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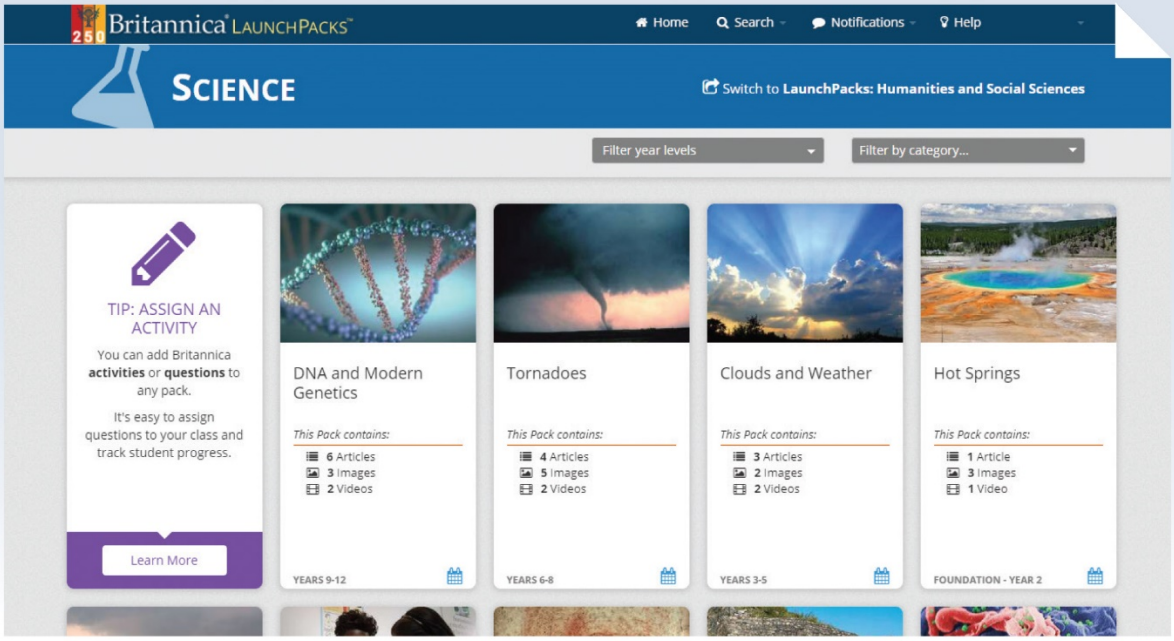

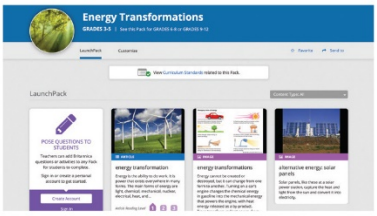

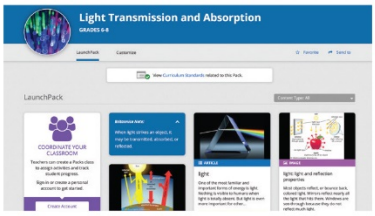

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Welcome to
Britannica LaunchPacks

Britannica LaunchPacks: Social Studies or Science combine ready-to-use content sets curated to match the Curriculum. Access thousands of current, trusted and up-to-date multimedia packs covering topics spanning World History to Space Science.

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

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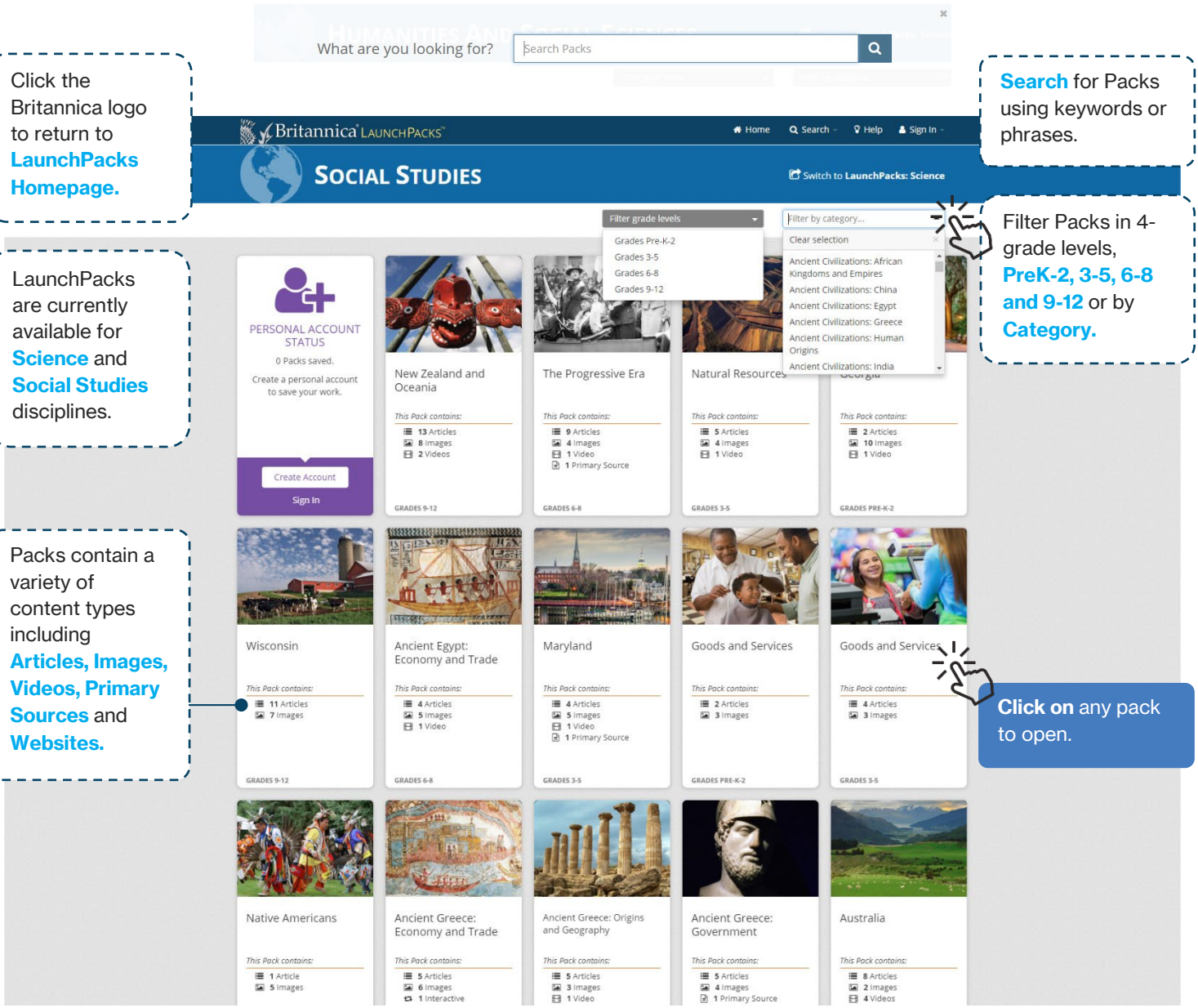


Click the Britannica logo to return to **LaunchPacks Homepage.**

Search for Packs using keywords or phrases.

Filter Packs in 4-grade levels, **PreK-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12** or by **Category.**

LaunchPacks are currently available for **Science** and **Social Studies** disciplines.

Packs contain a variety of content types including **Articles, Images, Videos, Primary Sources** and **Websites.**

Click on any pack to open.

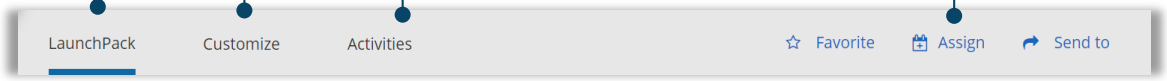
Inside A Pack

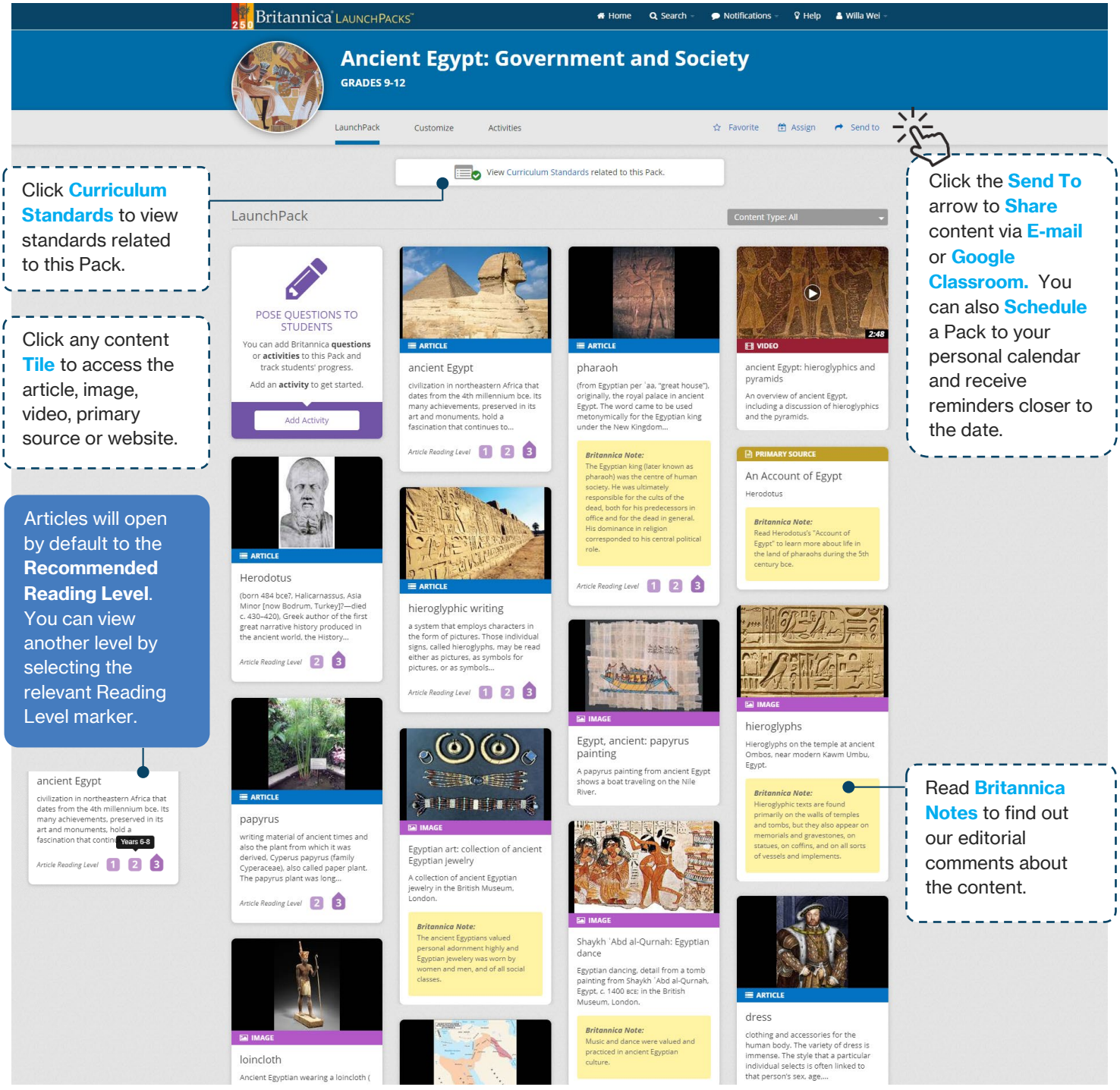
Click **LaunchPack** to access content or media.

Click on **Customize** to edit a pack's contents.

Click **Activities** to have students interact with resources in a custom Activity

Click **Assign** to task your students with reading or pre-work.





Click **Curriculum Standards** to view standards related to this Pack.

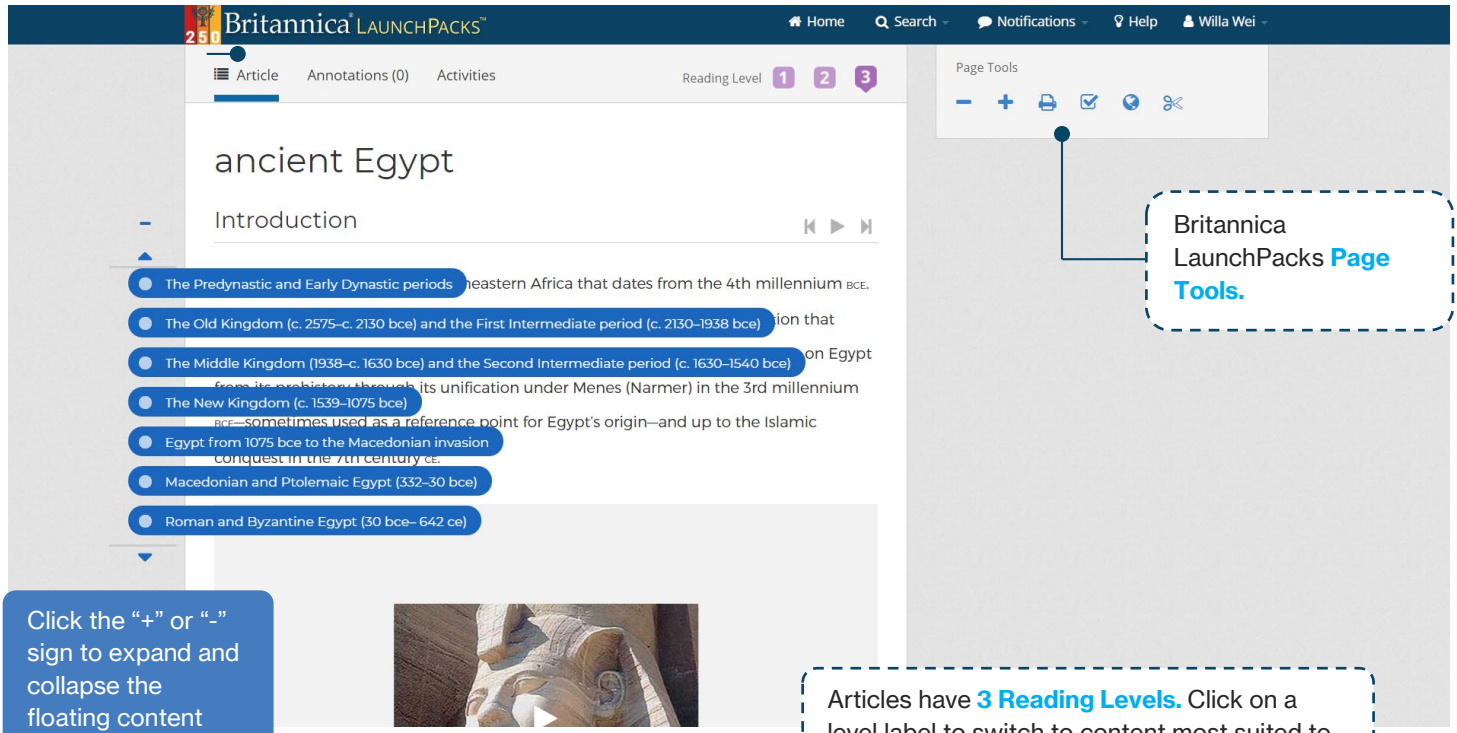
Click any content **Tile** to access the article, image, video, primary source or website.

Articles will open by default to the **Recommended Reading Level**. You can view another level by selecting the relevant Reading Level marker.

Click the **Send To** arrow to **Share** content via **E-mail** or **Google Classroom.** You can also **Schedule** a Pack to your personal calendar and receive reminders closer to the date.

Read **Britannica Notes** to find out our editorial comments about the content.

Articles



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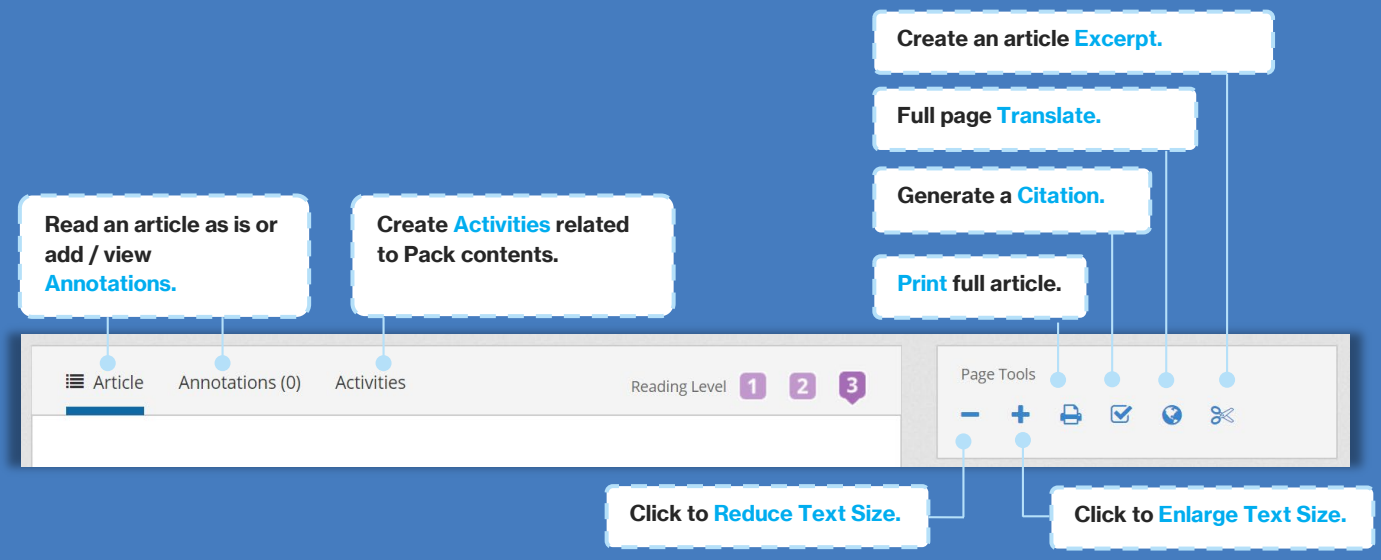

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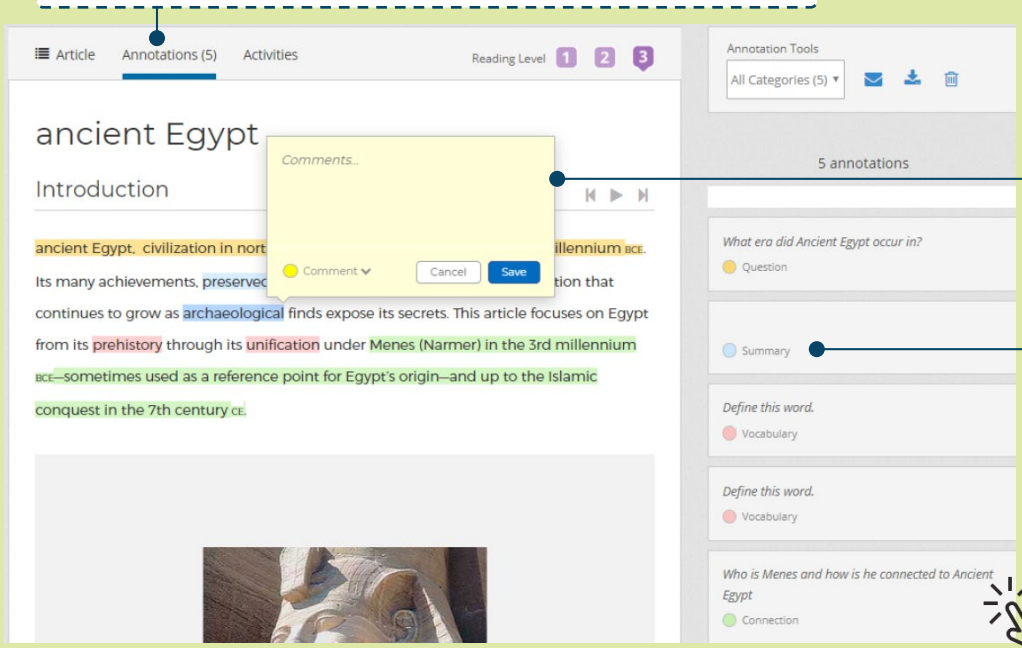
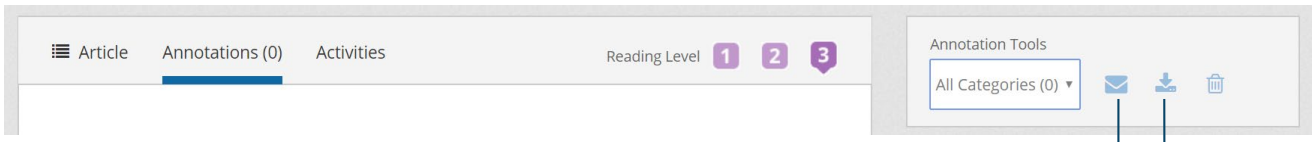


2. Highlight the text you wish to annotate and click the Pencil icon that appears. Type your annotation and click Save.

3. You can organize and color-code your annotations by selecting an Annotation Category. E.g. Comment, Question, Vocabulary, Evidence, Summary, Connection.

4. Click on an existing annotation to make edits or delete.

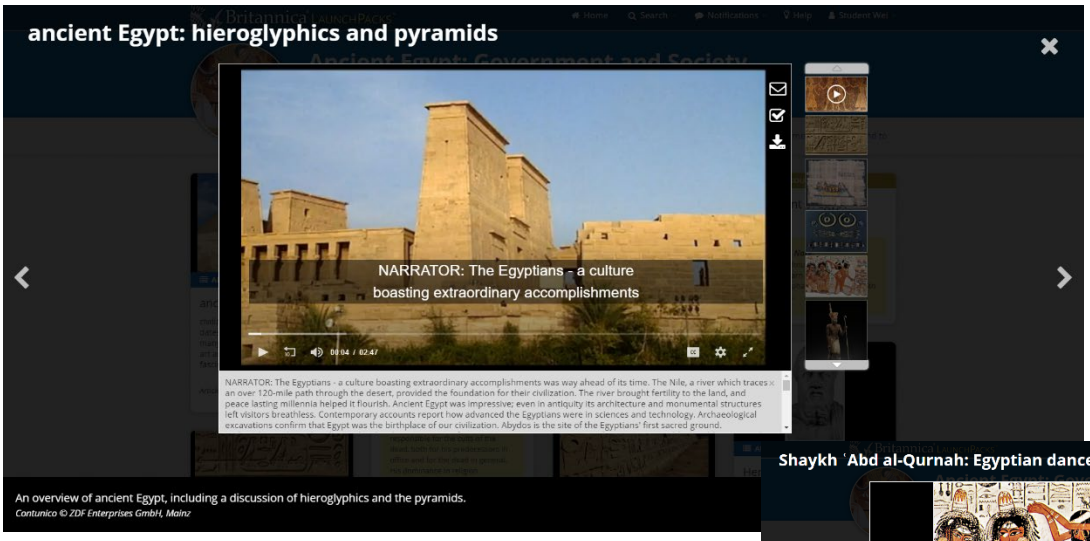
How do you: **Share your Annotations?**

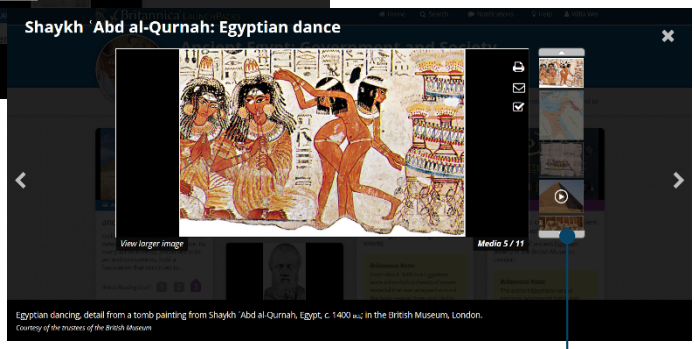


In the Annotations Toolbar, click on the Email icon and share your annotations to another mailbox.

In the Annotations Toolbar, click on the Download icon to download your annotations as a word or pdf document.

Media: Images and Video





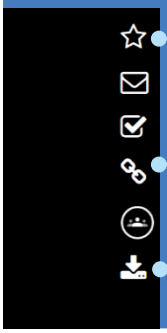
Clicking on any image or video in a pack will open it up in an overlay window.

Closed Captions can be toggled on or off by clicking the CC button on the video.

Play videos in Full Screen by clicking on the arrows.

Click the slider on the right to see other media files from the same pack.

How do you: **Save Images and Videos?**



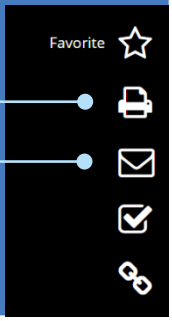
Click to Save Images to your My LaunchPacks account.

Click to copy media URL.

Click to Download a video onto your computer.

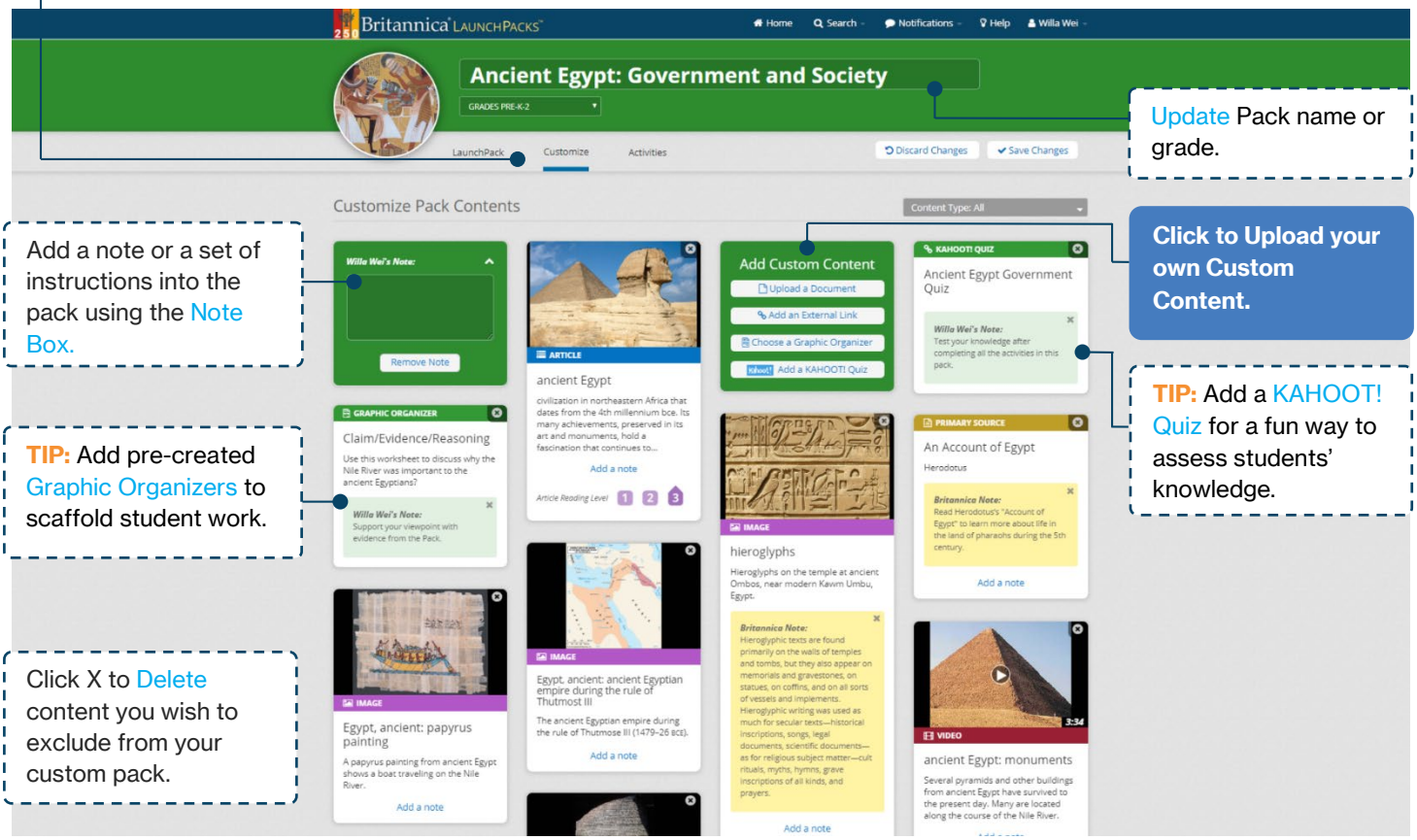
Click printer icon to Print images, if available.

Click to Email media to your preferred mailbox.



Customizing a Pack

Inside any LaunchPack, click **Customize** to unlock the pack for editing.



Update Pack name or grade.

Add a note or a set of instructions into the pack using the Note Box.

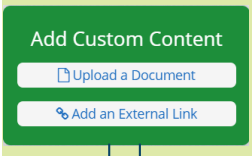
Click to Upload your own Custom Content.

TIP: Add a KAHOOT! Quiz for a fun way to assess students' knowledge.

TIP: Add pre-created Graphic Organizers to scaffold student work.

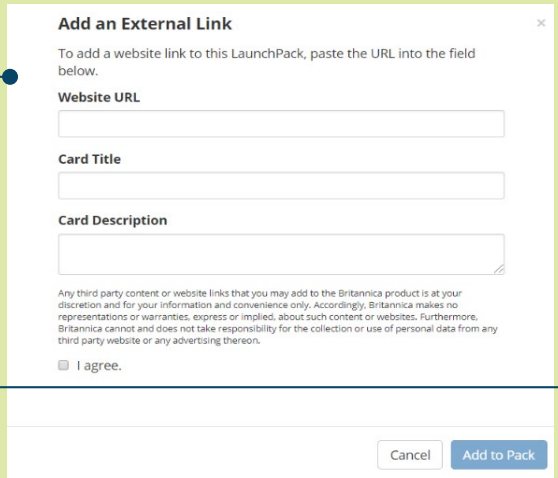
Click X to Delete content you wish to exclude from your custom pack.

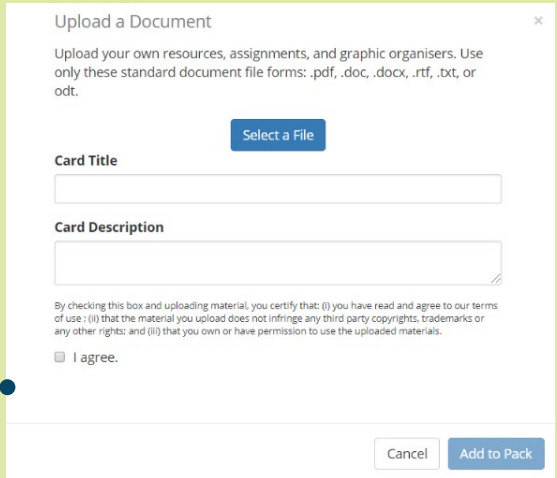
How do you: **Add Documents and Links to a Pack?**



Select Add an External Link and enter in a URL to link to other websites, images or videos available on the Internet.

Select Upload a Document to add any text or pdf file, assessment, worksheet etc. saved on your computer.

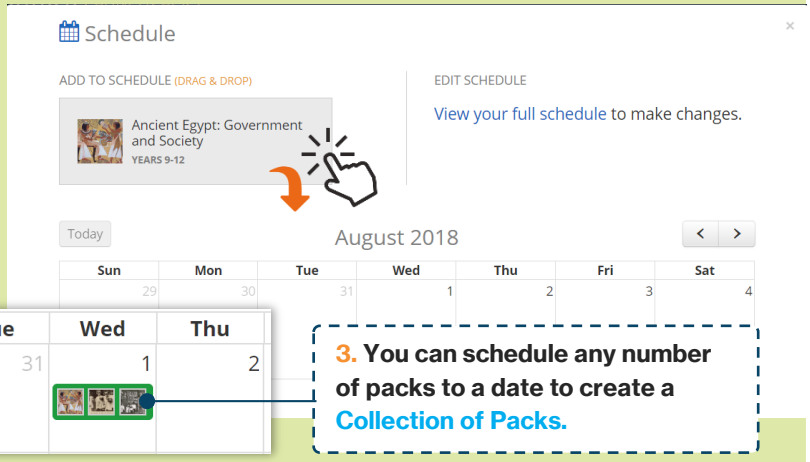


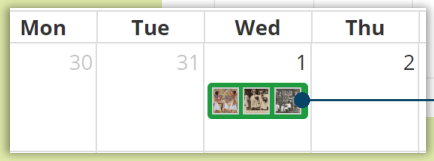


How do you: **Schedule a Pack?**

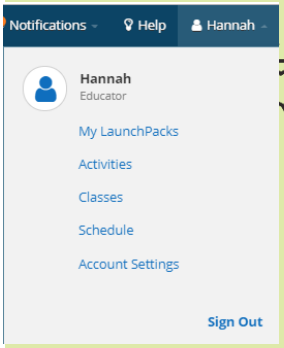
1. Click the Calendar icon on the front of a pack to add it to your Personal Calendar for future use. You can also find the schedule button from inside a pack, by clicking on Send to.

2. Drag and drop the pack into any date on your calendar. Receive Notifications closer to this date with a link to the pack for easy access.

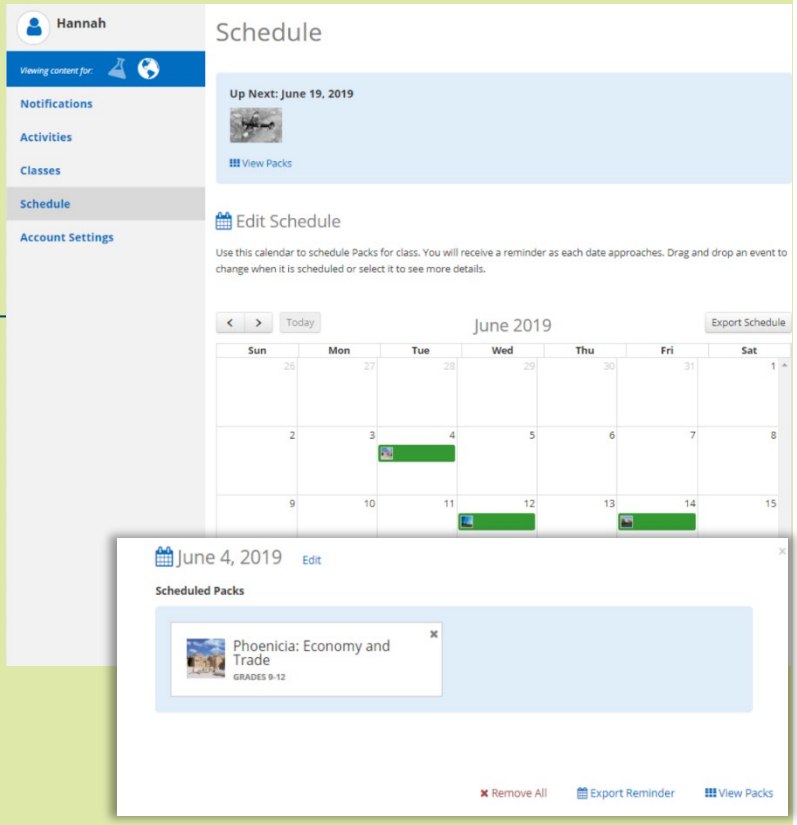




3. You can schedule any number of packs to a date to create a Collection of Packs.



4. Visit your Schedule Dashboard any time via your Account or Notifications Tab, both found in the top menu bar on all LaunchPacks pages. You will need to be logged into your My LaunchPacks Account.

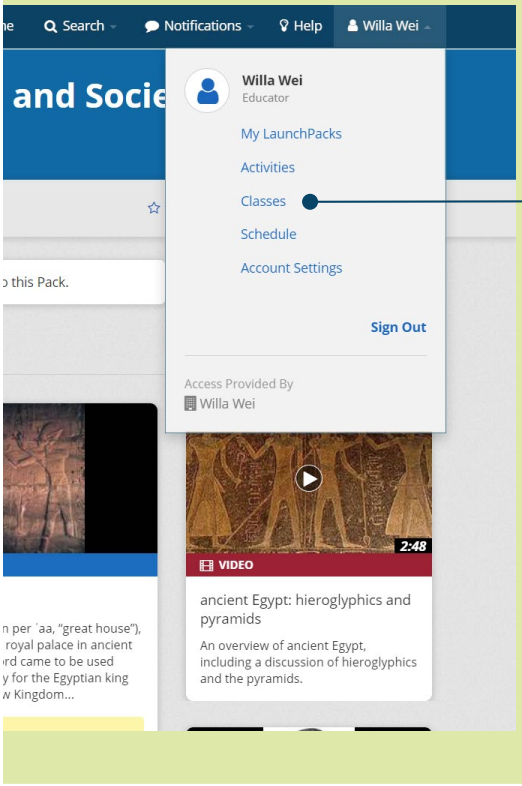


5. Click to Export your Schedule in .ics format to add to your preferred personal calendar.

6. Click to change the date of a scheduled pack or delete a scheduled pack.

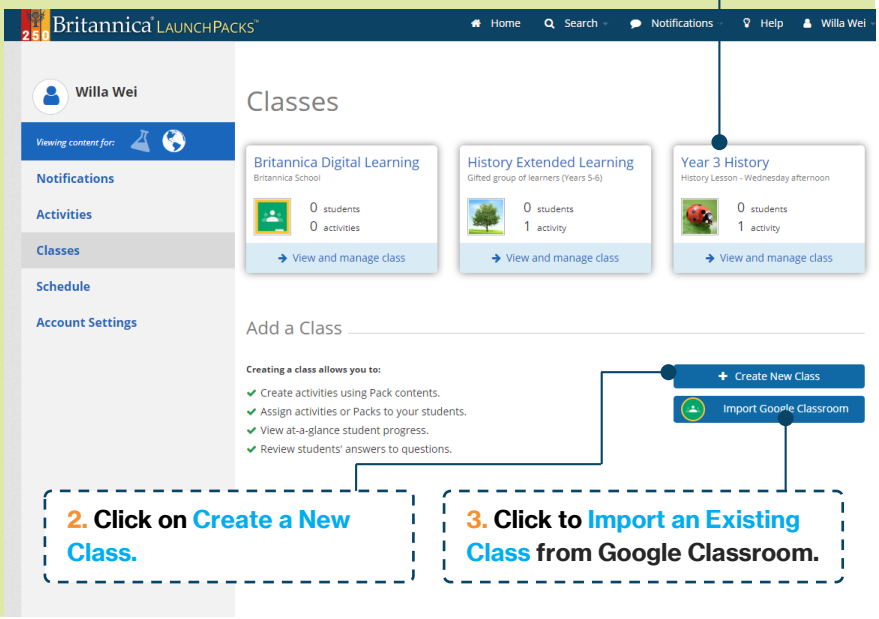
My Classes

How do you: **Create a Class?**



1. Click on **Classes** from your **Account** drop-down menu.

4. Click on your existing classes to manage and **Invite Students.**

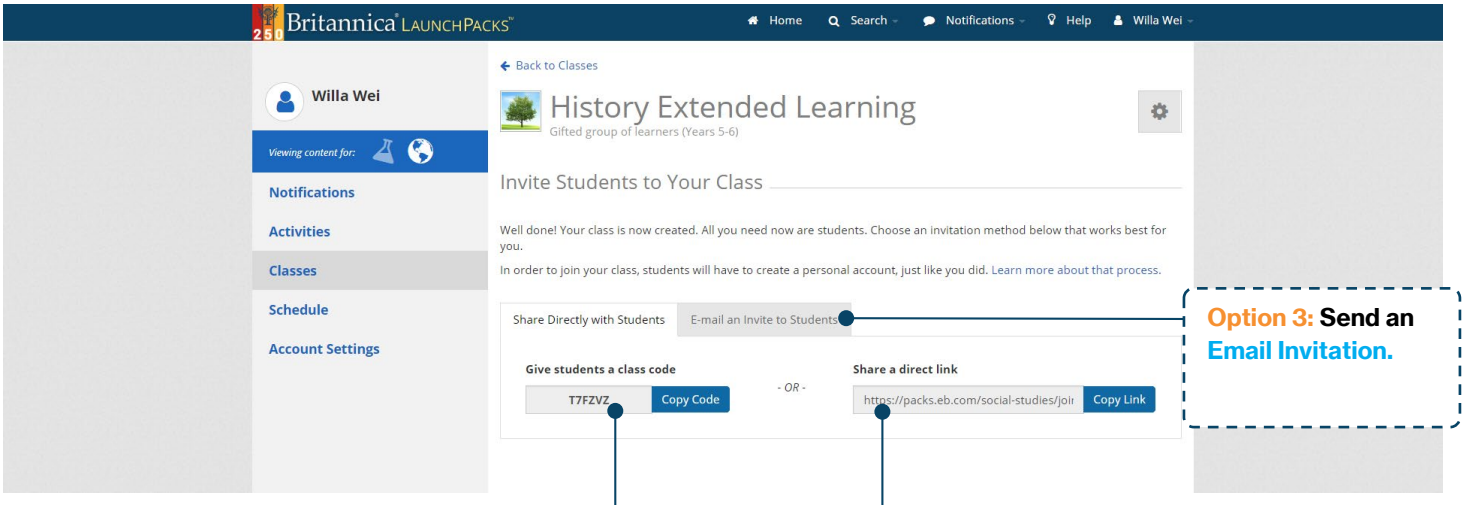


2. Click on **Create a New Class.**

3. Click to **Import an Existing Class** from Google Classroom.

How do you: **Invite Students to Join a Class?**

Invite your students to join a Class using one of **three (3) options:**



Option 3: Send an **Email Invitation.**

Option 1: Copy and share the **Class Code.** Students will be prompted to enter the Class Code on their **Classes** page.

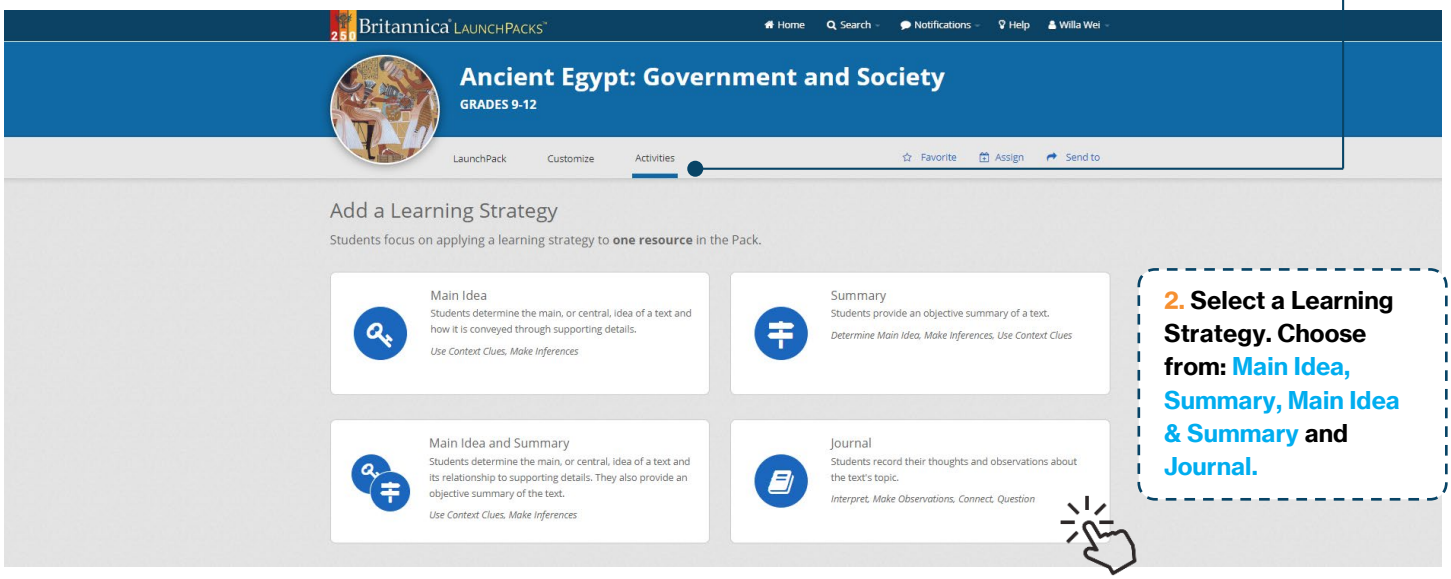
Option 2: Copy and share the **Direct Link.** Students will be able to access the Class directly when they click the link.

Activities

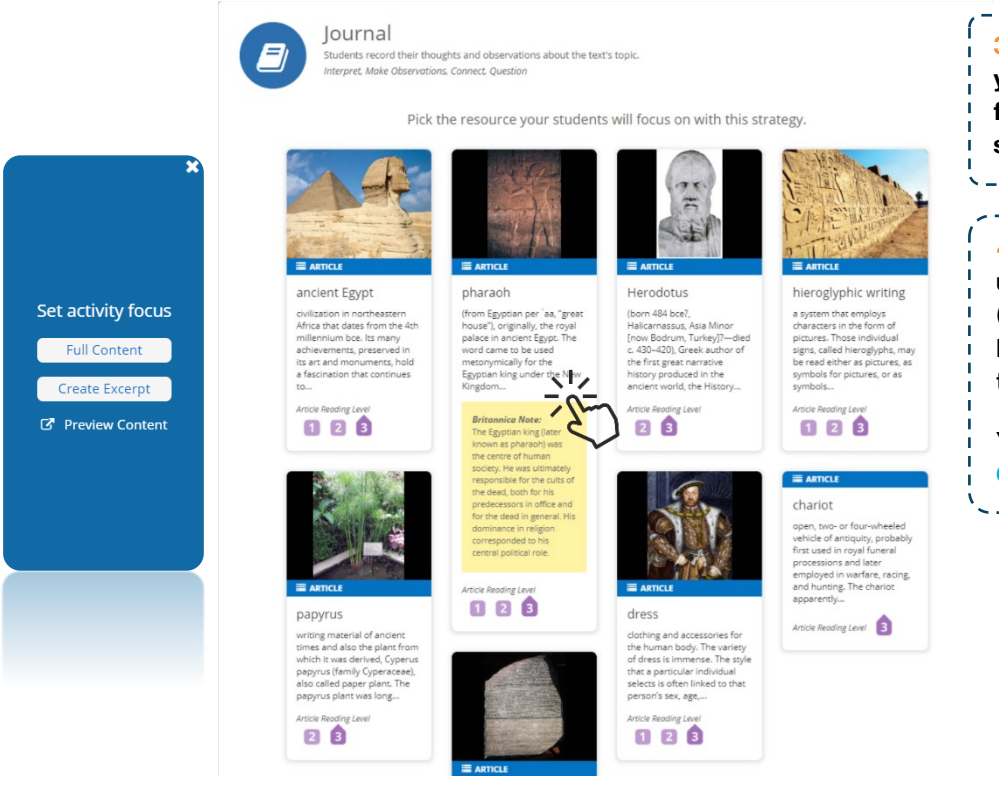
How do you: **Add a Learning Strategy?**

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

1. Open a Pack and click **Activities** to add a **Learning Strategy**. You will need to be logged into your personal account.



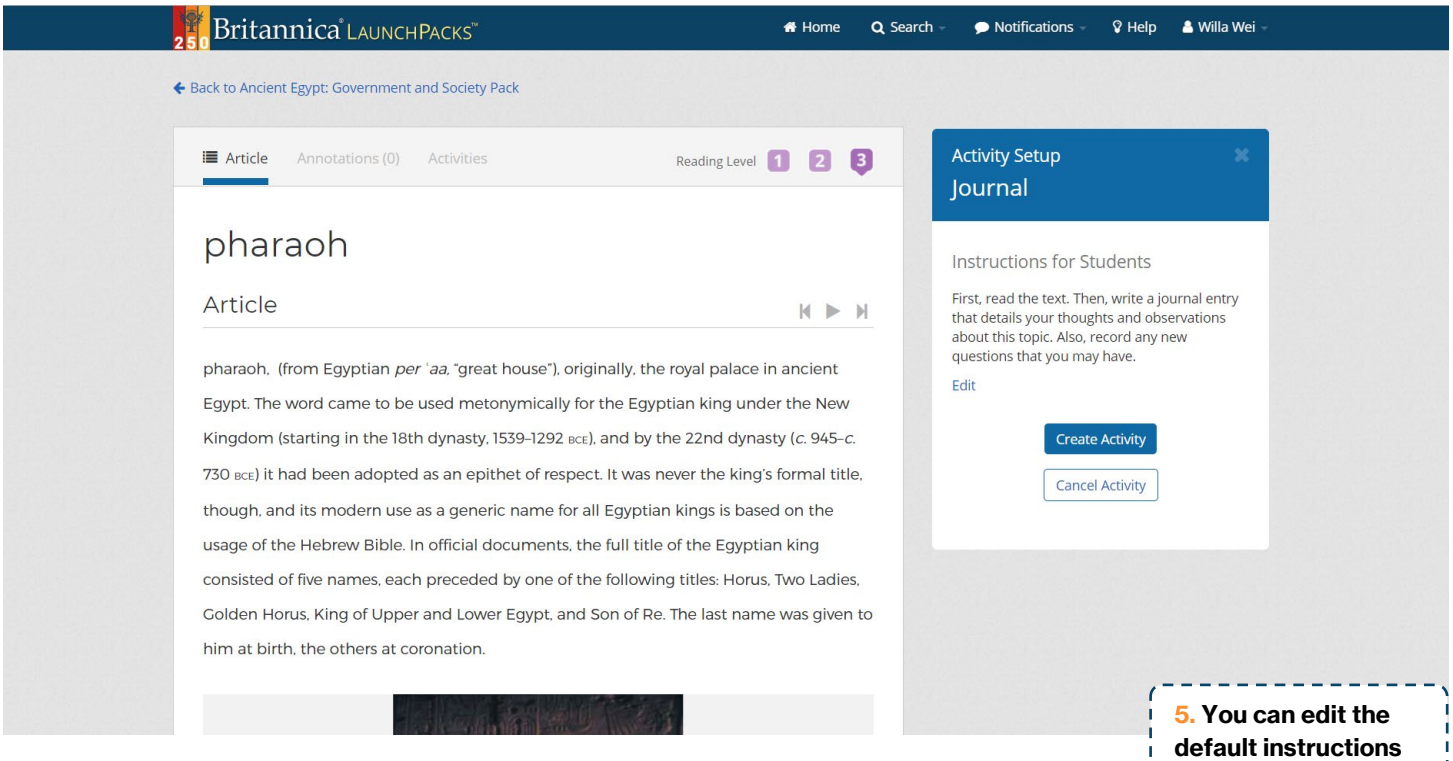
2. **Select a Learning Strategy. Choose from: Main Idea, Summary, Main Idea & Summary and Journal.**



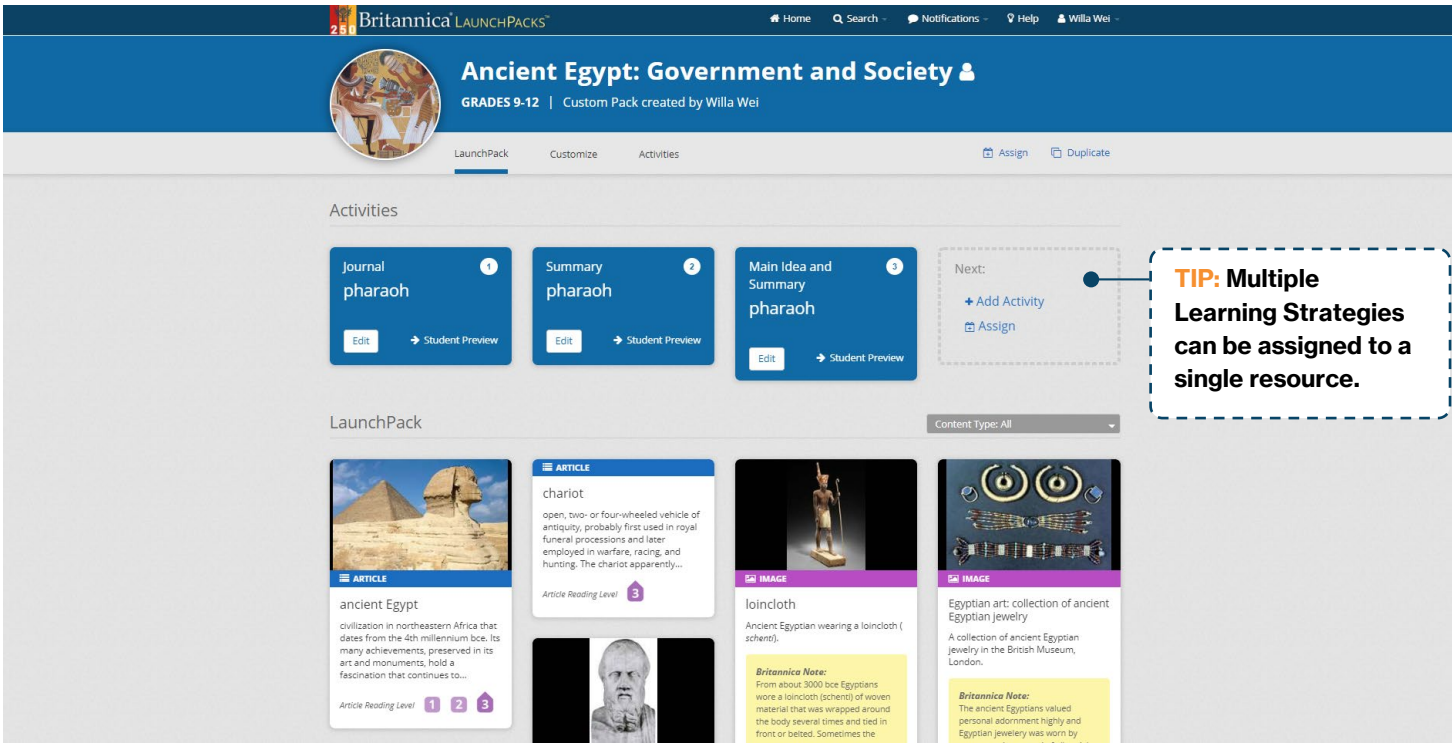
3. **Click the Resource your students will focus on with this strategy.**

4. **Set Activity Focus using Full Content (full text) or Create Excerpt (section of text).**

You can also Preview Content.



5. You can edit the default instructions before Creating the Activity.

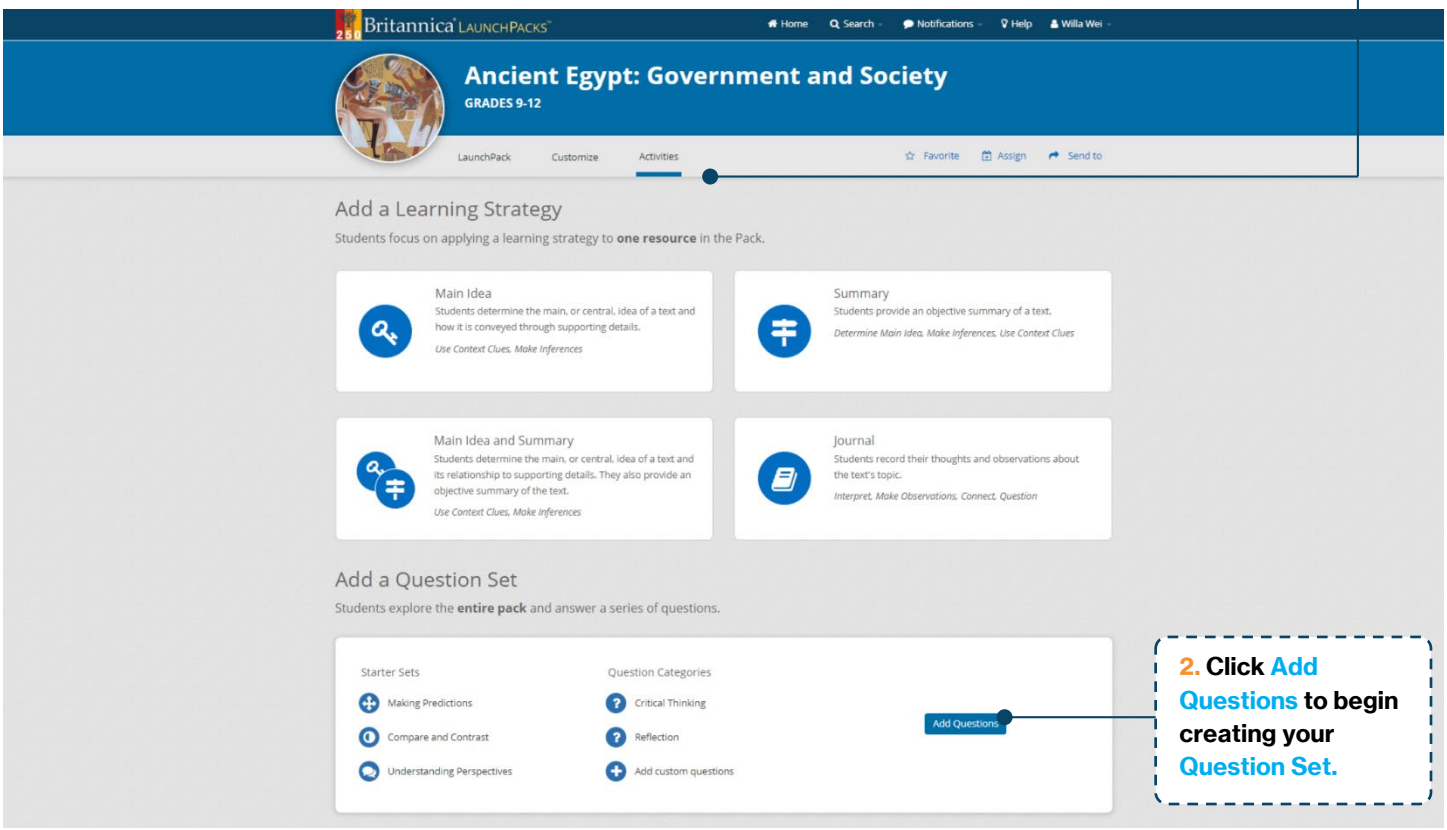


TIP: Multiple Learning Strategies can be assigned to a single resource.

How do you: **Add a Question Set?**

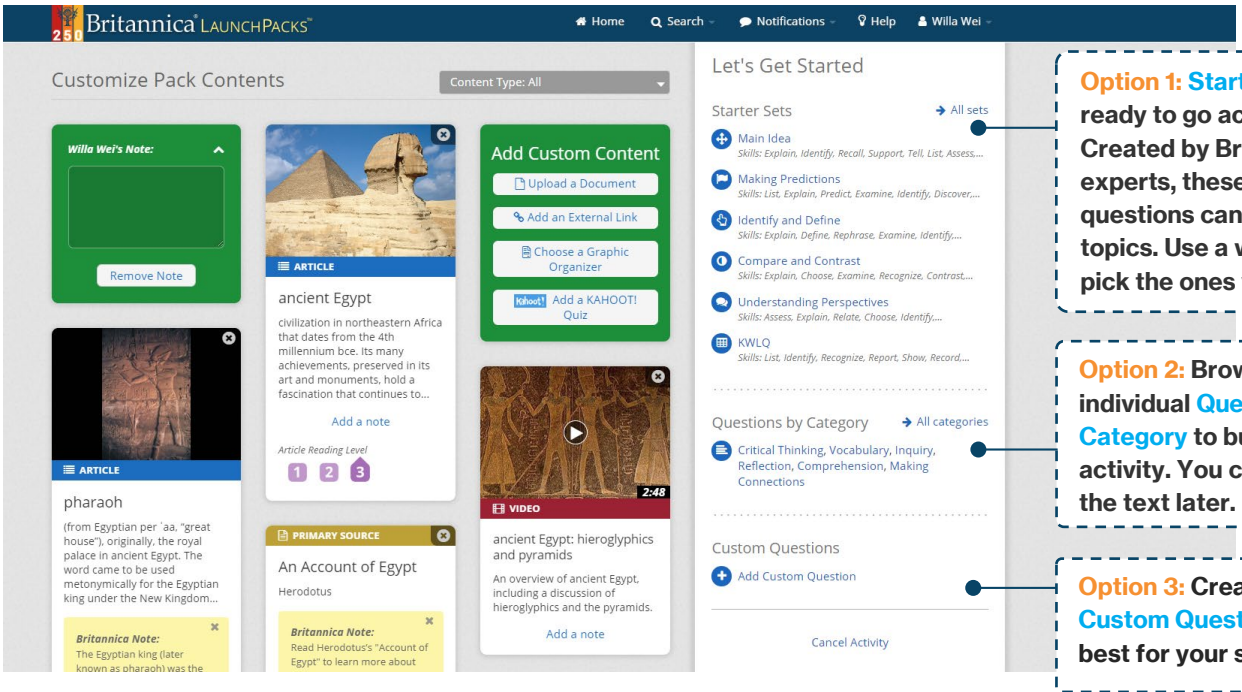
Question Sets lets you challenge students to explore the contents of a Pack and find answers.

1. Open a Pack and click **Activities** to add a **Question Set**. You will need to be logged into your personal account.



2. Click **Add Questions** to begin creating your **Question Set.**

Start building a Question Set for your selected Pack using one of **three (3) options:**

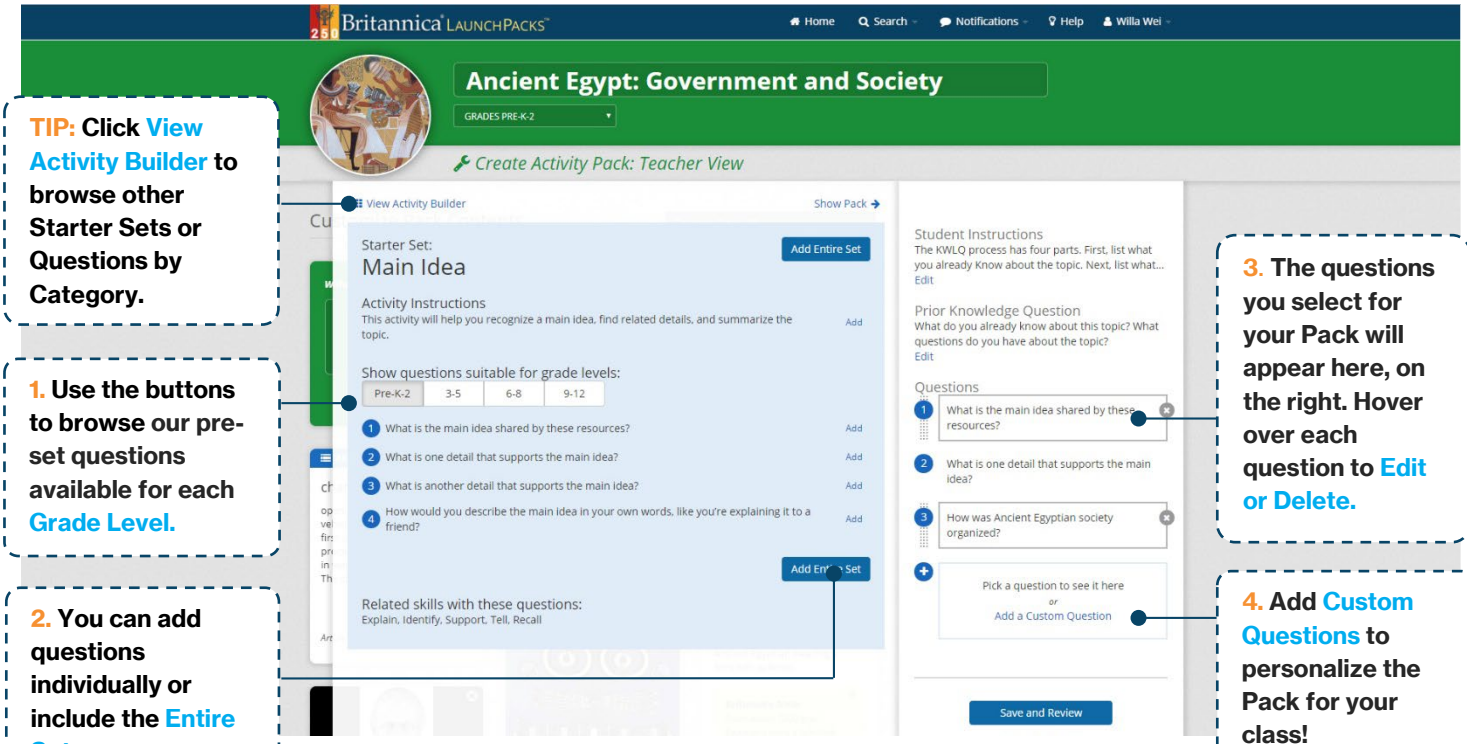


Option 1: Starter Sets are ready to go activities. Created by Britannica experts, these open-ended questions can apply to many topics. Use a whole set or pick the ones you like.

Option 2: Browse and add individual Questions by Category to build your own activity. You can always edit the text later.

Option 3: Create your own Custom Questions that work best for your students!

Use the **Activity Builder** to add, edit and delete questions and instructions from your Question Set.



TIP: Click View Activity Builder to browse other Starter Sets or Questions by Category.

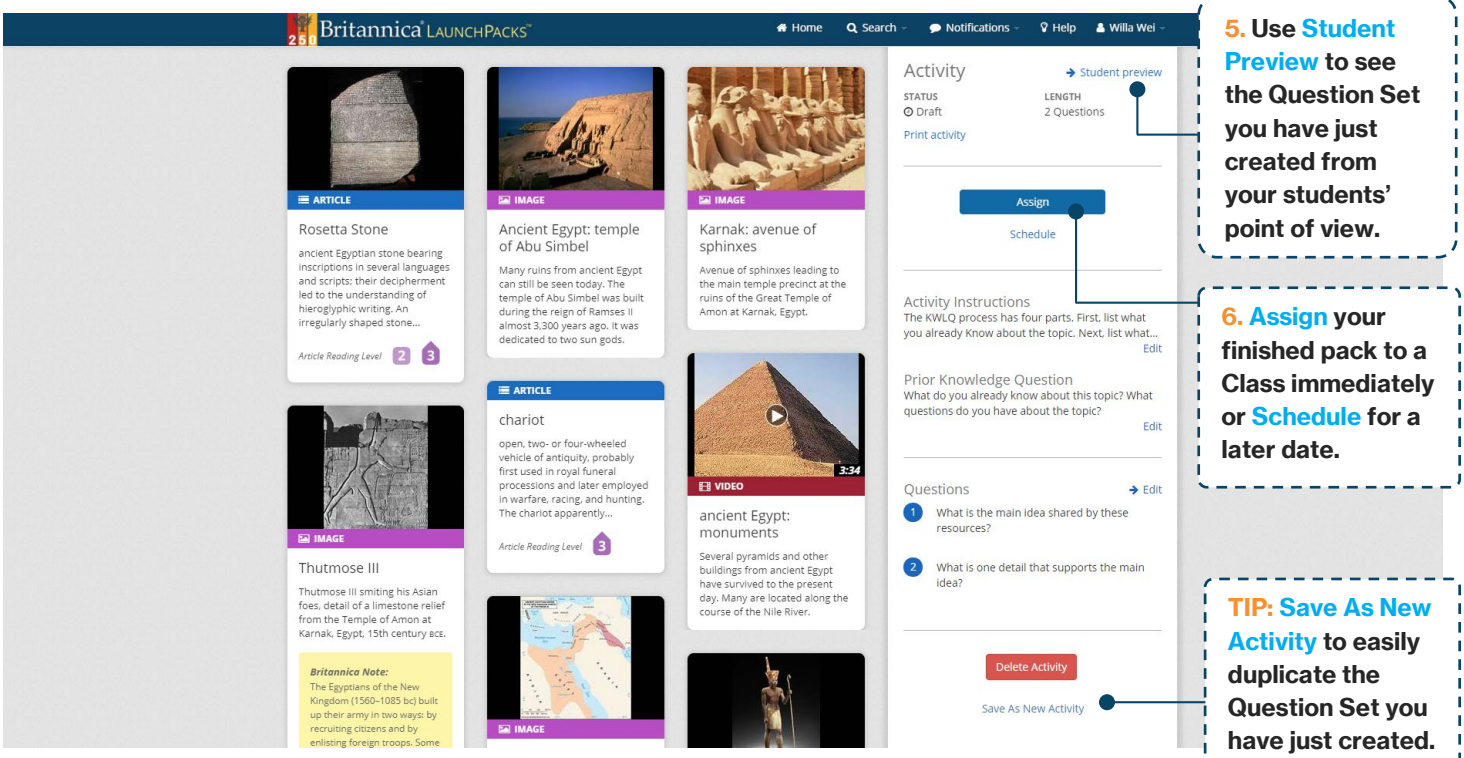
1. Use the buttons to browse our pre-set questions available for each Grade Level.

2. You can add questions individually or include the Entire Set.

3. The questions you select for your Pack will appear here, on the right. Hover over each question to Edit or Delete.

4. Add Custom Questions to personalize the Pack for your class!

Save and Preview your Question Set once you are happy with it, before **assigning** it to a class or **scheduling** it in for later.

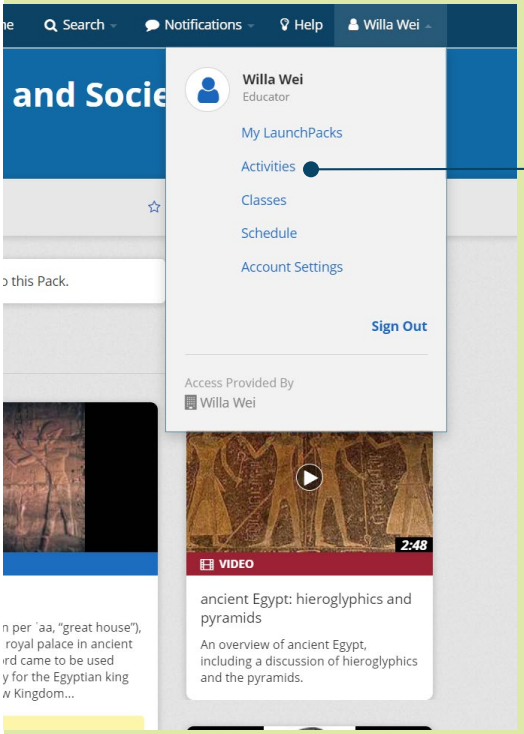


5. Use Student Preview to see the Question Set you have just created from your students' point of view.

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

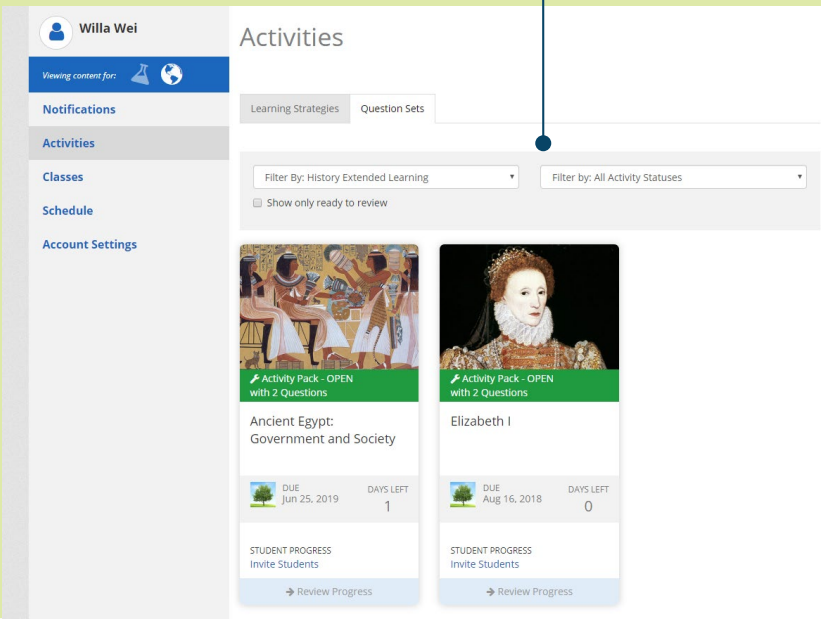
TIP: Save As New Activity to easily duplicate the Question Set you have just created.

How do you: **Review Student Progress?**



1. Click on Activities from your Account drop-down menu.

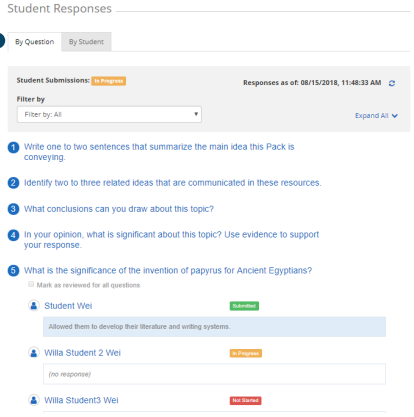
2. You can access all your drafted, scheduled and open Activities from the Activities Page.



3. The Progress Bar on any Open Activity pack will show a real-time summary of student completion progress.

4. Click Review Progress on to see detailed completion information and Student Responses.

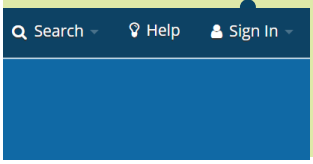
5. On the Student Responses page, toggle to view responses By Student or By Question.



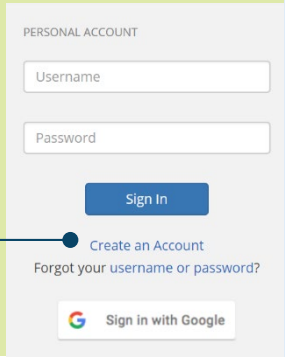
My LaunchPacks

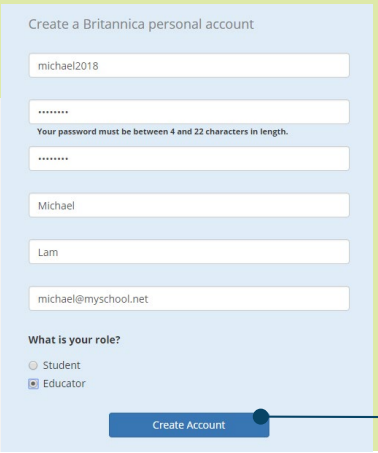
How do you: **Create a My LaunchPacks Account?**

1. Click the **Sign In** link found in the top right corner of any page.

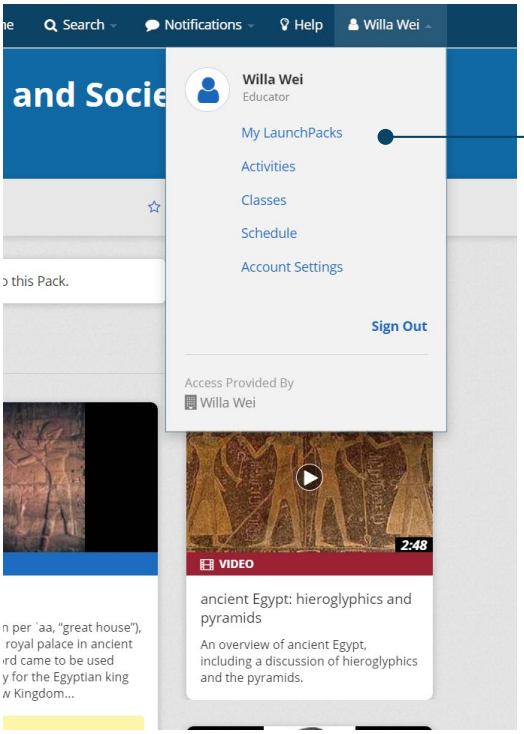


2. In the drop down, click **Create an Account.** You can also sign in with your **Google Account** if you have one.



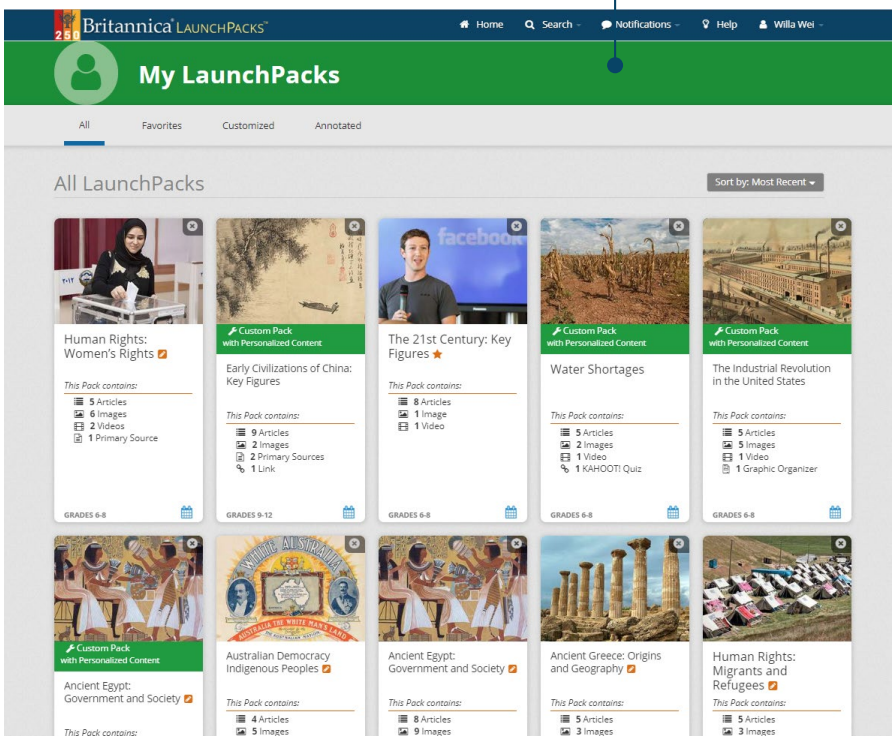


3. In the new window, enter your details, then **Create Account.**



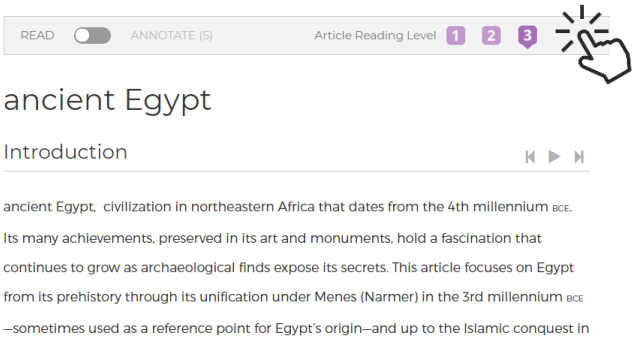
4. Access **My LaunchPacks** anytime from your **Account** drop-down menu.

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



English as an Additional Language or Dialect

Reading Levels



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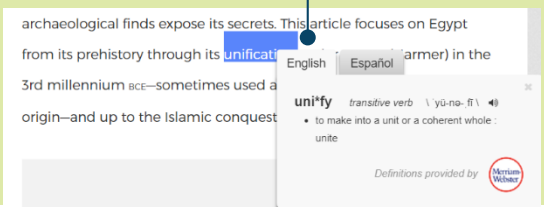

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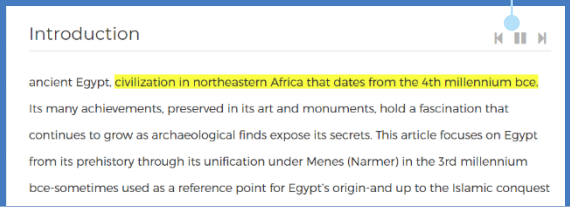

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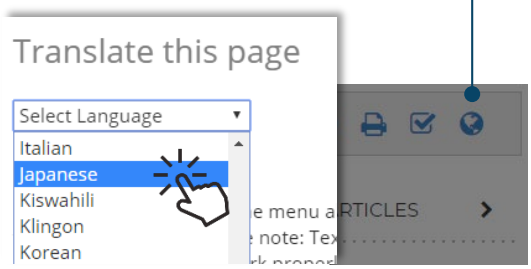

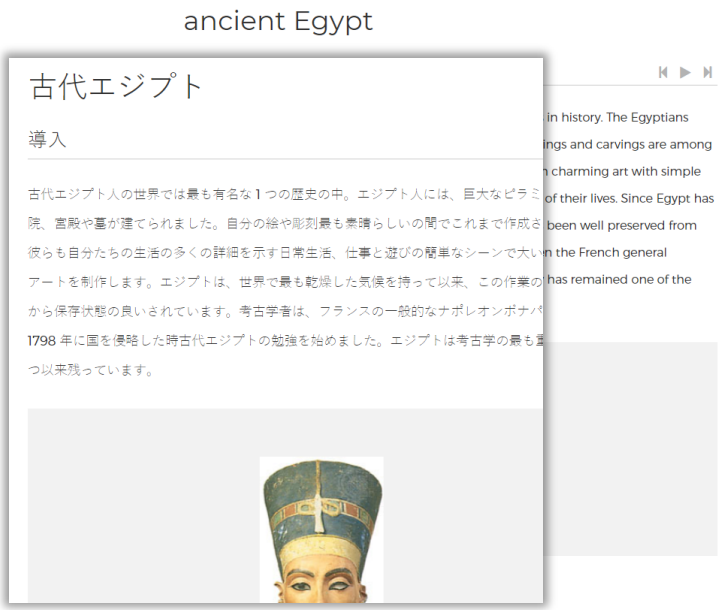

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