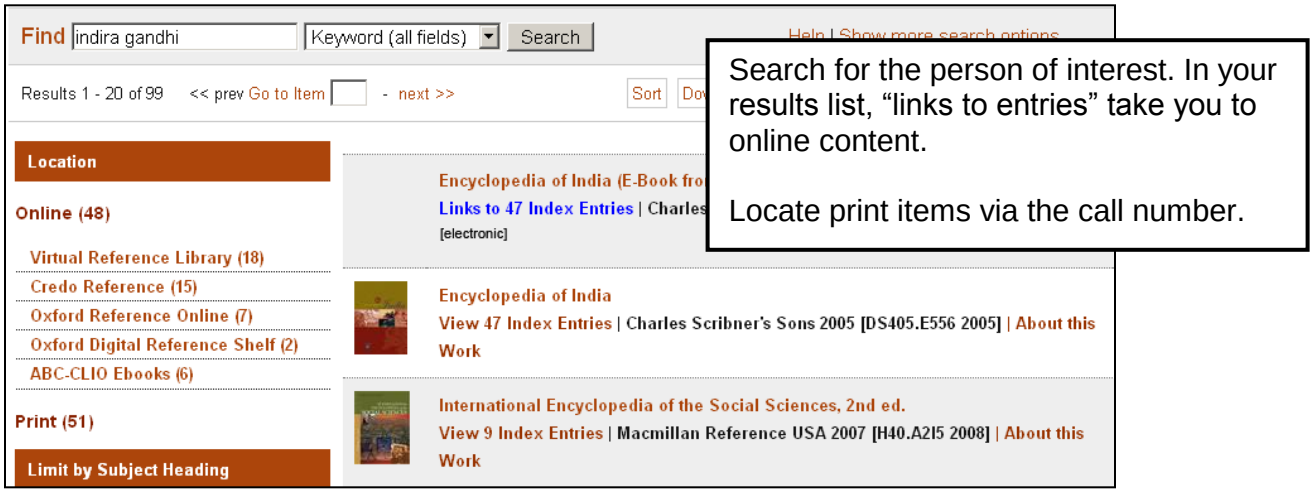
Clark Library University of Portland	Finding Biographies	http://library.up.edu 503-943-7788 library@up.edu

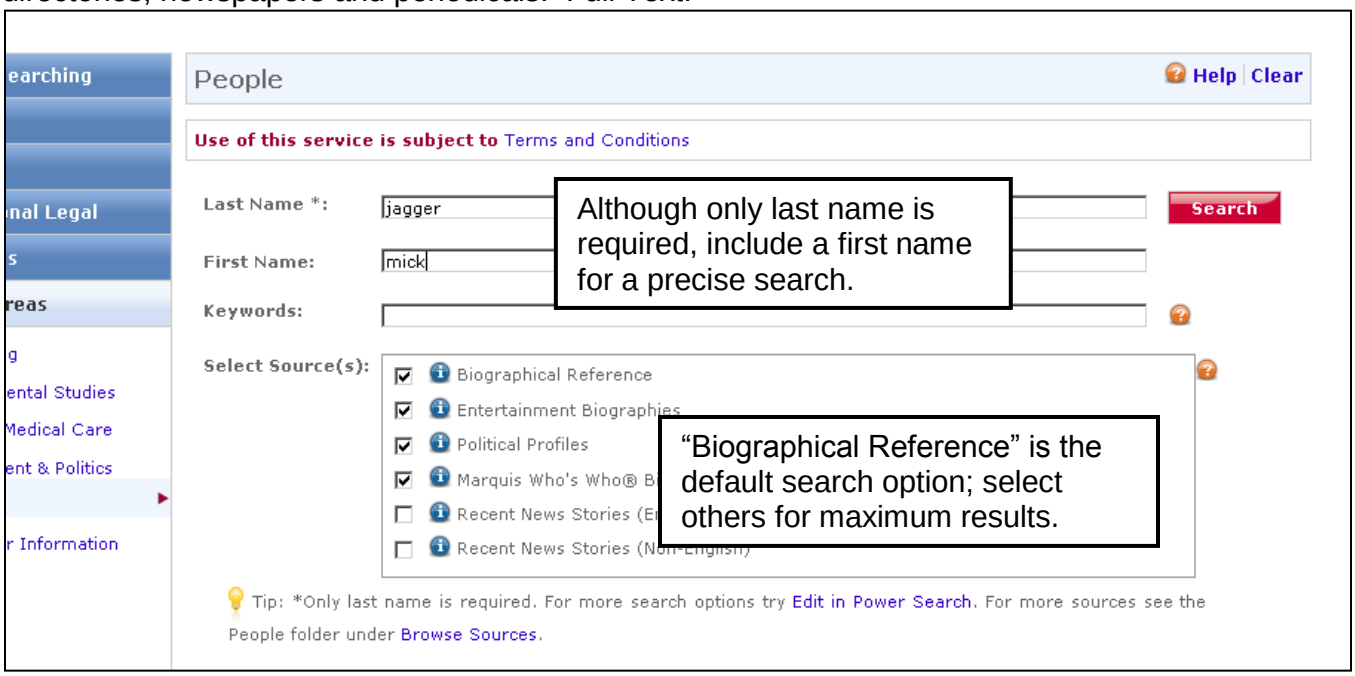
Reference Universe -- Search for biographical articles in print and online reference books.



Search for the person of interest. In your results list, "links to entries" take you to online content.

Locate print items via the call number.

Lexis-Nexis Academic, People Search -- Best for recent personalities. Locates information in directories, newspapers and periodicals. Full Text.



Although only last name is required, include a first name for a precise search.

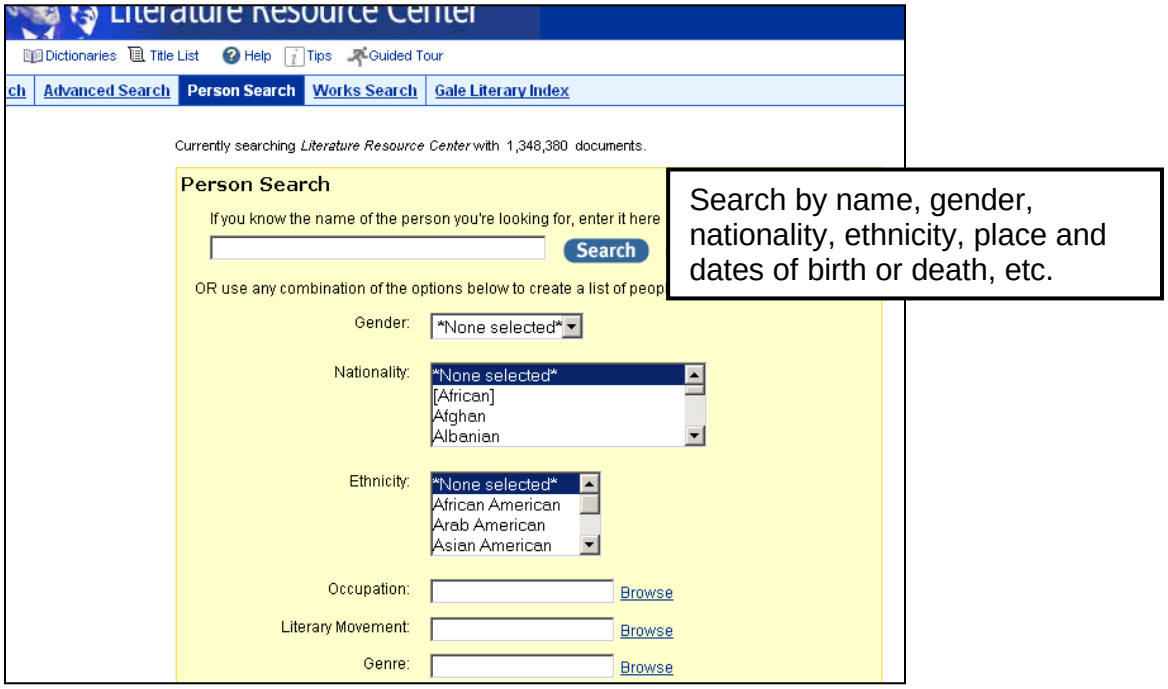
"Biographical Reference" is the default search option; select others for maximum results.

UP WorldCat – Search for a person's name (last name first) or profession (include country). Include the word "b*iography.*" For example, type "nurses united states biography."

Locate items owned by the UP Library via the call number, or request to have it held at the Service Desk by selecting the Request Item button.

You might find items you can borrow from other libraries: **Summit** items arrive within 2-3 days; **WorldCat** items arrive within 7-10 days.

Literature Resource Center – Select the "Person Search" link to find information on over 120,000 writers of various types from all time periods. International in scope. Full text.



Search by name, gender, nationality, ethnicity, place and dates of birth or death, etc.

American National Biography – "Portraits of more than 18,700 men & women whose lives have shaped the [United States]."

Use the **Quick Search** box on every page, or select the **Search** tab for more search options.