

LIBRARIANS, FIGHT MISINFORMATION WITH INFOBASE

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Like it or not, we live in an era where misinformation and disinformation are abundant, and a misinformed public cannot make responsible decisions. As such, information literacy, including news literacy and media literacy, has never been more crucial. The foundational critical-thinking skills that come with information literacy will benefit researchers of all ages, and the communities they live in, throughout their entire lives.

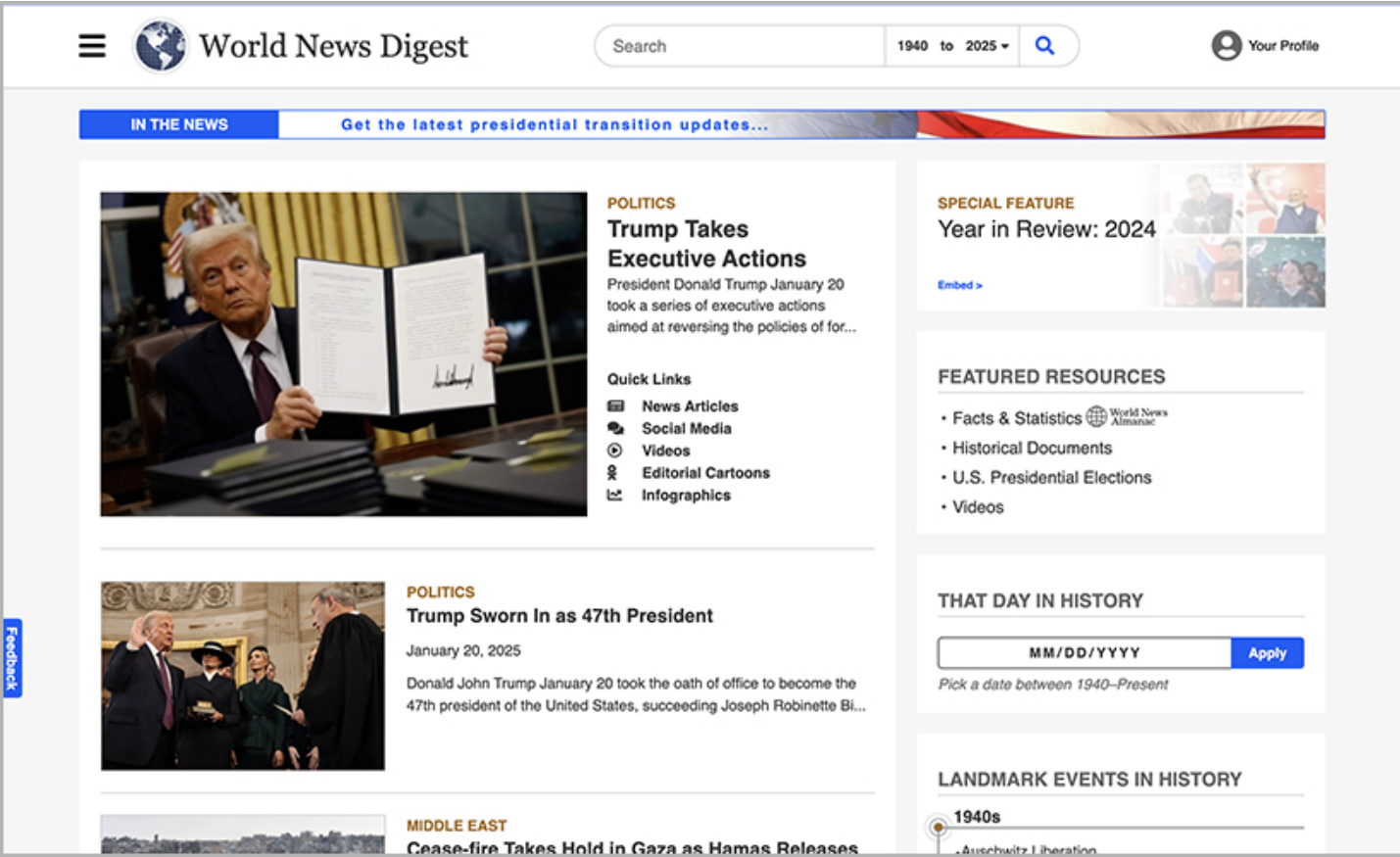
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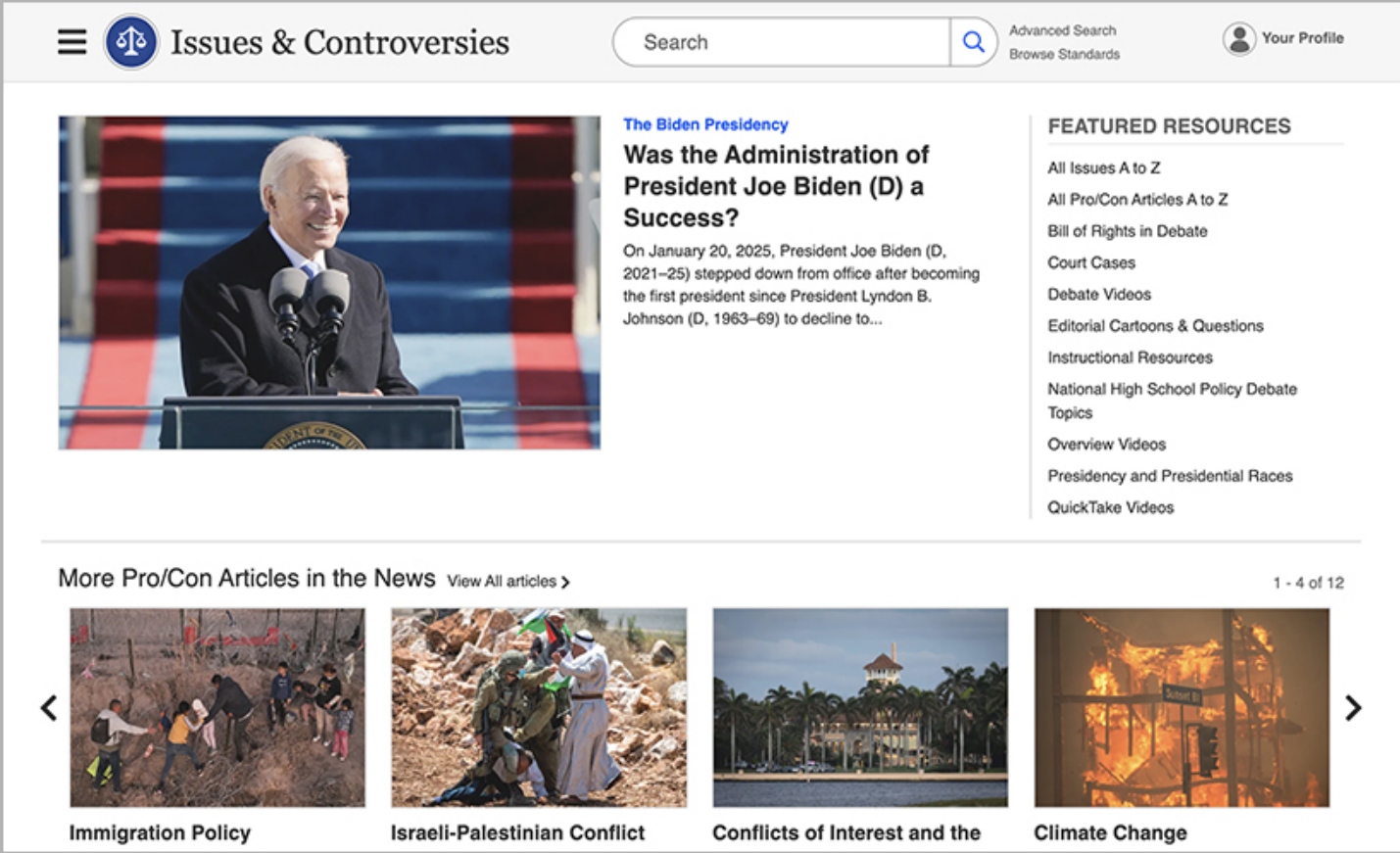
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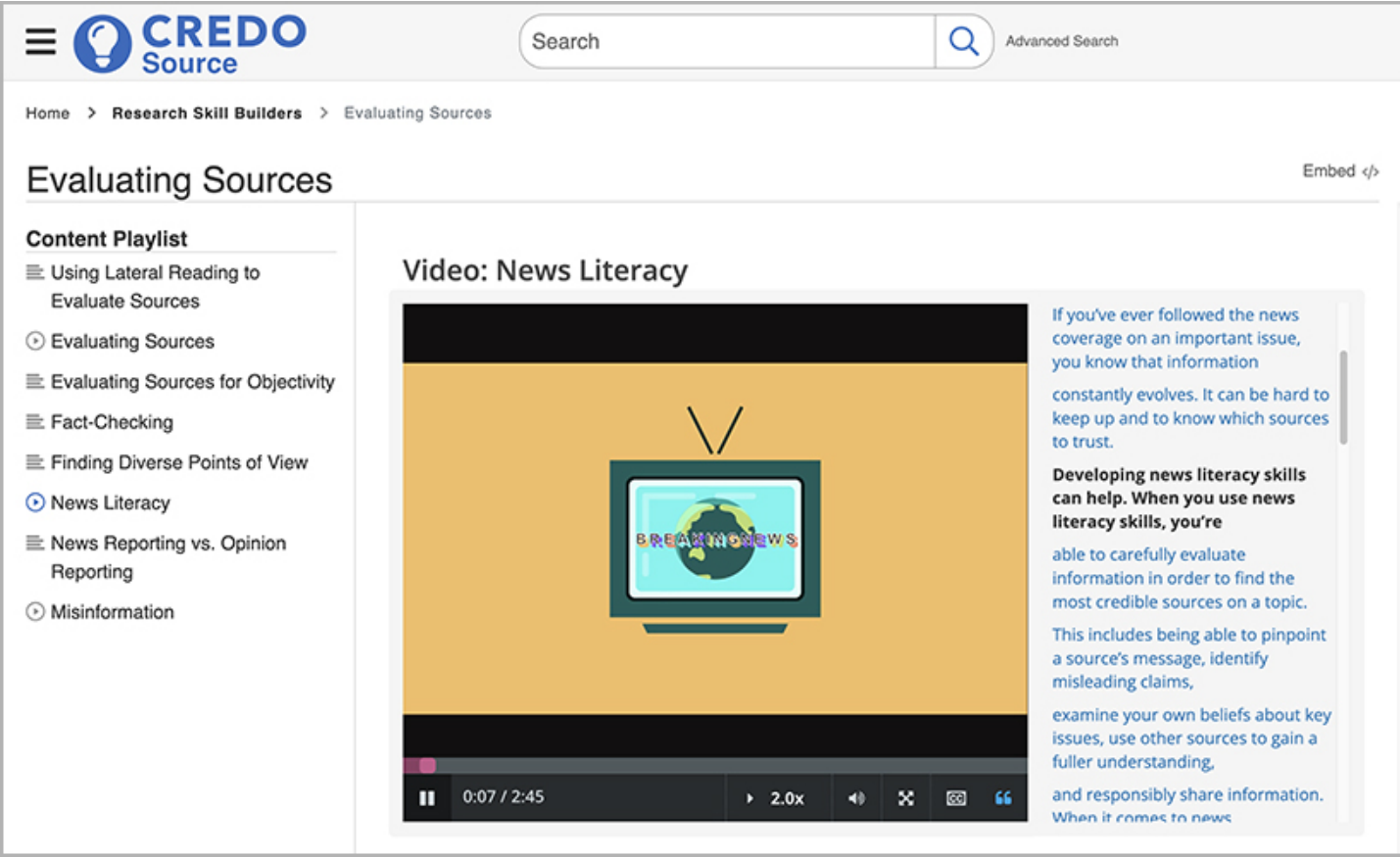
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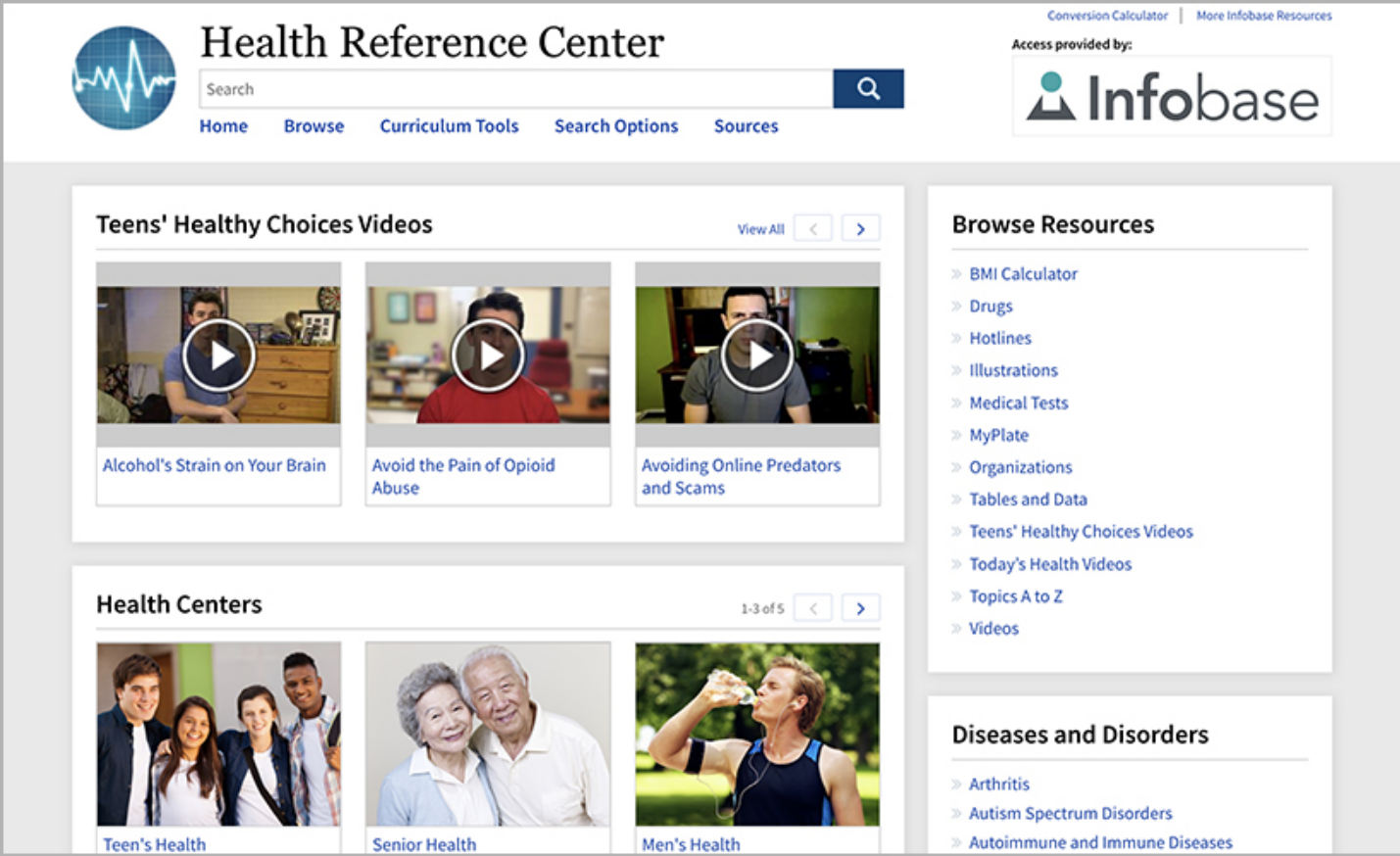
The high school and college students at your institution are most likely still learning how to research and may rely heavily on Google and Wikipedia when putting together assignments. Introduce them to Credo Source for high school libraries and the award-winning Credo Reference for public and higher education libraries, which both give budding researchers access to hundreds of searchable, full-text titles from many of the world's most respected publishers of reference on the most studied topics, along with thousands of images and audio files.

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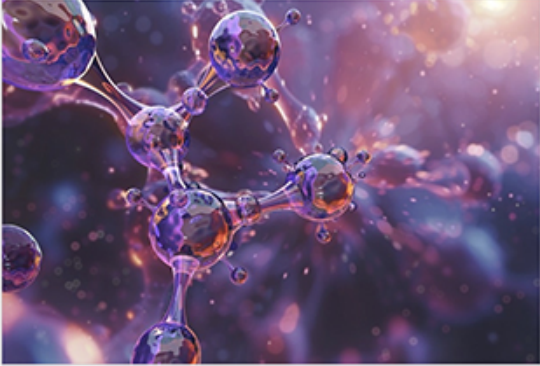
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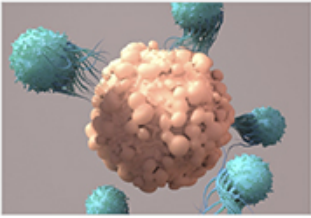


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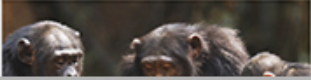
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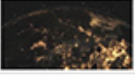
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