



Discus Database Features – Middle School

Database/Resource (selected list*)	Grade level	E-books	Articles	Images	Videos	Google Integrated	Special Features
Bloom's Literature	7 - 12	*	*	*	*	*	Overviews, summaries, and secondary sources on authors and their works; full-text classic e-books; literary videos.
Britannica Middle School	6 - 8		*	*	*	*	Covers multiple subjects; source citations provided; listen-aloud
Credo Reference (includes DK Eyewitness eBook series)	5 - 12	*	*	*	*	*	Articles from 900+ specialized reference books, encyclopedias, dictionaries; images; covers many core subjects; STEM jobs; mind map tool; listen aloud
CultureGrams	K - 12		*	*	*	*	Information and data for 200+ countries, the US, and Canada; daily life; culture; geography; history; maps; flags; videos; images; data comparison tool.
DK Eyewitness book series (in Credo Reference)	5 - 8	*					60+ non-fiction ebooks on rocks, weather, ancient civilization, countries, people, animals, and more; robust illustrations.
Gale in Context: Biography	K - 12		*	*	*	*	Biographies on historical figures and present day newsmakers; magazine, news, and reference articles; Save to Google Drive or MS OneDrive.
Gale in Context: Opposing Viewpoints	6 - 12		*	*	*	*	Current issues in science and social studies; pro/con articles; maps & charts; Save to Google Drive or MS OneDrive.
Historic American Newspapers (Library of Congress)	5 - 12		*	*			Digitized pages of historic newspapers of 25 states and DC, published 1836-1922; 34 historic South Carolina newspapers
History Reference Center History Reference eBook Collection	7 - 12	*	*	*	*	*	US and world history articles, primary sources, biographies, images, and videos. eBooks : cover civil rights, women, presidents, ancient civilizations, wars, and more.
LEARN360	Pre K-12			*	*	*	Multi-subject video collection with fact sheets and science diagrams

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LearningExpress Library	4 - 12	*			*		Math, language, science, and social studies skill builders in School Center; computer tutorial; math, ELA, and career eBooks
Literary Reference Center	7 - 12		*	*		*	Information on authors, their works, and literary criticism; with journal articles, full text classics, literary glossary & encyclopedia
Middle Search Plus Middle Search Reference eBook Collection	6 - 8	*	*	*	*	*	Articles from popular middle school magazines; biographies; primary source documents eBooks: Non-fiction titles on social issues, life skills, writing, maker projects, civil rights, space, weather, and more
Newspaper Source Plus	7-12		*	*		*	800 US and international newspapers; TV and radio news transcripts
NoveList K – 8 Plus	K-8		*	*			Describes and reviews fiction and non-fiction book titles; read alikes; award-winners, and more
Points of View Reference Center	7-12		*	*	*		Covers current issues with overviews, articles, images, statistics, & pro/con viewpoints
Science Reference Center Science Reference Ebook Collection	6 - 12	*	*	*	*	*	Articles; reference; biographies and science experiments eBooks: Non-fiction titles about weather, climate, sciences, experiments, and more
StudySC www.studysc.org	K-12		*	*	*		Information on South Carolina people, places, and events; maintained by SC State Library
TeenBookCloud	7 – 12	*			*		Fiction, non-fiction, graphic novels, enhanced eBooks, drama and poetry, classics, and audio books
TumbleBook Library	K-6	*			*		Ebooks, chapter books, graphic novels, animated storybooks, and videos
TumbleMath	K-6	*					Storybooks covering math concepts in addition, geometry, word problems, probability, and more
Tutor.com (access from Grade Level tab or A-Z List tab at www.scdiscus.org.)	K-12						Connect with a tutor in real-time 8:00 am – 10:00 pm Eastern time, Saturday through Sunday; view ELA and Math video tutorials. Paper review and math drop-off help for ages 14+ with required personal account)

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World Almanac for Kids - Intermediate	6 – 9		*	*	*	*	Articles and videos on school subjects; debate topics; science projects; games; homework help guides
Writer's Reference Center	6 – 12		*				Tools on how to write and research effectively; guide to essay writing; grammar and style resources; reference shelf

Additional Discus Search Tools for Middle School Students

Explora for Middle Schools	Search across multiple EBSCO databases at once with the interface <i>Explora for Middle Schools</i> . Retrieve search results from these databases: <i>Health Source - Consumer Edition</i> <i>History Reference Center</i> <i>History Reference eBook Collection</i> <i>Middle Search Plus</i> <i>Middle Search Reference eBook Collection</i> <i>Newspaper Source Plus</i> <i>Points of View Reference Center</i> <i>Science Reference Center</i> <i>Science Reference eBook Collection</i> <i>Topic Overviews K-5</i> <i>TOPICsearch</i>
SmartSearch (access SmartSearch tab at the top of the Discus web site)	Search across multiple databases at once. Your SmartSearch retrieves search results from the databases listed for <i>Explora</i> above plus the following: <i>Academic Search Premier, Bloom's Literature, Britannica School, Business Source Premier, Computer Source, Education Full Text, Credo Reference, Gale in Context: Biography, Gale in Context: Opposing Viewpoints, LEARN360, Literary Reference Center, and more.</i>



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