

Biography Resource Center contains biographical information on more than 200,000 individuals from around the world and throughout history. Researchers may select a brief summary (thumbnail biographies link), or a more in-depth discussion (narrative biographies link) of the individual. The Advanced Search link allows for searching in more than one field - birth/death dates, ethnicity, gender, name, nationality, and occupation. A useful feature of this site is the option to email data to the user's email address.

Computer commands, field names and mouse actions are in *Italics*.
Text that you must type is within single quote marks (' ').

To access Biography Resource Center:

Go to: RCPL Web site <http://www.myrcpl.com>

Hover on: **Research & Learning**

Click on: **Research Tools**

Click on: **Biography**

Scroll down to: **Biography Resource Center**

Click On: **inside the library** OR **home access**

★ To begin a new search after each question below, click *Home* button at top left of database screen.

1. I need to know what Frederick McKinley Jones is most famous for.

- ☐ Type 'Frederick McKinley Jones' in the *Name Search* field (leave the *Name Contains* box checked)
- ☐ Click the *Search* button
- ☐ Select any of the sources by clicking on his name (a.k.a. *Jones, Fred*)

2. I need a list of African American inventors.

- ☐ Click on link called *Biographical Facts Search*
- ☐ Type 'inventor' in *Occupation* field, select American from the *Nationality* field, and African American from the *Ethnicity* field
- ☐ Click the *Search* button

3. How can I find a list of female American mathematicians?

- ☐ Click on *Biographical Facts Search*
- ☐ Select or write 'mathematician' in the *Occupation* field
- ☐ Select American in the *Nationality* field
- ☐ Select Female in the *Gender* space
- ☐ Click the *Search* button

4. I need to find the name of an Afghani writer who wrote *Political History of Afghanistan, 1942-1944*?

- ☐ Click on *Biographical Facts Search*
- ☐ In the *Occupation* field choose writer
- ☐ In the *Nationality* field choose Afghan
- ☐ Click the *Search* button

- ❑ Click on the names displayed until you see *Political History of Afghanistan* cited in one of the authors list of works

5. What was Dizzy Gillespie's real name and where in South Carolina was he born?

- ❑ In the *Name Search* line type 'Dizzy Gillespie' (leave the *Name Contains* box checked)
- ❑ Click Search

6. I need magazine articles about Garrett Morgan.

- ❑ Type 'Garrett Morgan' in the *Name Search* field (leave the *Name Contains* box checked).
- ❑ Click *Search* button
- ❑ Click the *Magazines and News* tab.

For additional practice using Biography Resource Center use the 5-minute tutorial at:
<http://www.gale.com/BiographyRC/prodtour.htm>