectives on...', 'Cyberwarfare', and 'Obama Administration'. There is also a 'Global Viewpoints' section with a 'SORT BY: Relevance' dropdown and a list of results, including one from 'The New York Times' titled 'What Obama said to Paterson, maybe, Barack Obama and David A. Paterson (Editorial Desk) (OP-ED CONTRIBUTOR)'. On the right side, there are sections for 'Images' (VIEW ALL 533) and 'Videos' (VIEW ALL 771).

DOCUMENT VIEW

Clicking on a document title takes you to the full content of the record, be it a magazine article, a reference book essay, a podcast, a transcript, and so on.

The screenshot shows the document view page for the article 'Clone rangers: Creating mice from artificial stem cells. (Cloning mice from artificial stem cells)' from 'The Economist' (July 25, 2009). The page includes a 'RELATED SUBJECTS' section with links to 'Cloning (1408)', 'Methods (17)', 'Stem Cell Research (1931)', and 'Innovations (12)'. There are also 'RESEARCH TOOLS' and 'EDUCATOR RESOURCES' sections. The main content area features the article title, the 'The Economist' logo, the date 'The Economist (US), Jul 25, 2009', and a 'Listen' icon. The article text begins with 'The technology of cloning is improving step by step' and discusses the creation of a chimera mouse. A 'TOOLS' section on the right includes options for 'PRINT PREVIEW', 'BOOKMARK', 'EMAIL', 'DOWNLOAD MP3', 'DOWNLOAD', 'CITATION TOOLS', 'ADD TO MARK LIST', 'SHARE', and 'TRANSLATE' (set to Spanish).

TOOLS BOX

To help you manage the document you are currently viewing on the Document View page and make its contents more accessible, use the features listed in the document Tools box.



YOUR REGISTERED USER ACCOUNT



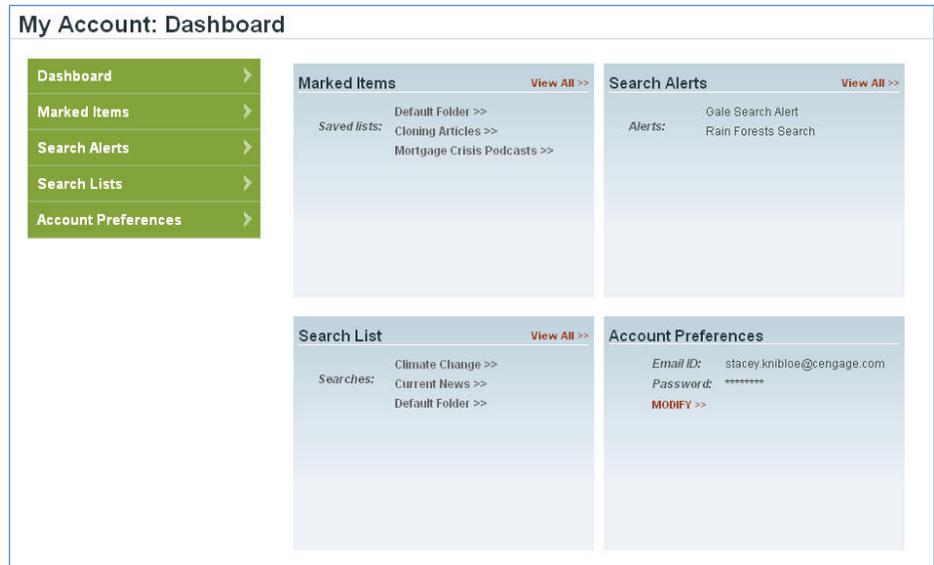
Registering for a Gale user account

is easy and it is free. Having an account lets you access certain

settings and saved items each time you log into this resource. To create or access your account, click on the Login link from the tool bar.

YOUR DASHBOARD

The Dashboard lets you view and manage your Gale user account activity. In the main part of the screen, you will find up to four saved entries displayed in each of the boxes listed below. Access your Dashboard by clicking on **My Account** from the Welcome drop down menu on the tool bar.



- **Marked Items** – allows you to create named folders to keep track of documents.

To mark items, click the checkbox that appears near the document title. Access your **Marked Items** via the Tools drop down menu from the toolbar.

- **Search Alerts** (includes setting up RSS feeds) – allows the resource to alert you when new content is added for your saved search. To create a search alert, click the **Create a Search Alert** link from the top right hand corner of your search result.
- **Search Lists** – allows you to save search strategies you'd like to use again. To access a saved search, navigate to your **Search History** via the Tools drop down menu from the toolbar.

In addition, you can access your Account Preferences from the Dashboard.

BOOKMARKS



By using the Bookmark feature, you and others can revisit practically any page you choose after you've ended your current session. While viewing a page, simply click the Bookmark link in the Tools (found in the banner area at the top of the page) or the Tools section of document-view pages and a separate window will open, allowing you to copy and paste the Bookmark into another document, bookmark the Bookmark and/or e-mail it.

If you require further assistance with **Global Issues in Context**, please contact your librarian.

