The Oxford Dictionary of National Biography is the national record of men and women who have shaped British history and culture, worldwide, from the Romans to the 21st century. The dictionary offers concise, up-to-date biographies written by named, specialist authors.

**WHAT YOU CAN FIND**
- Almost 60,000 life stories of influential figures from all walks of life
- Over 11,000 portrait images: the largest collection of portraiture ever published
- Up-to-date biographies: the ODNB is updated every January, May, and September

### 1. THE HOMEPAGE

1. Quick name search is on every page: search for a person or across full text
2. Search names, titles, pen names, nicknames, and colloquial names, or click ‘more’ to open further search options
3. Take a guided tour
4. Browse by theme
5. Discover a new Life of the Day, everyday
6. Download ODNB podcast episodes

### 2. SEARCHING OPTIONS

1. People – search by Name, Fields of Interest, Life Dates, Religious Affiliation and more
2. Full text – search the full text of the ODNB
3. References – search across reference and bibliographic materials
4. Contributor – search by contributor
5. Image – search the portraits and illustrations that appear in the ODNB, by Artist’s Name, Date, Place and more

Visit www.oxforddnb.com for information, videos, tours, learning resources and more.
3. WORKING WITH SEARCH RESULTS

1. View by birth or death date, or in alphabetical order
2. Search within results
3. Browse relevant Theme articles

4. NAVIGATING ARTICLES

1. Navigate with the hyperlinked table of contents
2. View references
3. Discover related Oxford DNB entries, and further relevant content from external resources, including the National Portrait Gallery
4. Highlight text and click ‘Go’ to run a search on your selected term(s)
5. Print, email, or cite content

SEARCH TIPS: you can limit or widen your search results by using these search rules

Special characters: you need not enter accented letters in order to find words that contain accents

Wildcards: wildcards * and ? may be used to replace letters of which you are unsure. ? represents a single letter; for example, entering c?t will find cat, cut, and cot. * may be used in place of one or more letters; for example, c*t will find cat, cut, and cot, but also carat, clot, count, chat, etc.