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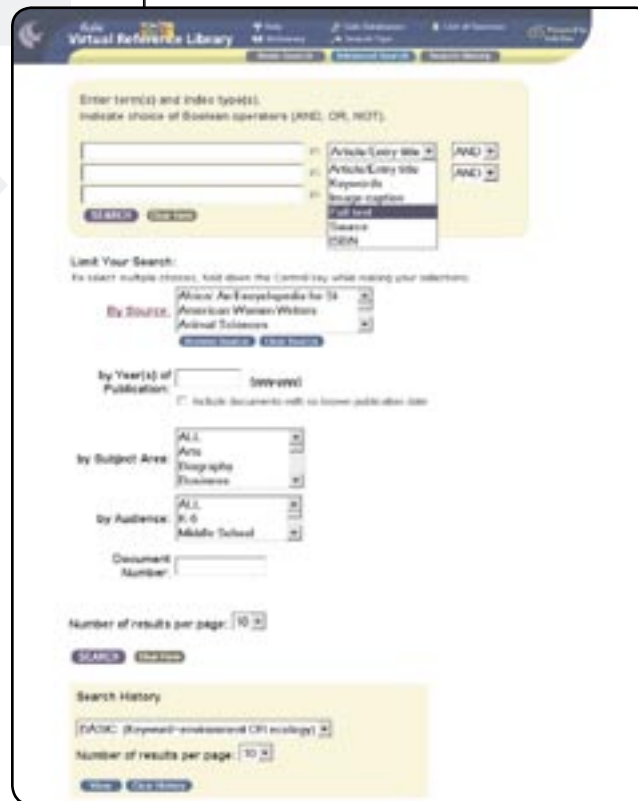
For users with simple search skills, a basic search includes:

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- **Article/entry title** — most specific, taking user right to the best content
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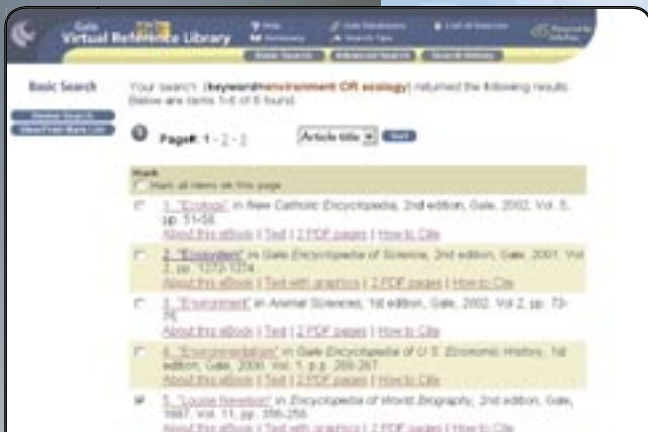
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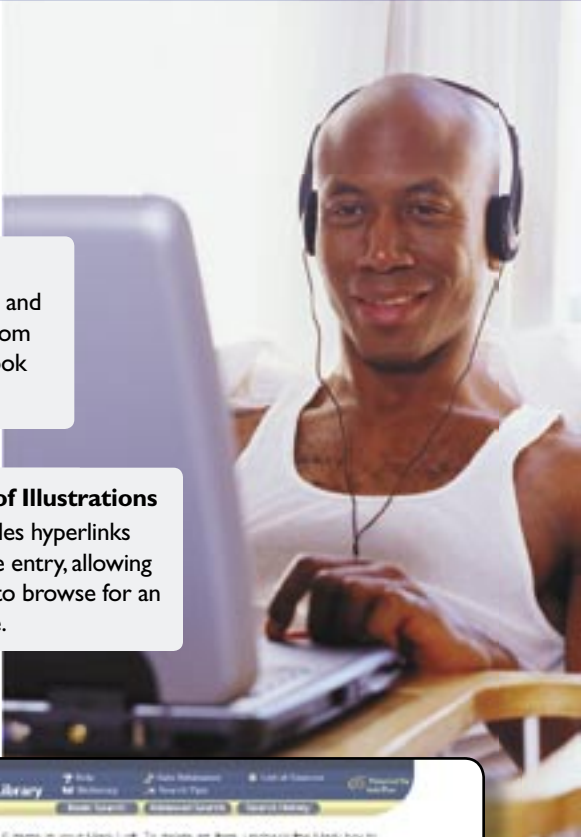
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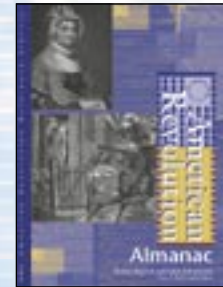
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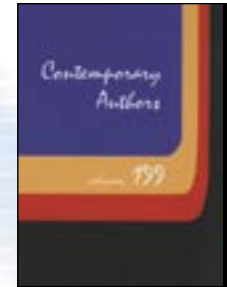
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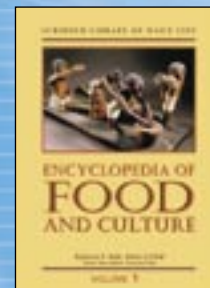
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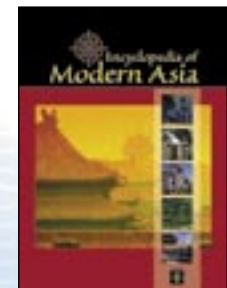
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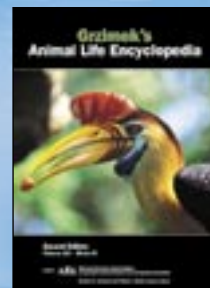
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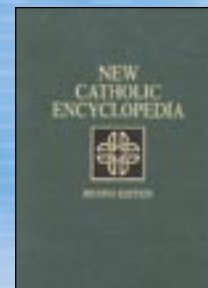
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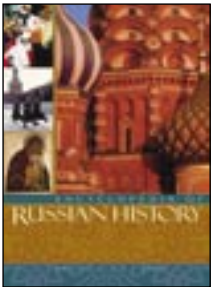
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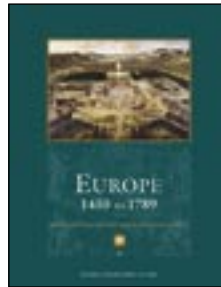
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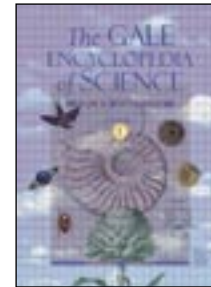
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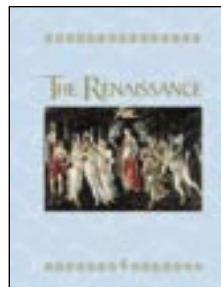
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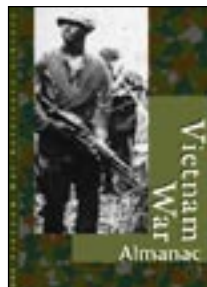
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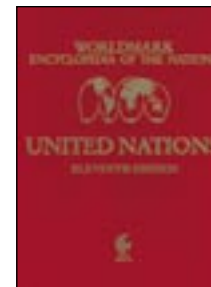
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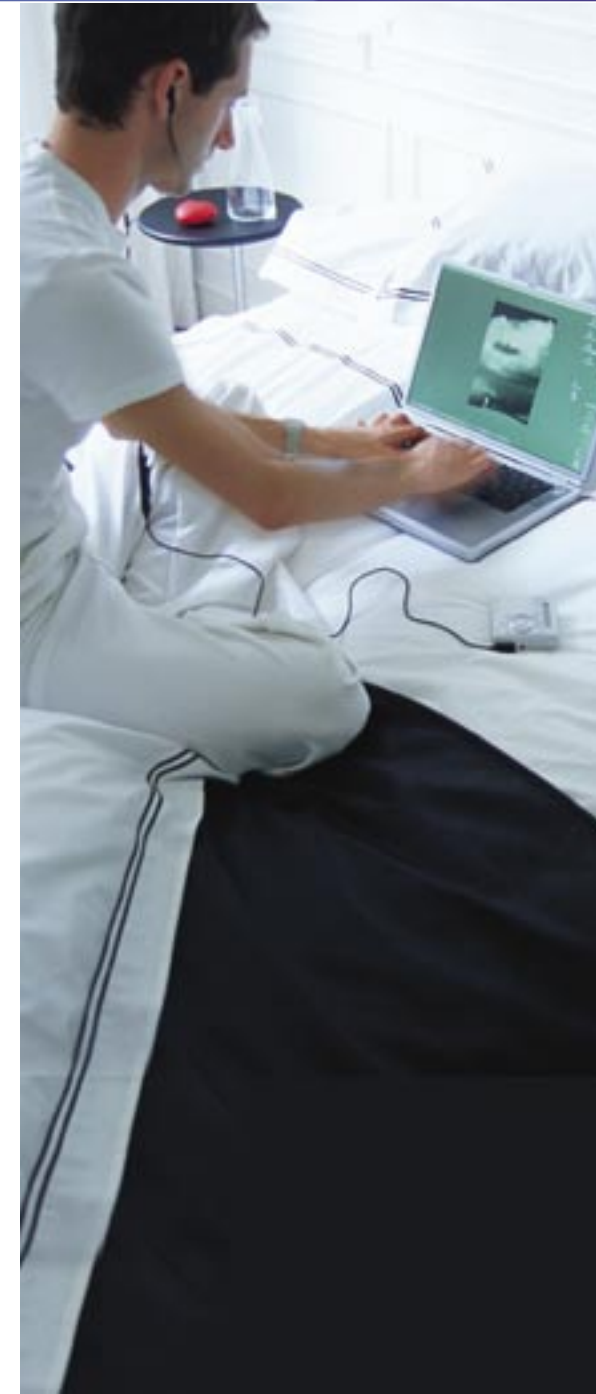
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