



# OPLIN Quickstart Guide

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## Biographies Plus Illustrated



### Use **Biographies Plus Illustrated** to find:

- Information about authors, illustrators, artists, directors, musicians, and composers through history.
- Nobel Prize-winner profiles.
- Historical leaders and reformers.

Wilson **Biographies Plus Illustrated** contains more than 111,000 biographies and obituaries and more than 32,000 photographs of the subjects. The biographies are searchable by name, profession, title, place of origin, gender, race/ethnicity, titles of works, date of birth, date of death, keyword, and presence of images.

### To enter **Biographies Plus Illustrated**:

- Start at the OPLIN home page (<http://www.oplin.org>).
- Click on **Research Databases** in the left navigation bar.
- If you are not in a library, select your local library from a list.
- Enter your library card number, and submit.
- Scroll down to the **Biographies Plus Illustrated** hyperlink.

You can use **OneSearch** to search Biographies Plus Illustrated along with other resources. Biographies Plus Illustrated is part of the Biography, History, and Homework Helpers subject searches.

**Wilson Web** Advanced Search

Searching In: Biographies Plus Illustrated

Search For: colin powell

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Sort By: Relevance

Date of Birth:  Date of Death:

is [ ] Month [ ] Day [ ] Year [ ] A.D. [ ]

Month [ ] Day [ ] Year [ ] A.D. [ ]

Profession/Activity: All

Place of Origin: All

Gender: All

Ethnic Background: All

Limit to:  Images  Bios/Obits

Start

Customize Display Clear Start

**Exit Program** [X]

To find a person by name, just enter the name in the **Search For** box, and click **Start**.

Click **Start** to launch.

Cross-search by entering words in the additional **Search For** boxes.

To find profiles by profession, place of origin, gender, date of birth and other options, enter the term in the **Search For** box, and use the dropdown menu to specifically search those fields.

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The screenshot shows the WilsonWeb interface with the following elements:

- WilsonWeb Logo:** Top left corner.
- Results: Brief Display:** Top right corner.
- Current Search:** (colin powell) <in> ALL
- Records:** 1429
- In:** Biographies Plus Illustrated
- Limiting Icons:** Bios/Obits, Image
- Search Results List:** A list of 10 entries, each with a checkbox, a name, a date, and a brief description. The first entry is [Powell, Colin L.](#), Apr. 5, 1937- American Secretary of state. The second is [Powell, Michael](#), Mar. 23, 1963- American regulatory official and son of Secretary of state Colin L. Powell. The third is [Haskins, James](#), Sep. 19, 1941- American children's author and educator. The fourth is [Ambrose, Stephen E.](#), Jan. 10, 1936-Oct. 13, 2002 American historian and biographer. The fifth is [Applebaum, Anne](#), Jul. 25, 1964- American journalist. The sixth is [Armitage, Richard L.](#), Apr. 26, 1945- American government official. The seventh is [Aspin, Les](#), Jul. 21, 1938-May 21, 1995 secretary of defense. The eighth is [Blix, Hans](#), Jun. 28, 1928- Swedish diplomat and United Nations official. The ninth is [Brown, Tony](#), Apr. 11, 1933- American television talk show host and producer. The tenth is [Bush, George W.](#), Jul. 9, 1946- American president.
- Taskbar:** Bottom of the screen with buttons: Revise Search, navigation arrows, a box containing '1', Full, **Get Marked** (circled in red), Clear Marks, and Customize Display.

**To narrow results to just entries with images:** Click the Image icon in the legend.

**To display the master record, including links to all available articles:** Click the name.

**To narrow results to selected entries:** Use the checkboxes, and click **Get Marked** in the bottom taskbar.

**To view a photo of a person:** Click the photo icon.

**To see more results:** Click the forward arrow in the bottom task bar. Other arrows take you to the previous page of entries, and the first or last page. To go to a specific page, enter the number in the box and press enter.

## For additional help with **Biographies Plus Illustrated**:

- Choose "InfoCenter" link on the left side of the WilsonWeb screen for general help, or "Help" link for context-sensitive help with the current page.
- Ask your local reference librarian.

Biographies Plus Illustrated is brought to you by the Ohio Public Library Information Network (OPLIN) and your own local public library.