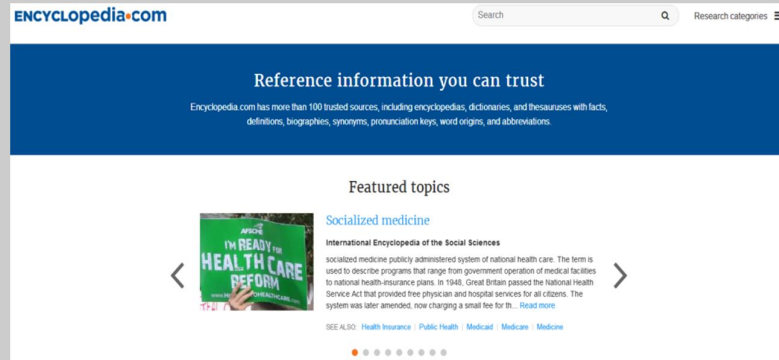


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Articles on the above mentioned categories are taken from journals like Medical journals named “Medical Discoveries”; Business magazines like economics magazines (“The American Economy”), trade magazines (“Leading American Businesses”); Government magazines like applied and social science magazines (“Child Abuse and Domestic Violence”), legal and political magazines (“National Survey of State Laws”); Academic magazines like scholarly magazines (“Something About the

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The Columbia Encyclopedia, 6th ed., 2016

The Oxford Pocket Dictionary of Current English, 2009

World Encyclopedia, 2005

The Concise Oxford Dictionary of English Etymology, 1996.

The information collected from the Columbia Encyclopedia incorporates properties of gems, gem and diamond cutting, other gemstones, types of gemstones, precious and semiprecious gemstones (e.g. diamonds, emerald, pearl etc.), counterfeit gemstones. Various gemstones are hyperlinked which leads to further information on that particular gemstone.

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International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences, 2008

New Dictionary of the History of Ideas, 2005

Encyclopedia of Science and Religion, 2003

Dictionary of American History, 2003.

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