



USING *CREDO REFERENCE*
IN YOUR INSTRUCTION

FOUR KEYS TO SUPPLEMENTAL RESOURCES



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Engage



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Elevate



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Extend



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Choice is a powerful instructional tool when wielded carefully. Instructional choice gives students the power to choose their own learning paths, helping them to become independent 21st-century learners.



WRITING & RESEARCH

Lesson Objective: Gather relevant and credible sources.

A necessary skill for students across disciplines is selecting relevant, credible sources and synthesizing the information into a cohesive paper without plagiarism.

Credo Reference provides a wealth of full-text articles from vetted sources for students to explore. By using a database like *Credo Reference*, teachers can ensure that students have access to a broad range of credible sources and can model good searching practices.

LESSON IDEA:

Students collecting information for a research paper can start with the Topics page of *Credo Reference* or by simply typing their topic into the search bar. As they find relevant information, they can save articles and videos to review later and even produce a bibliography.

Once students have a selection of sources on their topic, model ensuring their credibility by identifying the publisher, the author, and the sources cited. Have students identify and explore these items on their sources. Check relevancy by looking for keywords relating to their topic, as well as the publication year.

Empower

Empower students to explore their interests.



Connecting to students' interests is a powerful tool. Supplemental resources and student choice are the perfect way to connect to students' interests without feeling like we're entertaining students.



WRITING & RESEARCH

Lesson Objective: Develop a focused research question.

Undertaking a research project can be a daunting task for many students. The process begins with simply asking a question about a topic. Keeping students engaged in a lengthy research process hinges on their interest in the topic.

Whether the subject is English or History or Art, *Credo Reference* covers more than 11,000 topics from the Abbey Theater in Dublin to Zebras in Africa.

LESSON IDEA:

Selecting a research topic begins with self-exploration. Send students on an expedition through *Credo Reference*. Encourage them to use the Mind Maps to fall down rabbit holes of information, guided by only their own interests—and your pre-set topic boundaries.

Once they've found a topic about which they want to know more, have students write a list of questions of what they want to know about this topic. A mini-lesson on open-ended questions could help if students are struggling to articulate their questions.

Select one question to refine into a focused research question.

Elevate

Elevate struggling students with additional support.



Supplemental resources can elevate struggling students by providing additional exposure and practice with key concepts and skills in a variety of modalities and media.



WRITING & RESEARCH

Lesson Objective: Develop and revise a research plan.

All students will face obstacles when it comes to conducting and writing research. Some may struggle at the beginning with selecting a topic or writing their research question while others may not struggle until it comes to synthesizing their information.

In addition to being an extensive repository of information, *Credo Reference* is also a supportive tool for students just beginning their research journey. The *Credo Reference* Research Quick Tips videos can provide guidance and support to students who are struggling with the research process.

LESSON IDEA:

Many students feel that once they've set their research plan, they're locked into that plan. However, revising their plan as they go is an important skill to develop.

Use the *Credo Reference* Research Quick Tips to support students as they make necessary adjustments in their research. From selecting their topic to synthesizing their research, these videos can provide the additional nudge students need at just the right stage of their process.

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Supplemental resources can take on-level lessons to new heights by creating extensions to the curriculum. Guides and examples can create opportunities to push students above the skills in the curriculum.



WRITING & RESEARCH

Lesson Objective:

Present research results using an appropriate mode of delivery.

An important, but often overlooked, aspect of conducting research is the presentation. Often, students simply write their research paper and submit it to the teacher.

While its main purpose is to provide credible information, *Credo Reference* also provides an excellent model of presenting information. Students can use the articles as a guide for structuring information with headings and subheadings and the videos as a guide for explaining information verbally with visuals.

LESSON IDEA:

Extend students to publish their research in various modalities.

Students can:

- Create and present a conference-style poster session,
- Design and record a video presentation,
- Write and publish their work in an online format, or
- Get creative and use their research to tell a story.

The key is to ensure that, whichever publication method students choose, they are presenting to an authentic audience.



Each of these keys can have a significant impact on student learning. Taken all together, they have the ability to unlock student potential with supplemental resources.

Engage

Engage students with the power of choice.



With millions of articles from more than 100 publishers, *Credo Reference* provides plenty of information for students to select the most relevant and credible information to answer their research question.

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Gaining student buy-in is the first hurdle for teachers guiding students in conducting research. *Credo Reference's* Topics section and Mind Maps provide students inspiration and empowerment to explore subjects they find interesting.

Elevate

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Students routinely struggle with conducting and writing research. The *Credo Reference* Research Quick Tips videos provide just-in-time support for struggling students to address specific issues throughout the research process.

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Credo Reference can even support students in the final step of research: the presentation. Students can use the information on *Credo Reference* as a model for synthesizing and presenting information for an authentic audience.