

A detailed historical map of the world, showing continents and oceans with various geographical labels. The map is oriented with North at the top and includes latitude and longitude lines. Labels include "RUSSIA", "TURKEY", "PERSIA", "INDIA", "AFRICA", and "AMERICA".

Unlocking Historical Treasures

Mastering Gale Primary Sources for Enhanced Research

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Today's Agenda

- What are Gale Primary Sources?
- Demo: The Times Digital Archive
- Gale Primary Sources available to NCCU
- Demo: Gale Primary Sources Cross-search
- (About the Gale Digital Scholar Lab)

“AN AGENDA”

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

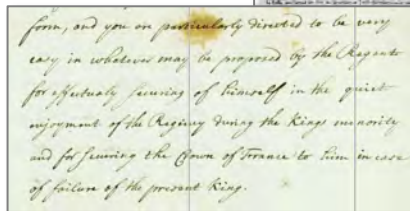
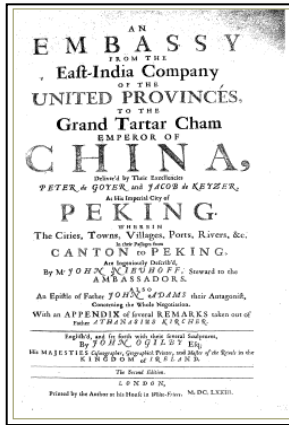
Sir,—By reverting to the seventeenth-century practice of using the words “agend” and “agends” we could calm the troubled minds of your correspondents. Instead of saying “the next item on the agenda” we should say “the next agend.” I am not a statistician, but it is clear that the saving of time and talk, if not of paper and ink, would be very considerable and greatly lighten the labour of committees, already too full of “um”s and “a”s.

Yours faithfully,
E. V. KNOX.

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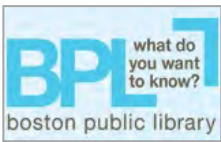
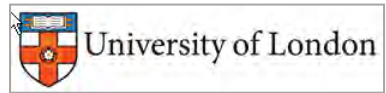
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Gale Primary Sources

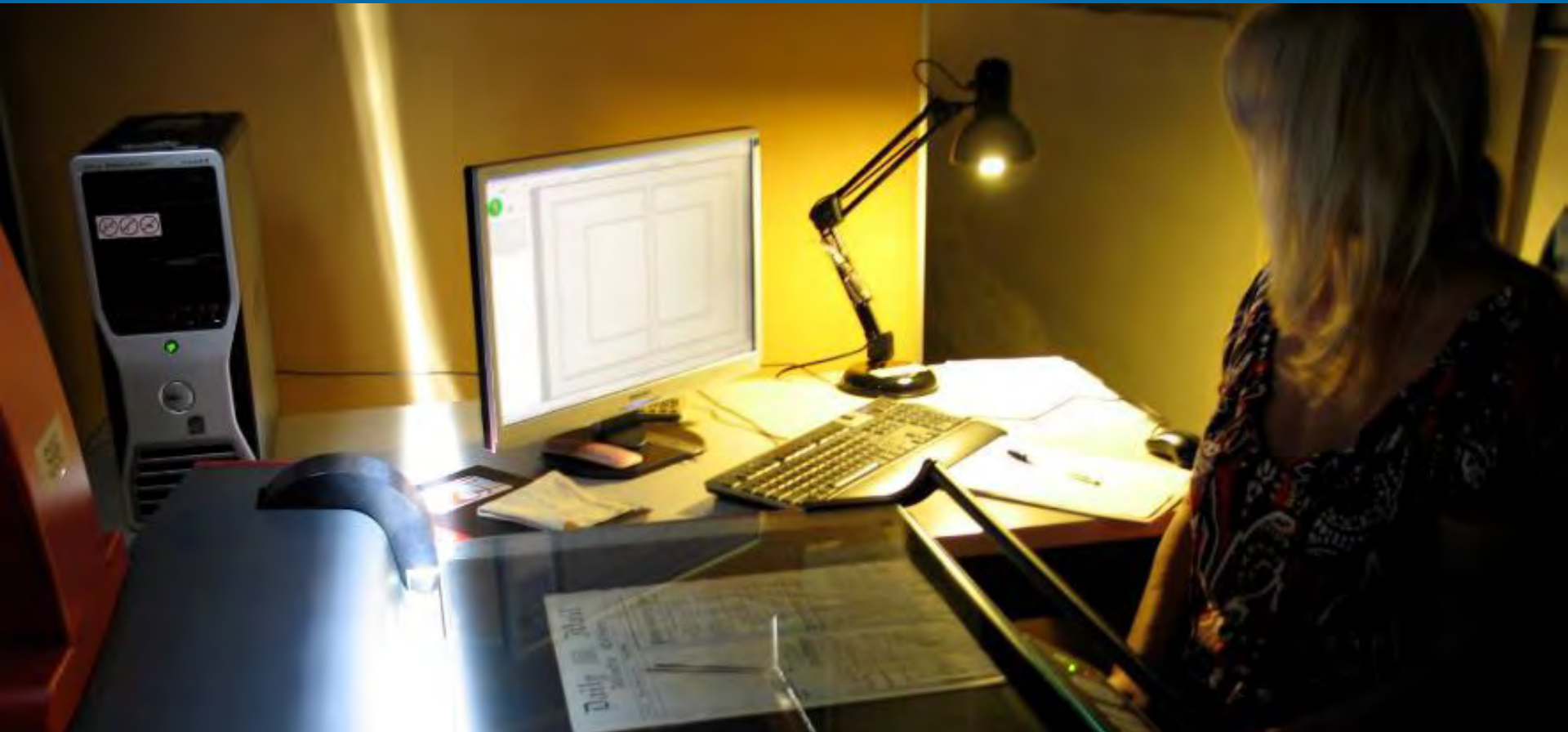


- Gale has spent the past 45 years building one of the world's largest scholarly primary source online libraries, spanning 560 years of global history
- More than 60 digital collections, comprising more than 200 million pages, including:
 - The Times Digital Archive
 - China and the Modern World
 - Eighteenth Century Collections Online
 - Nineteenth Century Collections Online
 - U.S. Declassified Documents Online
 - *And many more!*

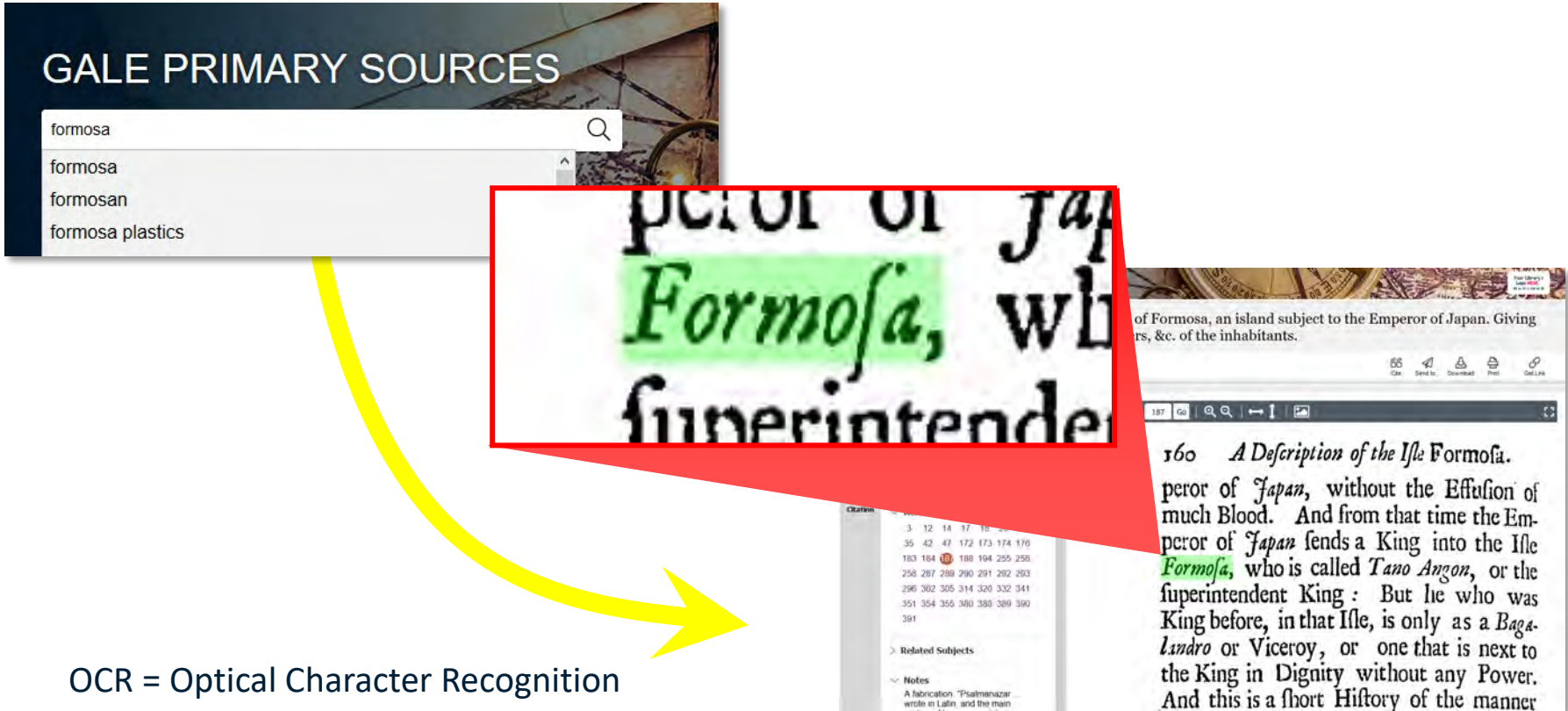
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We scan and digitize valuable historical works



Enable full text searching of printed pages



The image illustrates the process of enabling full-text searching for printed pages. It features a search interface for Gale Primary Sources with a search bar containing the word "formosa". Below the search bar, a dropdown menu lists suggestions: "formosa", "formosan", and "formosa plastics". A red box highlights a zoomed-in view of a historical document where the word "Formosa" is highlighted in green. A yellow arrow points from the search results to the zoomed-in view. The background shows a snippet of a historical document with the text: "peror of Jap Formosa, wh superintendent".

GALE PRIMARY SOURCES

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OCR = Optical Character Recognition

The Times Digital Archive 1785-1985

- The world's oldest continuously published English-language newspaper. 201 years of content.
- Published Monday through Saturday.
- No issues published 1 Dec 1978 to 12 Nov 1979 due to a labor dispute.



How to Access the Databases

- Go to www.lib.nccu.edu.tw
- Select “資料庫 (Databases)”, then search by database name

The screenshot displays the National Chengchi University Libraries website. At the top, the logo for NCCU LIBRARIES and the text “政治大學圖書館 National Chengchi University Libraries” are visible. Below the logo, a navigation menu includes “資源查詢”, “服務項目”, “學習研究”, “檔案特藏”, “法令規章”, and “關於本館”. The main content area features a search bar with a dropdown menu. The dropdown menu is open, showing options: “整合查詢”, “館藏查詢”, “資料庫”, “期刊查詢”, “機構典藏”, and “全站搜尋”. The “資料庫” option is highlighted with a red circle and labeled with a red “1.”. Below the dropdown, the search bar contains the text “times digital archive”, which is also highlighted with a red circle and labeled with a red “2.”. A magnifying glass icon is located to the right of the search bar. At the bottom right of the page, there is a clock icon and the text “學期中開放時間”.

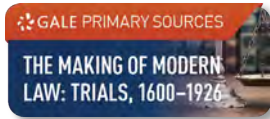
Demo: The Times Digital Archive

Gale Primary Sources Available to NCCU

Newspapers and Periodicals



Books, Documents and Other Material



On trial until
10 Nov 2024

(Not Cross-
searchable)



Cross-search
platform

Newspapers and Periodicals



Top UK quality paper with longest history and enormous influence, Years 1785-1985



Top UK business weekly with global readership among business elites, Years 1843-2015



The 'TLS' – a famous and influential weekly literary review, 1902-2019



A collection of 170+ British periodicals published in the 19th century



Literary weekly published by the BBC, 1929-1991

Books, Documents and Other Material (1/2)



- **Missionary, Sinology, and Literary Periodicals (1817-1949)** – 17 English-language periodicals
- **Diplomacy and Political Secrets (1869-1950)** – British India/Burma Office files related to China
- **Imperial China and the West (1815-1905)** – Top-level British Foreign Office papers (Trial until 10 Nov 2024)



- **Asia and the West:** papers from US/UK diplomats in Asia; missionary letters; periodicals; etc.
- **Religion, Reform, and Society:** personal papers; periodicals; political papers; etc. (Trial until 10 Nov 2024)



Declassified US government documents, mainly from post-WWII 20th century



Publications and meeting records of UK think-tank on international affairs 1920-2008



22 small-sized collections related to China, Asia, Diplomacy, Cultural studies, etc.

Books, Documents and Other Material (2/2)



c. 155,000 volumes of books in English or published in Britain from the 18th century



c. 67,000 volumes of books on economic and social history published 1450-1850



c. 25,000 academic and practical books about UK/US law and its practice 1800-1926



c. 202,000 legal briefs and documents submitted to the US Supreme Court 1832-1978



c. 10,700 trial records and pamphlets published in the UK and the US 1600-1926



c. 2,400 Arabic printed books from the 16th to 19th century on religion (Trial until 10 Nov 2024)

Note: Early Arabic Printed Books not cross-searchable with other archives

Expand to Cross-Search with One Click

1. Conduct a search in **The Times Digital Archive**
2. Click on the **Gale Primary Sources** icon under “Broaden Your Search”

The screenshot shows the search results for 'kowloon walled city' in The Times Digital Archive. The search results list includes:

- 1. **People expelled**
Author: AFP
Publication: The Times (London, England)
Thursday, July 2, 1952 Issue 64374 p. 13 Article
- 2. **Walled City's last days**
Author: AFP
Publications: The Times (London, England)
Wednesday, Mar. 24, 1953 Issue 64800 p. 4 Article
- 3. **News in Brief**
Publication: The Times (London, England)
Monday, Feb. 11, 1963 Issue 55622 p. 8 Article
- 4. **Chinese Flag Hoisted In Kowloon**
Author: FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT
Publication: The Times (London, England)
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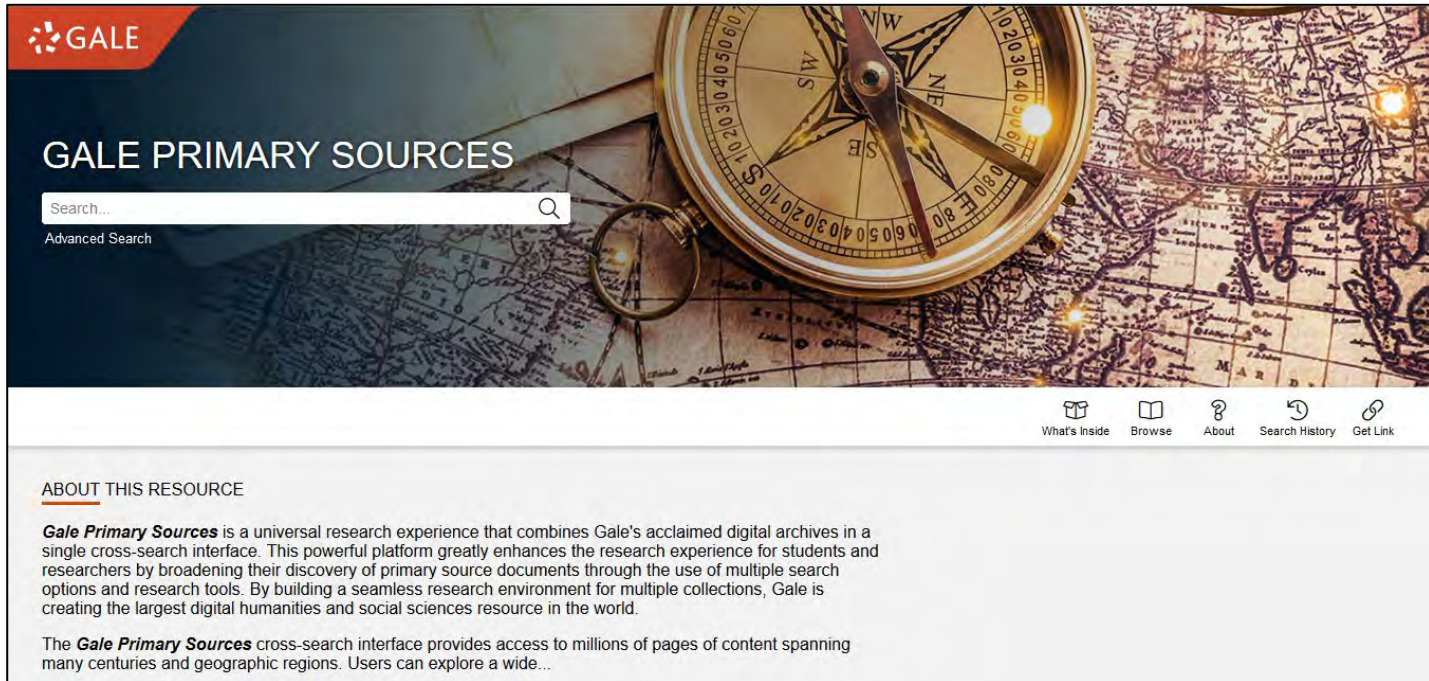
The 'Broaden Your Search' section is highlighted with an orange circle and contains the following text:

BROADEN YOUR SEARCH
Use the Gale Primary Sources cross-search to find results from additional archives available at your institution.

The callout box also contains the text: **BROADEN YOUR SEARCH**
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Or, You Can Go Straight to the Cross-Search

- Go to www.lib.nccu.edu.tw
- Select “資料庫 (Databases)”, then search “Gale Primary Sources”



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ABOUT THIS RESOURCE

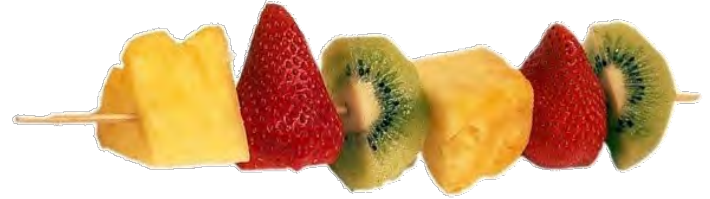
Gale Primary Sources is a universal research experience that combines Gale's acclaimed digital archives in a single cross-search interface. This powerful platform greatly enhances the research experience for students and researchers by broadening their discovery of primary source documents through the use of multiple search options and research tools. By building a seamless research environment for multiple collections, Gale is creating the largest digital humanities and social sciences resource in the world.

The **Gale Primary Sources** cross-search interface provides access to millions of pages of content spanning many centuries and geographic regions. Users can explore a wide...

Demo: Gale Primary Sources (cross-search)

Things to Note: Cross-Search

- It returns **multiple content types**, including:
 - **Monographs** (i.e. Books)
 - **Manuscripts**
 - **Newspapers & Periodicals**
 - etc.
- **Newspapers & Periodicals usually get more hits** because:
 - They cover a **broad range** of topics
 - The results are for the **article level**
- **Standalone interfaces are still useful** because:
 - They contain contextual information about the content (ex. Learning Center)
 - They may contain specific search indexes and tools



What is the Gale Digital Scholar Lab?



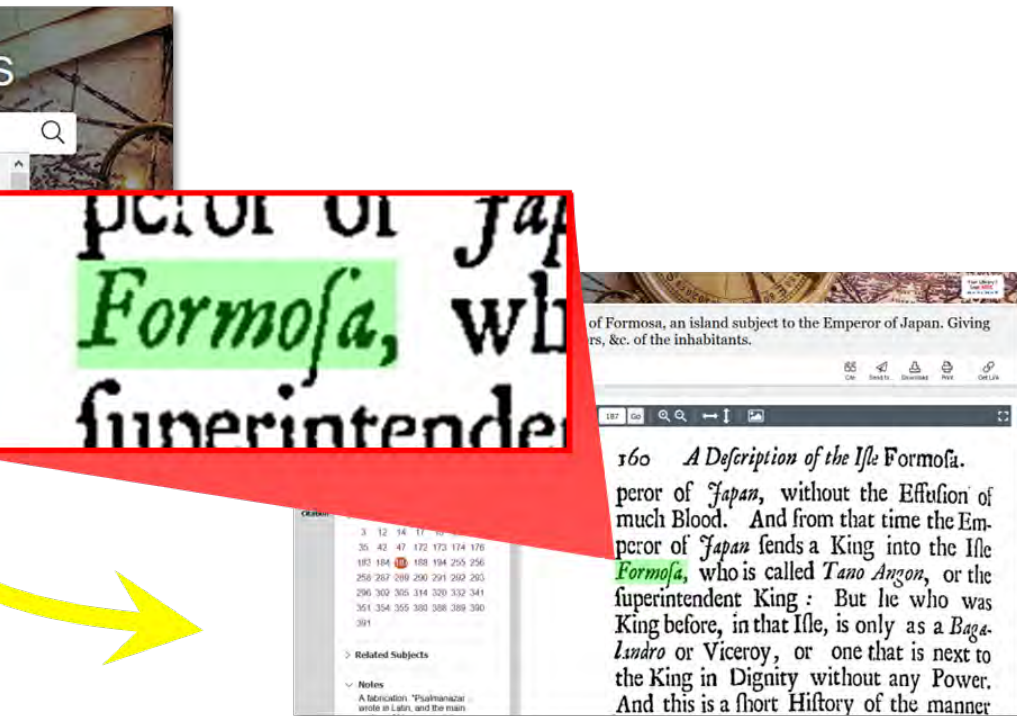
The screenshot shows the Gale Digital Scholar Lab website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the GALE logo, a search bar, and links for 'Build', 'Clean', 'Analyze', and 'My Research'. Below the navigation bar, the main heading reads 'GALE DIGITAL SCHOLAR LAB'. A search bar is prominently displayed with a search icon. Underneath the search bar, there are four main sections: 'Get Started', 'Build', 'Clean', and 'Analyze'. The 'Build' section includes the text: 'Find and add documents to your content sets. Search within Gale's archives or upload your own.' The 'Clean' section includes: 'Clean your data to improve the results of your computational analysis.' The 'Analyze' section includes: 'Analyze data from up to 10,000 documents at a time and download the visualizations.' To the right of these sections is a blue box labeled 'My Research' with the text: 'See your content sets, access your notebook, and build a project.' Below these sections is a 'Gale Research Showcase' section with the text: 'Gale Research Showcase is a collection of digital humanities projects created by students and early career researchers using Gale Digital Scholar Lab. Go to the Showcase'.

Enable full text searching of printed pages

The diagram illustrates the OCR process. On the left, a search interface for 'GALE PRIMARY SOURCES' shows a search bar with 'formosa' and a dropdown menu listing 'formosa', 'formosan', and 'formosa plastics'. A yellow arrow points from the search results to a central image of a scanned document page. A red box highlights the word 'Formosa' in the document, which is also highlighted in green. A red arrow points from this highlighted text to a larger view of the document page on the right. This larger view shows the text: '... of Formosa, an island subject to the Emperor of Japan. Giving rs, &c. of the inhabitants.' and '160 A Description of the Isle Formosa. peror of Japan, without the Effusion of much Blood. And from that time the Emperor of Japan sends a King into the Isle Formosa, who is called Tano Angon, or the superintendent King: But he who was King before, in that Isle, is only as a Bagalandro or Viceroy, or one that is next to the King in Dignity without any Power. And this is a short History of the manner'.

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DOCUMENT TEXT

OCR Confidence: **92%** [Learn how this text was created](#)

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We actually have two platforms for primary sources

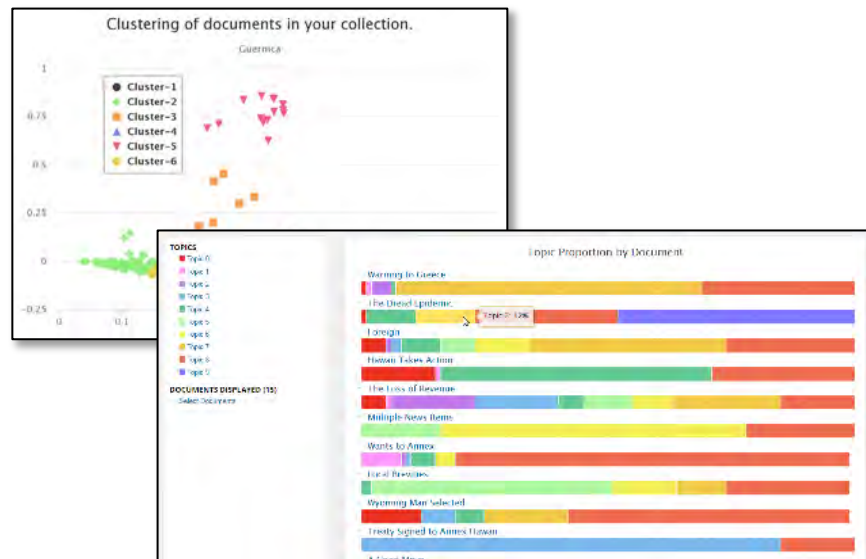
Start at the Source
Discover documents from over 500 years of world history

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Advanced Search

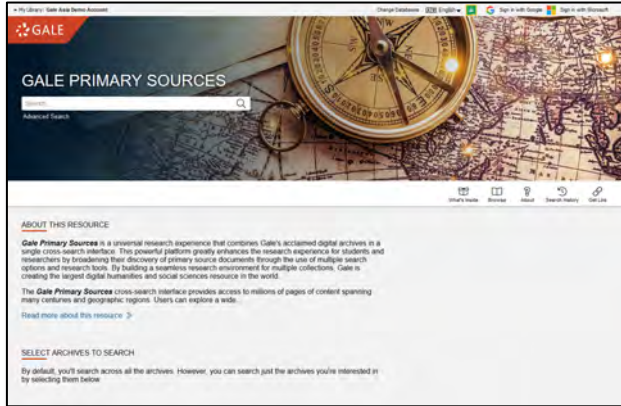
Air Raid on Zeebrugge
The *Maandagochtendblad* learns from the frontier that a fresh air attack was made on Zeebrugge yesterday. The aeroplanes were subjected to violent firing, but the airmen nevertheless dropped their bombs. The raid is mentioned in a German communiqué, which states that fifteen bombs fell into the water in proximity to naval vessels, but that none was hit. Only two sheds on the harbour wall, the Berlin communiqué says, were damaged by air fire sure.—*Heuter*.

Search text and **Retrieve** images

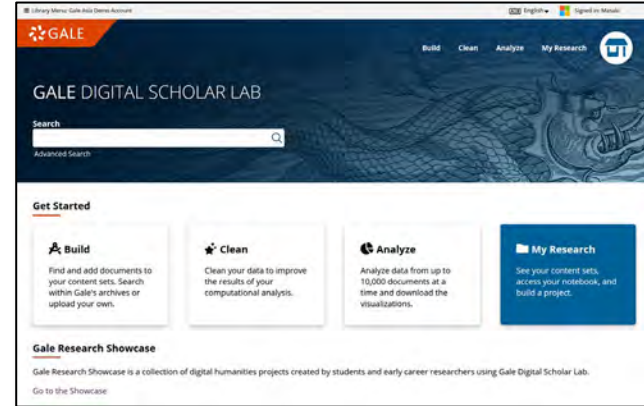


Gather data and **Analyze** content sets

With two platforms to interact with the content



Gale Primary Sources
(Close reading)

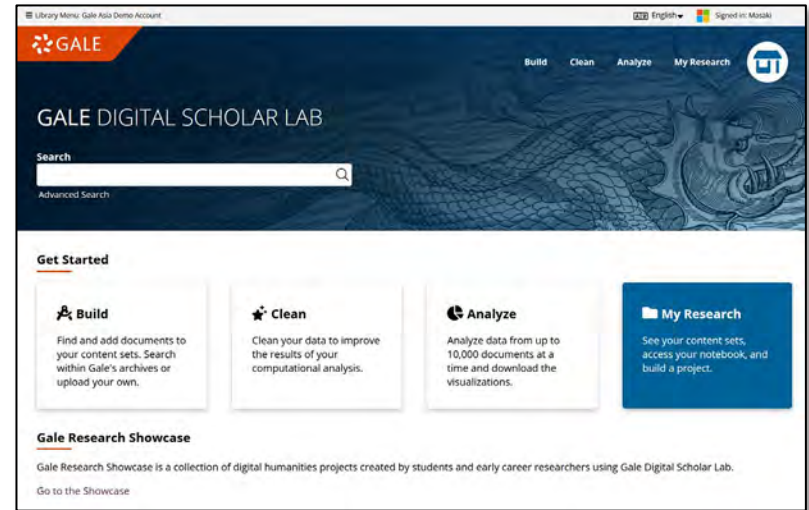


Gale Digital Scholar Lab
(Distant reading)

Gale Digital Scholar Lab

Gale's Cloud-based Text and Data Mining Research Environment

- **Access** OCR/HTR text from Gale Primary Sources
- **Build** custom content subsets
- **Clean** OCR text to reduce or control noise
- **Analyse** with simple but powerful tools
- **Export** statistical data, visualizations, OCR text in standard formats
- **Collaborate** in groups within your institution

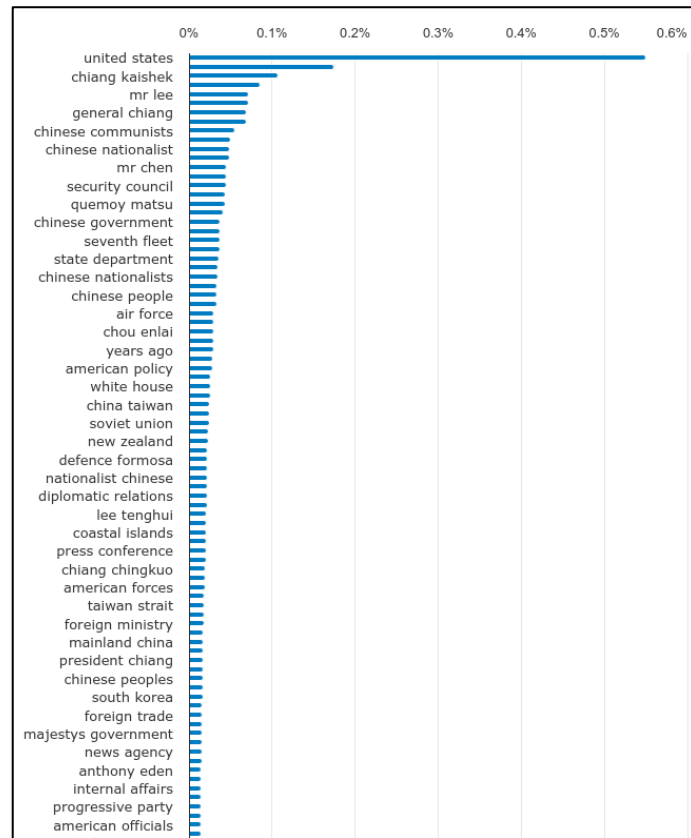
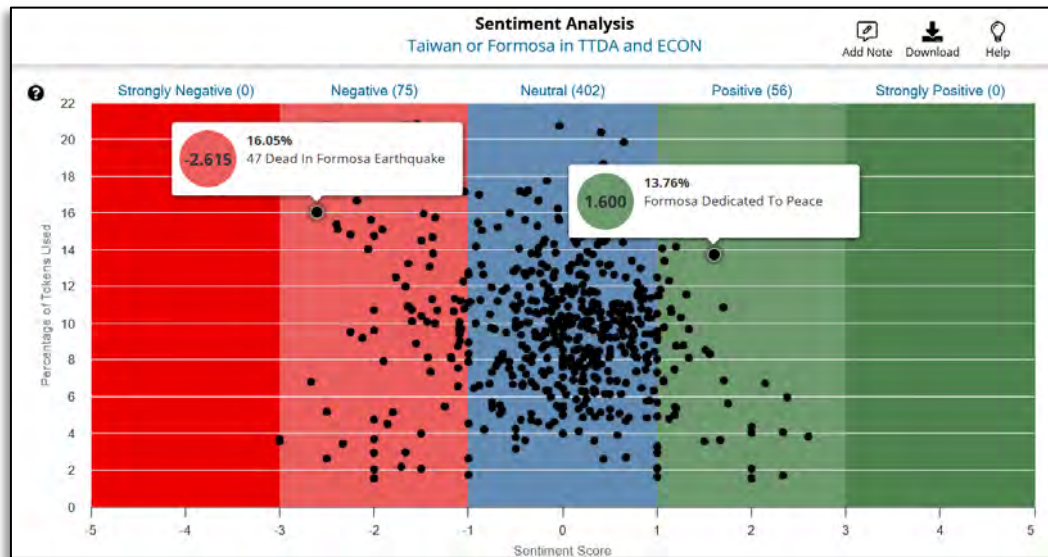


Example: Taiwan/Formosa in *The Times* and *The Economist*

Textual analyses of 538 news articles from the *The Times* and *The Economist* containing the words “Taiwan” or “Formosa” in their title

Common two-word phrases →

↓ Sentiment of article vocabulary



Thank you! 謝謝!