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The Beatles are perhaps the best-known rock-and-roll band of the 1960s, and their innovations and evolution in style over the years helped define the state of rock and roll and led many other musicians to experiment in different stylistic directions as well. Formed in 1956 as the Quarrymen by school friends John Lennon and Paul McCartney, the band solidified by the addition of young guitarist George Harrison in 1959. After some personnel changes, the band evolved from a skiffle group to more of a traditional rock band. At that point the band was comprised by Lennon, and McCartney on vocals and guitar, George Harrison on lead guitar, bassist (and artist) Stu Sutcliffe on bass, and Pete Best on drums. During this period, the band took an extended residence in Hamburg, Germany, where they honed their musical chops playing lengthy sets. Sutcliffe stayed behind in Hamburg where he worked on his art until his untimely death of a brain aneurysm in 1962.

The Beatles soldiered on as four piece with McCartney switching to bass, and after gigging successfully back in Liverpool at the Cavern Club, they soon replaced Best with drummer Ringo Starr (born Richard Starkey) and cemented their place as the most popular band in Liverpool. In 1961, they came to the attention of record storeowner Brian Epstein, who took over as the manager of the group, soon getting them a recording contract with EMI (after being rejected by almost every other record label). After touring successfully in England, several appearances on The Ed Sullivan Show starting in February 1964 broke them in America. The phenomenon of "Beatlemania" had begun with countless Beatles products flooding the market, stadium tours across the country, and playing to crowds of overenthusiastic fans...

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Art of combining sounds into a structured form, usually according to conventional patterns and for an aesthetic (artistic) purpose. Music is generally

Starr, Ringo (Richard Starkey) (1940 -)

In contrast to the more exploratory and innovatory solo careers of his fellow Beatles , Starr successfully sustained his cheerful, easy-going Beatles

Lennon, John (1940 - 1980)

Born October 9, 1940, John Lennon remains one of the most influential composers and performers of 20th-century popular music. Lennon also worked as a

Harrison, George, 1943-2001

English rock and pop guitarist, singer, and songwriter. He played lead guitar and sang in the legendary English rock group the Beatles, and wrote

Mccartney, Paul (1942 -)

1942- ♦ English songwriter, vocalist and bass guitarist Liverpool-born and a former member of the Beatles, he is one of the most distinctive

Presley, Elvis (1935 - 1977)

In the summer of 1954 Elvis Presley, Scotty Moore, and Bill Black labored in a small darkened recording studio in Memphis. Tennessee, with guitars,

Shankar, Ravi, 1920-2012

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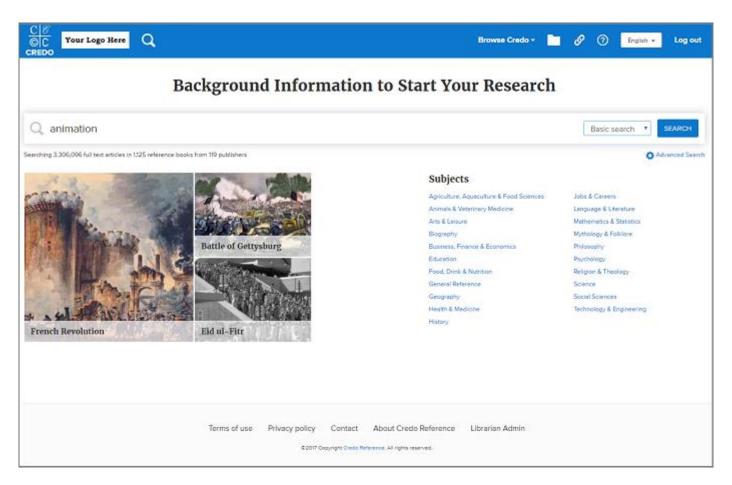
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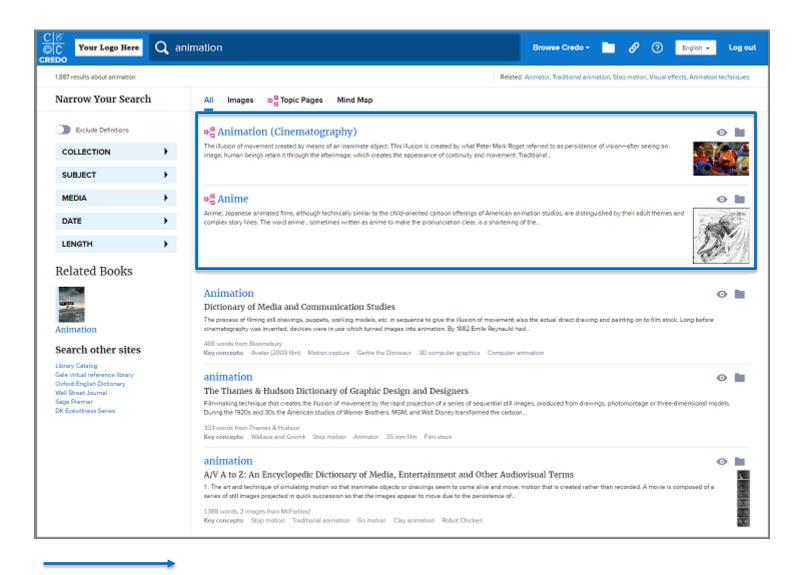


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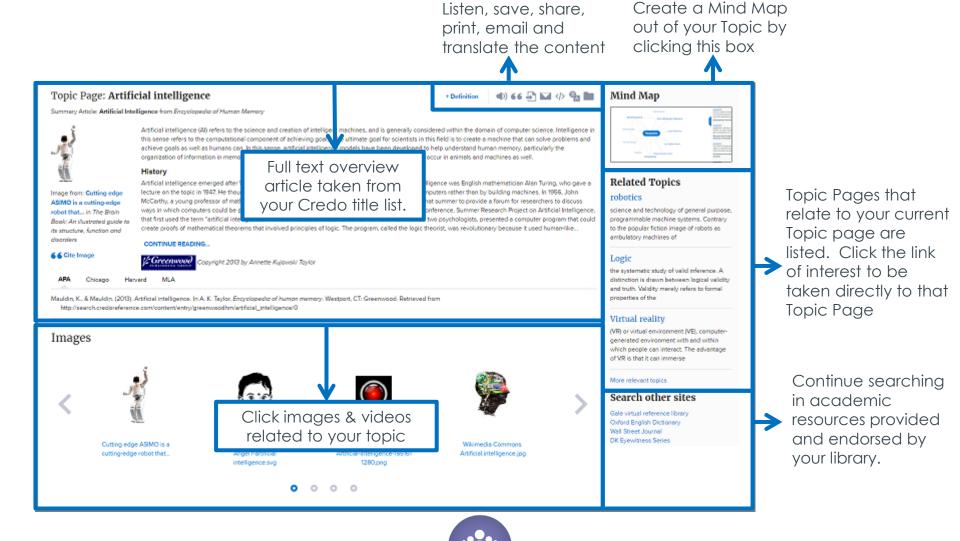




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