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Your guide to getting started with  
Britannica® LaunchPacks™ : Social Studies



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# Welcome

[packs.eb.com/social-studies](https://packs.eb.com/social-studies)



## Family

*This Pack contains:*

- 1 Article
- 6 Images

GRADES PRE-K-2



## Martin Luther King, Jr.

*This Pack contains:*

- 3 Articles
- 2 Images
- 1 Video
- 1 Primary Source

GRADES 3-5



## Ancient Greece: Origins and Geography

*This Pack contains:*

- 5 Articles
- 5 Images
- 1 Video
- 1 Website
- 1 Pear Deck Activity

GRADES 6-8



## Historical Perspectives of the 1800s: Slaves

*This Pack contains:*

- 5 Articles
- 7 Images
- 1 Video
- 2 Primary Sources

GRADES 9-12

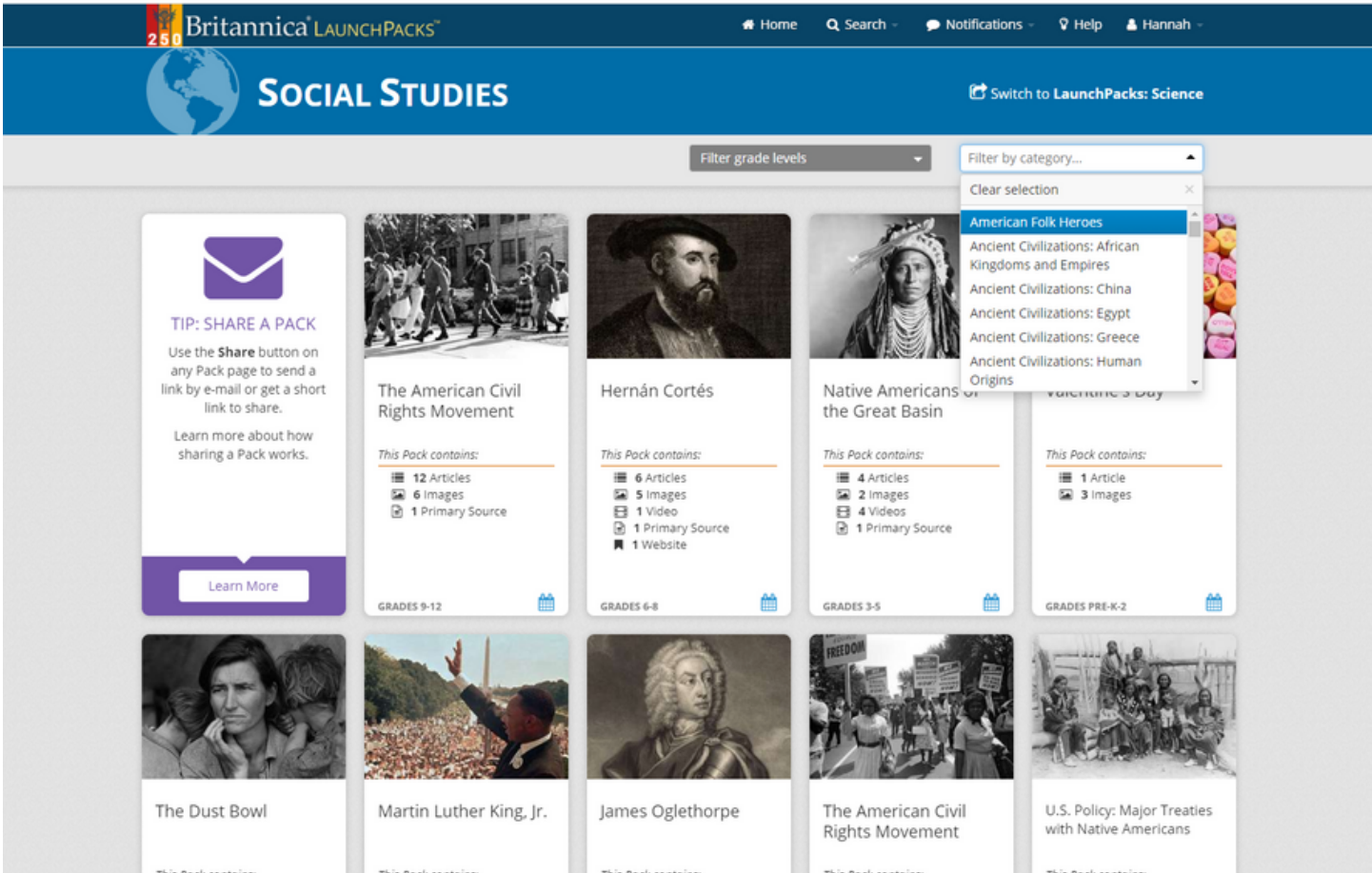
## Welcome to Britannica LaunchPacks: Social Studies!

You now have access to thousands of individually curated, ready-to-use content sets covering topics from your curriculum. Whether it's World History, Geography, Economics or US History - it's time to start exploring with your class!

**LaunchPacks save planning time and build active engagement with tools such as activities, annotation and customization!**



# Home Page

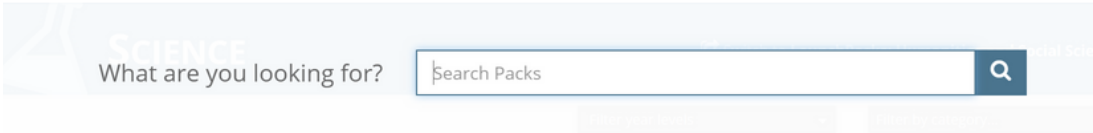


## LaunchPacks

Each LaunchPack contains a variety of content types including Articles, Images, Videos, Primary Sources and Websites.

## Search and Filter

You can filter Packs in 4 levels: Pre-K-2, Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8 and Grades 9-12 or by Category. Search for a particular Pack using keywords or phrases.



# Inside a Pack

## Customize Content

Customize to edit a pack's contents. More information on Page 10.

## Activities

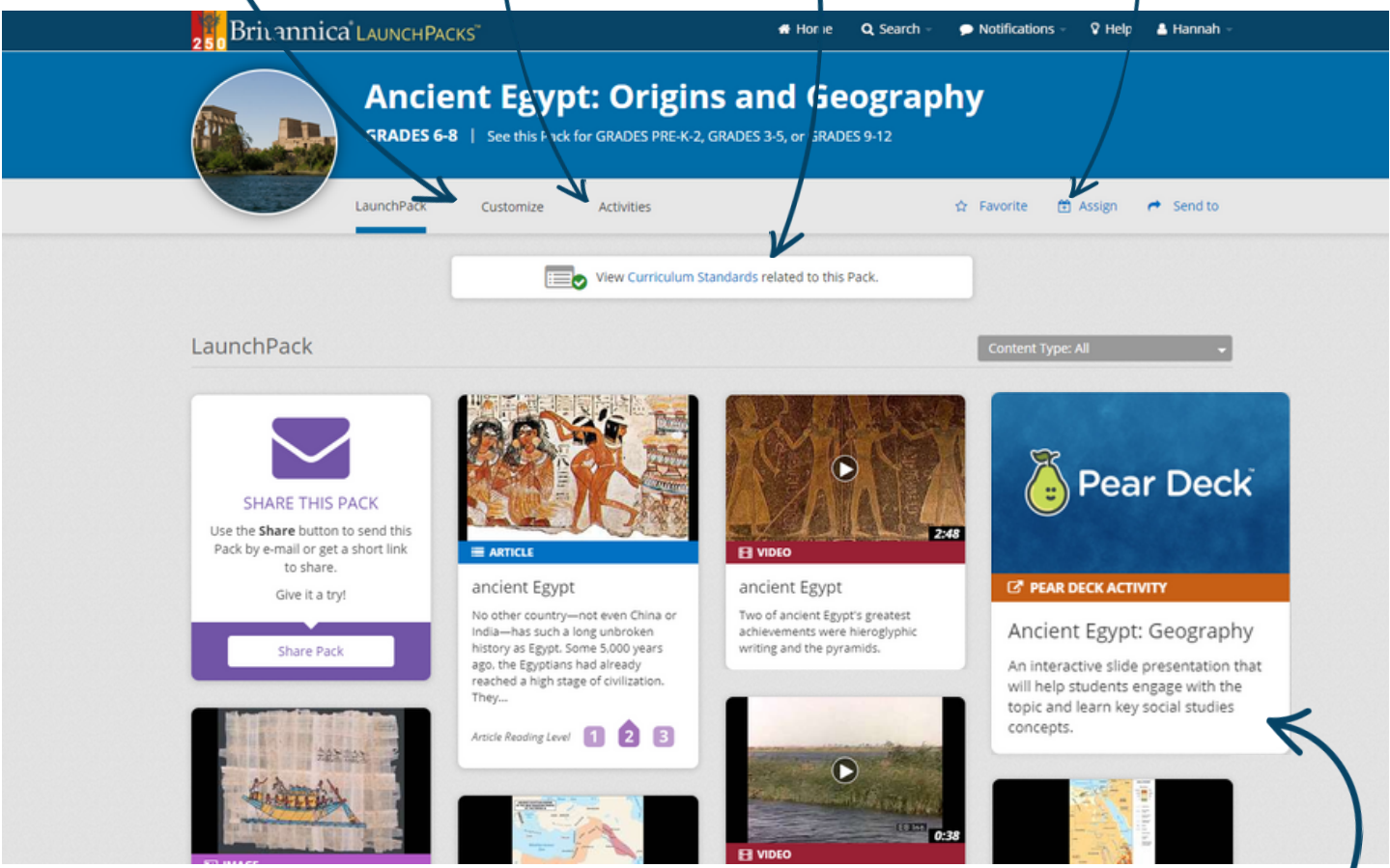
Build critical thinking and inquiry skills by adding Activities to a Pack.

## Curriculum Standards

View Curriculum Standards related to this Pack.

## Assign

Assign a Pack to task your students with reading or pre-work activities.



## Multimedia Content

Find level-appropriate articles, images, videos, primary sources or websites related to the topic.

## Save or Share

Share via E-mail or Google Classroom. Click the Favorite Star to save a Pack.

## Schedule


Schedule a Pack to your personal calendar and receive reminders closer to the due date.



## Pear Deck

Engage students with Pack contents and build critical thinking skills using Pear Deck's interactive questions.

# Curriculum Standards



## Ancient Egypt: Origins and Geography

GRADES 6-8 | See this Pack for GRADES PRE-K-2, GRADES 3-5, or GRADES 9-12

[← Back to Ancient Egypt: Origins and Geography](#)

CURRICULUM STANDARDS RELATED TO:

Tennessee Academic Standards

Showing 2 standard(s) for Grade(s) 6th - 8th

**Academic Standards**

**Social Studies (2017)**

- Sixth Grade - World History and Geography: Early Civilizations Through the Fall of the Western Roman Empire**
  - 3** — Ancient Egypt: c. 3000-700 BCE: Students will analyze the geographic, political, economic, and cultural structures of ancient Egypt.
    - 3.6.13** — Identify and locate geographical features of ancient Egypt, including:
      - 3.6.13.a** — Mediterranean Sea
      - 3.6.13.b** — Nile Delta
      - 3.6.13.c** — Nile River
      - 3.6.13.d** — Red Sea
      - 3.6.13.e** — The regions of Upper and Lower Egypt
- Seventh Grade - World History and Geography: The Middle Ages to the Exploration of the Americas**
  - 3** — Southwest Asia and North Africa: 400-1500s CE: Students will analyze the geographic, political, economic, and cultural structures of Southwest Asia and North

View Related Curriculum Standards for:

Subject

☒ Social Studies

☐ English Language Arts

Standards Framework

Tennessee Academic Standards

Grade or Grade Range

6th - 8th

View Results

You can also view Packs related to specific curriculum standards:

Subject

☒ Social Studies

☐ English Language Arts

Standards Framework

Tennessee Academic Standards

## View Curriculum Standards Related to a Specific Pack

View related Curriculum Standards for each specific Pack, filter via Subject, Standards Framework or Grade Range.

## View Packs Related to Specific Curriculum Standards

You can also view Packs related to specific curriculum standards. Filter via Subject, Standards Framework or Grade.

# Articles

## Table of Contents

Expand or collapse the table of contents using the + or - symbols.

## Article Reading Level

Articles have multiple Reading Levels. Individuals can use the level labels to switch to content most suited to their ability.

## Page Tools

Use Page Tool controls to reduce or enlarge text size, print the full article, generate a citation, translate the article or create an article excerpt.

The screenshot displays the Britannica LAUNCHPACKS interface. At the top, a dark blue header contains the Britannica logo, 'LAUNCHPACKS', and navigation links: Home, Search, Notifications, Help, and a user profile 'Will a Wei'. Below the header, a breadcrumb trail reads 'Back to Ancient Egypt: Government and Society Pack'. The main content area features a tabbed interface with 'Article', 'Annotations (0)', and 'Activities'. The 'Article' tab is active, showing the title 'ancient Egypt' and a table of contents with expandable sections: Introduction, Introduction to ancient Egyptian civilization, The Predynastic and Early Dynastic periods, The Old Kingdom (c. 2575–c. 2130 bce) and the First Intermediate period (c. 2130–1938 bce), The Middle Kingdom (1938–c. 1630 bce) and the Second Intermediate period (c. 1630–1540 bce), The New Kingdom (c. 1539–1075 bce), and Egypt from 1075 bce to the Macedonian invasion. To the right of the article content is a 'Page Tools' panel with icons for text size adjustment, printing, citation generation, translation, and excerpt creation. A large blue arrow points from the 'Table of Contents' text to the table of contents in the screenshot. Another blue arrow points from the 'Article Reading Level' text to the 'Reading Level' controls (1, 2, 3) in the screenshot. A third blue arrow points from the 'Page Tools' text to the 'Page Tools' panel in the screenshot.

## Dictionary

Double-click any word to see a Quick-Click dictionary definition!  
Powered by Merriam-Webster.



## Read Aloud

Click play to hear the article read aloud.



# Annotating an Article

## Annotation Mode

Click to switch to Annotation mode within an article.

## Highlight and Annotate

Highlight any text and click the Pencil icon that appears. Type your annotation and click Save.

## Categorize Annotations

Organize and color-code your annotations by selecting a Category. E.g. Question or Vocabulary.

The screenshot shows the Britannica LaunchPacks interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Home', 'Search', 'Notifications', 'Help', and a user profile 'Willa Wei'. Below this is a breadcrumb trail: 'Back to Ancient Egypt: Government and Society Pack'. The main article area is titled 'ancient Egypt' and has tabs for 'Article', 'Annotations (5)', and 'Activities'. The 'Annotations (5)' tab is active, showing a list of annotations on the left and a detailed view on the right. The article text is highlighted in several places: 'ancient Egypt, civilization in northeastern Africa that dates from the 4th millennium BCE', 'Its many achievements, preserved in its art and monuments, hold a fascination that continues to grow as archaeological finds expose its secrets. This article focuses on Egypt from its prehistory through its unification under Menes (Narmer) in the 3rd millennium BCE—sometimes used as a reference point for Egypt's origin—and up to the Islamic conquest in the 7th century CE.' The right sidebar shows 'Annotation Tools' with a dropdown for 'All Categories (5)' and icons for email, download, and delete. Below this is a notification: 'The text of this article has changed. This may have affected the placement of your highlights on the page. Dismiss'. The '5 annotations' section shows three annotations: 'When and where is ancient Egypt' (Question), 'Summary', and 'Define this word' (Vocabulary).

## Sharing Annotations

Click the envelope icon under Annotations Tools to share your annotations via Email.

## Download Annotations

You can also download your annotations as a formatted Word or PDF document.

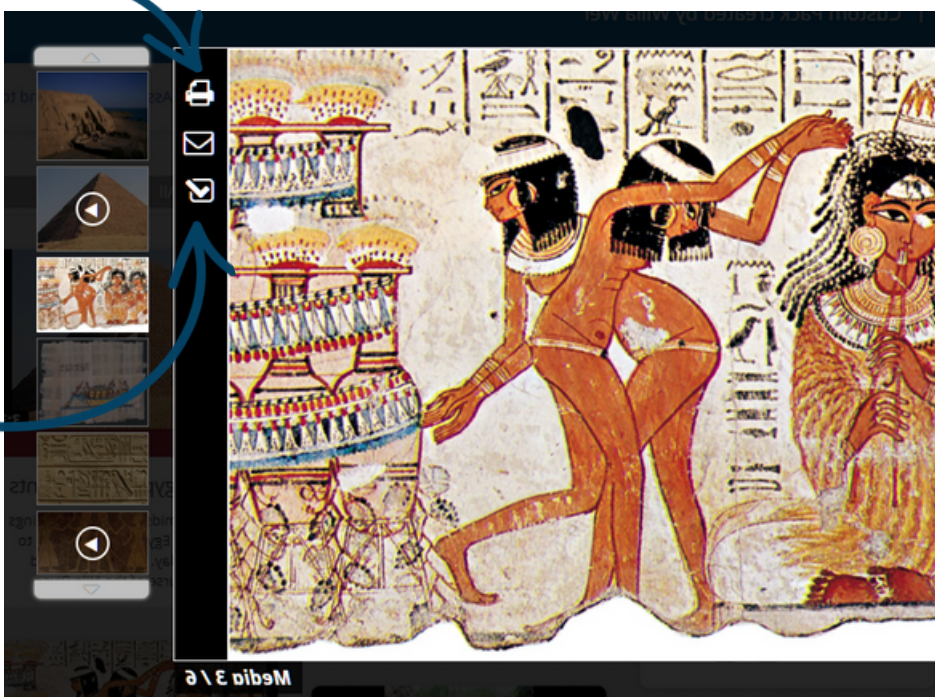
# Media Tools: Images & Videos

## Media Sharing

Share the media using Email.  
Download a video or Print an image.

## Generate Citation

Click to generate a Citation for the media.

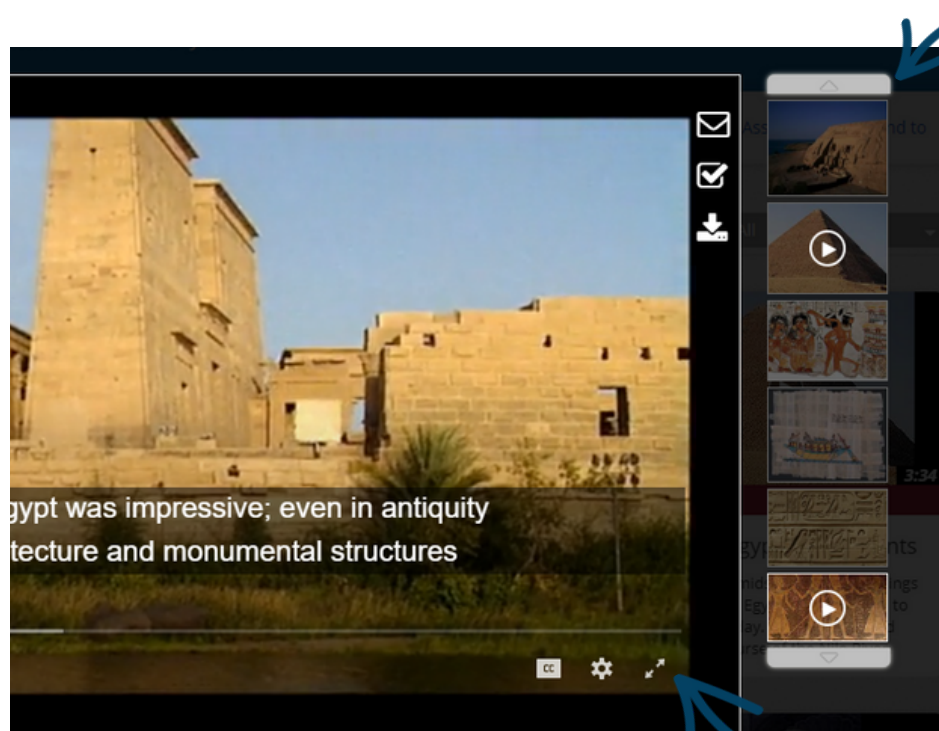


## Media Slider

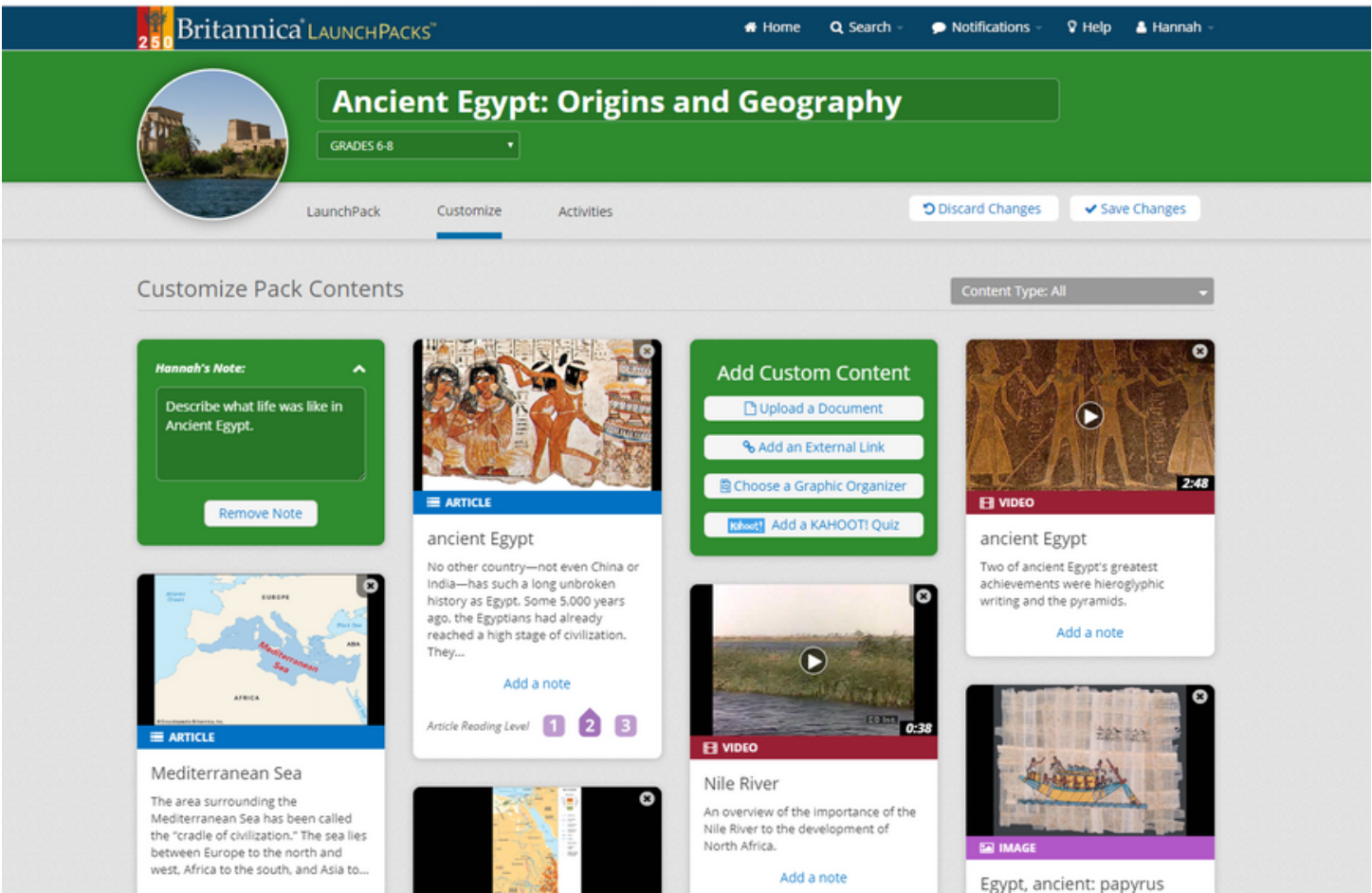
Scroll through the slider to view other media files from the same Pack.

## Media Player Tools

Use the video controls to play a video with Closed Captions (CC) or watch videos in full screen.



# Customizing a Pack



## Editing the Title

Update the title of the Pack and add notes or instructions.

## Custom Content

Add your own Custom Document or Web Link to the Pack.

## Graphic Organizers

Add pre-created Graphic Organizers to scaffold student work.

## KAHOOT! Quiz

Insert your own KAHOOT! Quiz to assess student knowledge.

**Kahoot!**

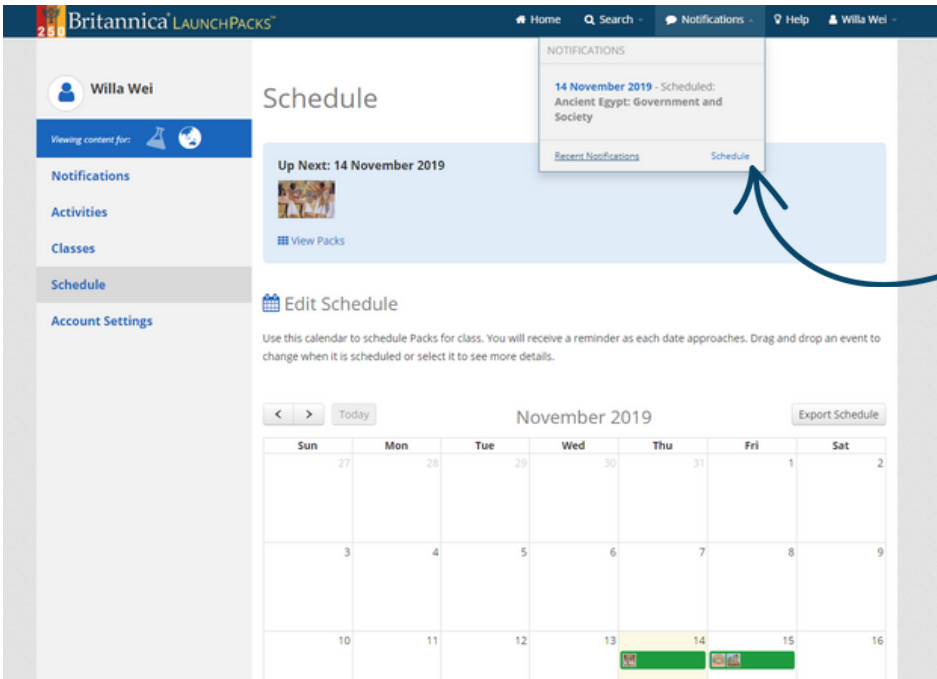
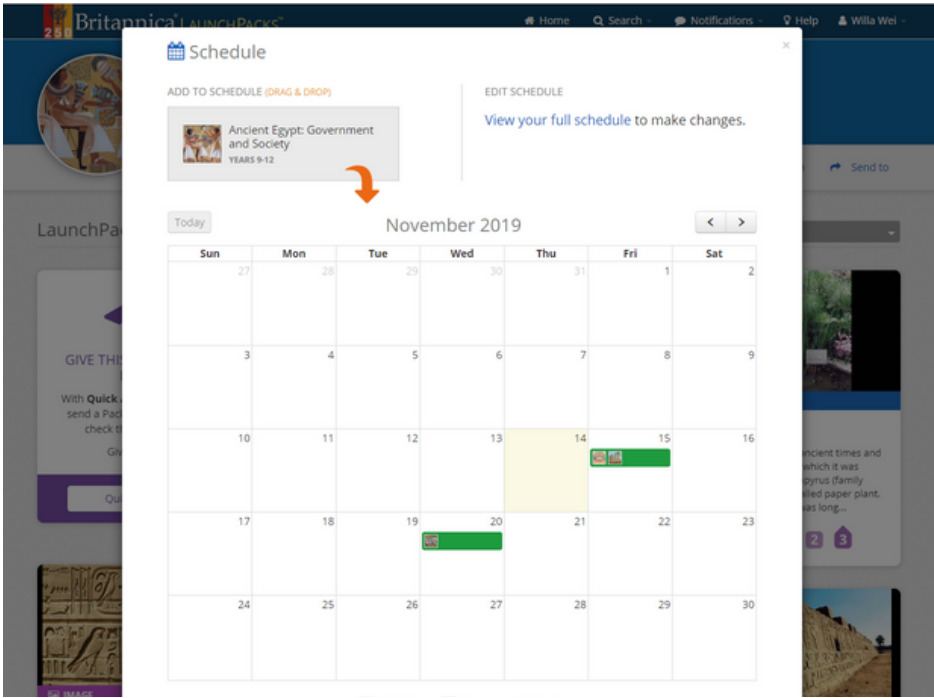
# Schedule a Pack

## Schedule a Pack

Schedule a Pack to your Personal Calendar using the Send to drop-down.

## Collection of Packs

Drag and drop a Pack to any date to receive notifications as the date approaches. Create a Collection when you add 2 or more Packs to a date.



## Schedule Dashboard

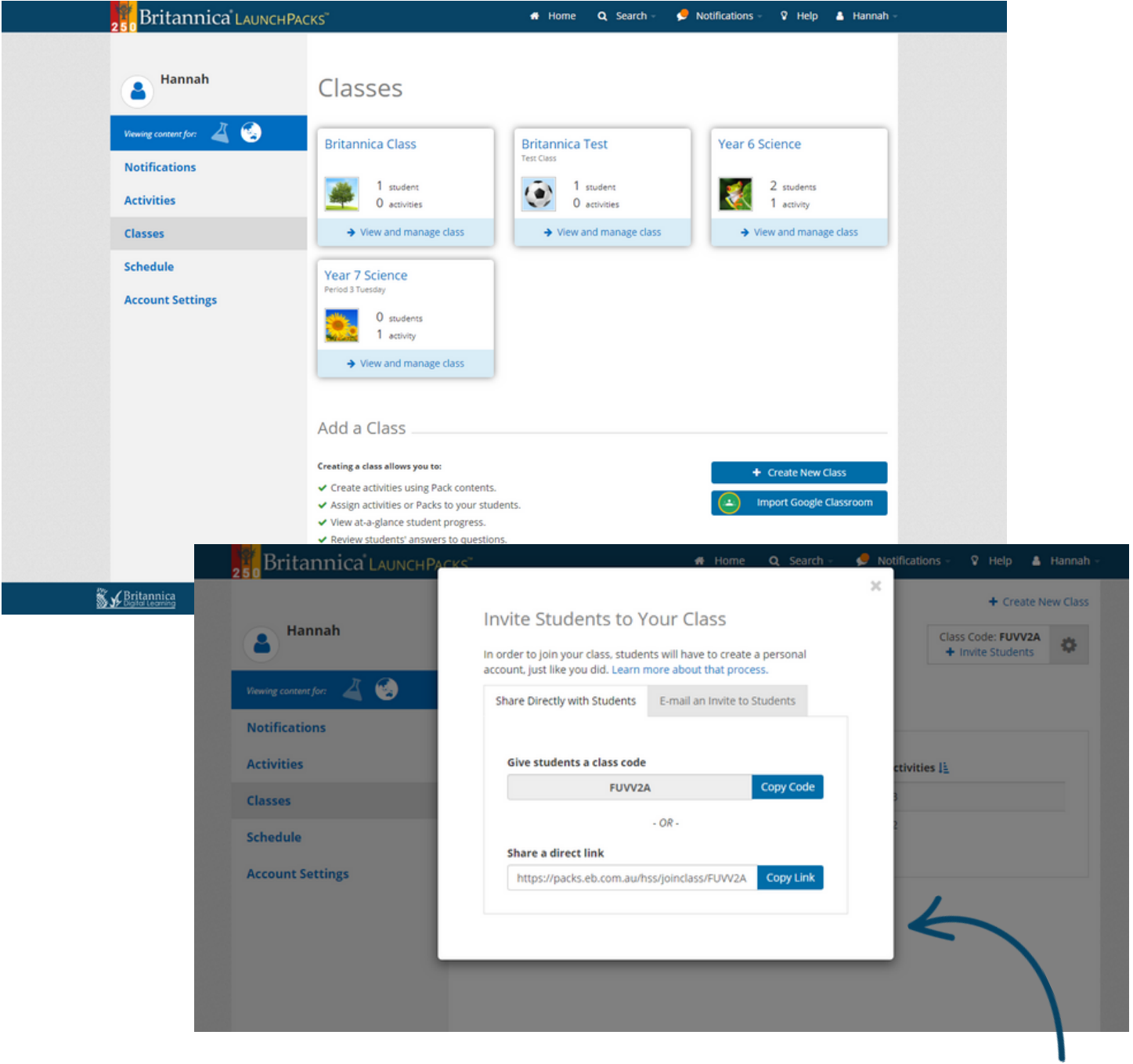
Visit your Schedule Dashboard via your Account or a Notification.

## Export your Schedule

Export your Packs calendar in ICS format to add to your preferred personal calendar.



# Classes



## Create a Class

Create a class for each group of students you teach or group learners with similar learning needs and styles.

## Import from Google

Import existing classes from your Google Classroom account.

## Invite Students

Invite students to join the class using a Class Code, Email or Direct Class Link.

# Activities: Learning Strategies

## Learning Strategies

Learning Strategies are skill-building exercises that develop subject area literacy.

## Types of Strategies

Click "Activities" to select from 4 Learning Strategies: Main Idea, Summary, Main Idea & Summary & Summary and Journal.

The screenshot shows the 'Ancient Egypt: Origins and Geography' pack page. The 'Activities' tab is selected, displaying four strategy cards: 'Main Idea' (magnifying glass icon), 'Summary' (notepad icon), 'Main Idea and Summary' (magnifying glass and notepad icon), and 'Journal' (notepad icon). Each card includes a brief description and a list of skills to be used.

The screenshot shows an article titled 'pharaoh' with a detailed paragraph about the word's origin and usage. An 'Activity Setup' modal is open over the article, showing instructions for the 'Main Idea' strategy: 'First, read the text. Then, identify the main idea—the most important point the writer conveys. Finally, identify the details that support the main idea throughout the text.' The modal has 'Create Activity' and 'Cancel Activity' buttons. An arrow points from the 'Edit the Instructions' callout to the instructions text in the modal.

## Choose a Resource

Select a focus resource for the Learning Strategy: you can use an excerpt or the full text.

## Edit the Instructions

Edit or save the default instructions. You can assign multiple Learning Strategies to a single resource.

# Activities: Question Sets

## Question Sets

Question Sets challenge students to explore the contents of a Pack and find answers.

## Starter Sets

Created by Britannica experts, these open-ended questions can apply to many topics. Use a whole set or pick the ones you like.

The Starter Sets interface displays a grid of question categories under the heading "Starter Sets". The categories include:

- Making Predictions**: Skills: Extend, Identify, List, Predict, Propose, Discover, Examine, Explain, Support, Assess, Evaluate
- Main Idea**: Skills: Identify, Support, Tell, Recall, Explain, Select, Summarize, Assess, Choose, List, Discover, Reflect, Relate, Rephrase, Judge, Defend, Examine
- KWLQ**: Skills: Report, Identify, Show, List, Recognize, Record, Express, Assess, Plan, Find, Explain, Analyze, Examine, Reflect, Rate, Draw Conclusions
- Identify and Define**: Skills: Express, Rephrase, Identify, Imagine, Interpret, Define, Recall, Examine, Explain, Extend, Apply, Visualize, Dissect
- Compare and Contrast**: Skills: Extend, Choose, Recall, Recognize, Contrast, Compare, Examine, Explain, List, Describe, Record, Reflect, Select, Appraise, Assess, Support, Cite Evidence, Propose, Discover, Evaluate
- Understanding Perspectives**: Skills: Distinguish, Identify, Interpret, Assess, Choose, Record, Reflect, Explain, Relate, Extend, Summarize, Support, Use Evidence, Defend, Examine

Below the grid is a section titled "Questions by Category" with categories like Critical Thinking, Vocabulary, Inquiry, Reflection, Comprehension, and Making Connections. To the right, a sidebar contains "Student Instructions", "Prior Knowledge Question", and "Questions" (with a button to "Add a Custom Question"). At the bottom of the sidebar are buttons for "Save and Review", "Cancel Activity", and "Preview Student Activity Pack".

## Questions by Category

Add individual Questions by Category to build your own activity.

## Activity Builder

Edit question content. Browse and change pre-set questions per Year Level. Add Custom Questions.

The Activity Builder interface for "Ancient Egypt: Origins and Geography" (GRADES 6-8) shows a list of questions under the heading "Starter Set: Making Predictions". The questions are numbered 1 through 7. To the right, a sidebar contains "Student Instructions", "Prior Knowledge Question", and "Questions" (with a button to "Add a Custom Question"). At the bottom of the sidebar are buttons for "Save and Review", "Cancel Activity", and "Preview Student Activity Pack".

# Activities: Save, Preview & Assign

The screenshot shows the Britannica LaunchPacks interface for a custom pack titled "Ancient Egypt: Government and Society Band 3" created by Willa Wei. The pack is for years 9-12 and is a "Student Activity Pack". The main content area displays a grid of six resource cards: "Rosetta Stone" (Article), "Karnak: avenue of sphinxes" (Image), "ancient Egypt: monuments" (Video), "loincloth" (Image), "Thutmose III" (Image), and "Egypt, ancient: ancient Egyptian empire during the rule of Thutmose III" (Image). Each card includes a brief description and a "Britannica Note". On the right side, there is a sidebar with activity management options: "Activity" (with status "Draft" and length "3 Questions"), "Activity Instructions" (Add), "Prior Knowledge Question" (Add), "Questions" (with three numbered questions), "Delete Activity", and "Save As New Activity".

## Save

Save and Preview your Activity. Save as a New Activity to easily duplicate the Activity you have just created.

## Preview

View what the student would see using Student Preview.

## Assign or Schedule

Assign your finished Pack to a Class immediately or Schedule for a later date.



# Activities: Review Student Progress

The screenshot shows the 'Activities' page for user Hannah. The left sidebar contains navigation links: Notifications, Activities (selected), Classes, Schedule, and Account Settings. The main content area is titled 'Activities' and includes filters for 'All Classes' and 'All Activity Statuses'. Below the filters, two activity packs are displayed. The first pack, 'Asia', is due on 30 Oct 2019 with 7 days left. The second pack, 'Ancient Egypt: Government and Society', is due on 27 Nov 2019 with 35 days left. Both packs show a 'STUDENT PROGRESS' bar and a 'Review Progress' button. A blue arrow points from the 'Review Progress' button of the 'Ancient Egypt' pack to the 'Review Responses' section below.

## Activities Dashboard

Access all your drafted, scheduled and open Activities from the Activities Page.

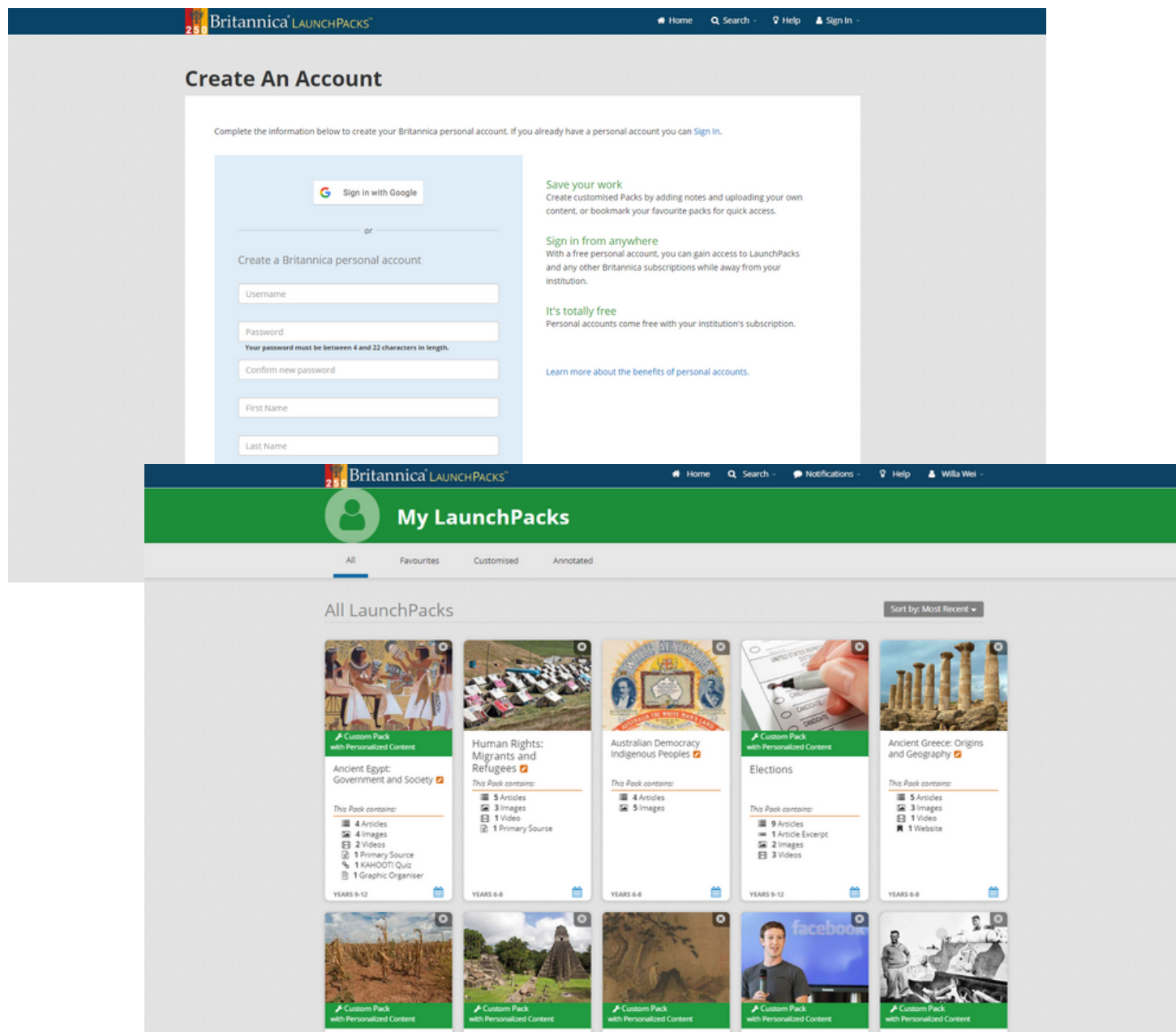
## Progress Bar

The Progress Bar on an Open Activity Pack shows a real-time summary of class completion progress.

## Review Responses

Click Review Progress to monitor student responses by student or by question.

# My LaunchPacks



## Create your Account

Create a My LaunchPacks Account using Britannica credentials. You can also Sign In with your Google account.

## My LaunchPacks

Inside My LaunchPacks you can view, edit and schedule all your Favorite, Customized and Annotated Packs.

## Access

Access My LaunchPacks anytime from your Account drop-down menu.

# English as a Second Language

## Dictionary

Double-click any word within an article or primary source to see a Quick-Click dictionary definition.

## Adjustable Reading Levels

Articles have up to 3 different reading levels. Individuals can read within their comfort zone by selecting the level most suited to them.

## Read Aloud

Click the play icon to listen to an audio version of an article.

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## Support for all English Abilities.

Britannica LaunchPacks has a range of inbuilt tools to support students learning English as a second language.



## Content Translator

Translate an entire article into over 100 languages. Click the globe icon in Page Tools.

# Notes

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal blue ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.



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