



## Discus Resource Quick Guide – Middle School

Resource Name (selected list*)	Grade level	eBooks	Articles	Images	Videos	Google sharing	Special Features
<b>African-American History</b>	7 - 12		*	*	*	*	Covers over 500 years of African-American history, people, culture, and events, primary sources, maps, graphs, and timelines.
<b>Bloom's Literature</b>	7 - 12	*	*	*	*	*	Overviews, summaries, and secondary sources on authors and their works; full-text classic e-books; literary videos.
<b>Britannica School: Middle</b>	6 - 8		*	*	*	*	Covers multiple subjects; source citations provided; listen-aloud; scalable reading level.
<b>Credo Reference</b> (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.
<b>CultureGrams</b>	K - 12		*	*	*	*	Information and data for 200+ countries, the US, and Canada; daily life; culture; geography; history; maps; flags; videos; images; data comparison tool.
<b>DK Eyewitness eBooks</b>	5 - 8	*		*		*	60+ non-fiction ebooks on rocks, weather, ancient civilization, countries, people, animals, and more; robust illustrations.
<b>Ferguson's Career Guidance Center</b>	6-12		*		*		Explore career fields and occupations; search job postings; take career interest assessments, and more.
Gale eBooks  <b>Drama for Students</b> <b>Novels for Students</b> <b>Poetry for Students</b> <b>Short Stories for Students</b>	8 – 12	*	*	*		*	<b>Drama:</b> Overviews of the most studied plays with author biography, themes, characters, and more. <b>Novels:</b> Critical overviews of novel plots, characters, themes, and structure. <b>Poetry:</b> Overviews and analysis of principal themes, images, forms, and construction of each poem. Includes some full text poems. <b>Short Stories:</b> Critical overviews of short stories with plot, characters, themes, author biography, and cultural and historical significance.

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<b>Gale in Context: Biography</b>	5 -12		*	*	*	*	Biographies on historical figures and present day newsmakers; magazine, news, and reference articles; Save to Google Drive or MS OneDrive.
<b>Gale in Context: Opposing Viewpoints</b>	7 - 12		*	*	*	*	Current issues in science and social studies; pro/con articles; maps & charts; Save to Google Drive or MS OneDrive.
<b>Historic American Newspapers</b> (Library of Congress)	5 - 12		*	*			Digitized pages of U.S. historic newspapers from 1777 - 1963; 34 historic South Carolina newspapers.
<b>History Reference Center</b>  <b>History Reference eBook Collection</b>	6 - 12	*	*	*	*	*	US and world history articles, primary sources, biographies, images, and videos. <b>eBooks:</b> Cover civil rights, women, presidents, ancient civilizations, wars, and more.
<b>LEARN360</b>	Pre K-12			*	*	*	Multi-subject video collection with fact sheets and science diagrams; includes <i>Magic School Bus</i> series; STEM lessons; career, science, social studies, English language arts, sports, music, and more.
<b>LearningExpress Library</b>	4 - 12	*			*		Math, language, science, and social studies skill builders in School Center; computer tutorial; math, ELA, and career eBooks.
<b>Literary Reference Center</b>	6 - 12		*	*		*	Information on authors, their works, and literary criticism; with journal articles, full text classics, literary glossary & encyclopedia.
<b>Middle Search Plus</b>  <b>Middle Search Reference eBook Collection</b>	6 - 8	*	*	*	*	*	Articles from popular middle school magazines; biographies; primary source documents. <b>eBooks:</b> Non-fiction titles on social issues, life skills, writing, maker projects, civil rights, space, weather, and more.
<b>Newspaper Source Plus</b>	7-12		*	*		*	800 US and international newspapers; TV and radio news transcripts.
<b>NoveList K – 8 Plus</b>	K-8		*	*			Describes and reviews fiction and non-fiction book titles; read alikes; award-winners, and more.
<b>Points of View Reference Center</b>	7-12		*	*	*		Covers current issues with overviews, articles, images, statistics, & pro/con viewpoints.

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<b>Science Reference Center</b> <b>Science Reference eBook Collection</b>	6 - 12	*	*	*	*	*	Articles; reference; biographies and science experiments <b>eBooks:</b> Non-fiction titles about weather, climate, sciences, experiments, and more.
<b>StudySC</b> www.studysc.org	3 -12		*	*	*		Information on South Carolina people, places, and events; counties; history, lessons, and more.
<b>TeachingBooks</b>	K-12		*		*		Resources about children’s and young adult books for readers and educators; lessons/activities; author interviews; and more.
<b>TeenBookCloud</b>	7 – 12	*			*		Fiction, non-fiction, graphic novels, enhanced eBooks, drama and poetry, classics, and audio books.
<b>TumbleBooks</b>	K-6	*			*		eBooks, chapter books, graphic novels, animated storybooks, and videos.
<b>TumbleMath</b>	K-6	*					Animated storybooks covering math concepts in addition, geometry, word problems, and more.
<b>Tutor.com</b> (real-time tutor access and homework support)	K-12				*		Connect with a tutor online for homework help in real-time 24 hours a day, 7 days per week; also view English language arts and math skills video lessons.
<b>World Almanac for Kids - Intermediate</b>	6 – 9		*	*	*	*	Articles and videos on school subjects; debate topics; science projects; games; homework help guides.
<b>Writer’s Reference Center</b>	7 – 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

<b>Explora for Middle Schools</b>	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, History Reference Center, History Reference eBook Collection; Middle Search Plus, Middle Search Reference eBook Collection, Newspaper Source Plus, Points of View Reference Center, Science Reference Center, Science Reference eBook Collection, Topic Overviews K-5 TOPICsearch</i>
<b>SmartSearch</b> (located on the Discus landing page)	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, Gale in Context: Biography, Gale in Context: Opposing Viewpoints, LEARN360, Literary Reference Center</i> , and more.



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