

## iCONN Learning Activity

### Most Influential European Leader

**Level:** High School

**Task:** Students must write a speech to nominate a person they believe to be the “Most Influential European Leader” who lived between 1850 and 2001.

**Research Question:** What achievements support your nomination of this person as the most influential European leader?

**Content Area(s):** Modern European History (AP)

**State Content Standard(s):**

**Social Studies:**

Standard 2: Local, United States and World History. Students will use historical thinking skills to develop an understanding of the major historical periods, issues and trends in United States history, world history and Connecticut and local history.

**iCONN Database(s):** *Discovering Collection, Wilson Biographies Plus, InfoTrac Junior Edition*

**Search Strategy:**

Open *Discovering Collection*

Click on *Person Search*

Enter the *name of your person*, last name, then first name (e.g., *Churchill, Winston*) in the search box

Select *Nationality* (e.g., *British*) from the pull down menu

Select *Ethnicity* (e.g., *British*) from the pull down menu

Select *Gender* (e.g., *male*) from the pull down menu

Click *SEARCH*

Click on *titles* to view articles (Note: The *type of article* is shown to the right of the title.)

Click on the *highlighted tabs* for additional resources

**Alternate Search Strategy:**

Open *Wilson Biographies Plus*

Enter the *name of your person*, last name first, in the search box

Sort by *Relevance*

Click *Start*

Click on *highlighted text* to view an article

Note the *Resource Links*

Click *Exit Program* to quit *Wilson Biographies Plus*

**Adaptations for Differentiated Learning:**

**Search Strategy:**

Open *InfoTrac Junior Edition*

Select *Keyword Search*

Enter the *name* (e.g., *Winston Churchill*) in the search box

Select *Sort results by relevance*

Click *Find*

Click on *Check Out* to read the article

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