

(30 minutes)

Description:

In this activity you will learn how to navigate *Gale Digital Scholar Lab*, use its key functions, and explore available resources for working with datasets.

Goals:

- Explore the *Lab* using guided prompts to gain familiarity with the workflow and support materials.
- Explore the steps involved in running an analysis using the pre-built datasets in the *Lab*.

Task:

1. Log into *Gale Digital Scholar Lab* using your institutional credentials. If you've been invited to join a Group Workspace, use the link provided in your email invitation. Otherwise, access your Personal Workspace.
2. Orient yourself on the home page, noting the main sections of the *Lab*: 'Build', 'Clean', 'Analyze', and 'My Research'.
3. Navigate to the Learning Center. Where can you learn about the following?
 - a. Texts available for analysis.
 - b. Search strategies in the *Lab*.
 - c. Creating a clean configuration.
 - d. Setting up an analysis tool.
 - e. Managing a Content Set.
 - f. Adding notes to a Notebook.
4. Locate the datasets and choose one to add to your workspace.

Discussion Questions:

- What are the four main sections of *Gale Digital Scholar Lab*, and what do they enable you to do in your research?
- What tools and resources are available in the Learning Center to support your project?
- What datasets are available to you, and how might you use them in your project work?

Extension:

- How do you create a custom cleaning configuration for your Content Set?
- How do you download the metadata and texts for a Content Set?
- How can you export the results of your analysis work?

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