



Introduction

History inspires curiosity and imagination. Historical knowledge is fundamental to understanding ourselves and and others.

- Australian History Curriculum

"Ancient Civilisations" is a history-themed scavenger hunt to help children explore the contents and tools of Britannica Library, while building on their historical knowledge.

Digital scavenger hunts are a great way for learners of all ages to practice problem solving, improve their reading and comprehension skills, and have a lot of fun! This activity book is suitable for learners aged 6 to 12. It can be completed at the library or at home.



Greetings Explorer!

You are about to embark on an important journey to discover **Britannica Library**.

The Britannica Library "Kids" homepage is a mysterious place full of interesting facts. It is your mission to track them down!

Let's go!





Ancient Worlds

Go to the Britannica Library homepage. Now click on the Kids level. Start exploring the Kids Homepage.

Scroll down the page until you find Geography Explorer. Click to play the game to Stage 5: Places and then complete the following.

List the names of the Ancient Places found in Stage 5: (HINT: there are 6)

Choose one Ancient Place and write its name and location below:

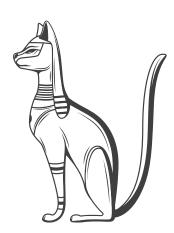
Click on the image of the Ancient Place to load the Britannica article. What is significant about this place? Print out an image of the Ancient Place and glue it here:

Task 2: Keyword Search



Return to the Kids Homepage and type the word 'cat' into the Search Box.

Cats were the most sacred of all Ancient Egyptian animals. Use the information you find to create an Animal Profile for a cat!



Animal Name:	Group:		Scientific Name:
Appearance:			
Life Cycle		Diagram (Dra	aw and label the animal)

Name:

Task 3: Biographies - Alexander the Great



Return to the Kids Homepage. Under Explore, click on Biographies. Navigate to the letter A and then scroll down until you find the biography of Alexander the Great.

Create a biographical profile for the well known Ancient Macedonian.



Name:	Date of Birth and Death:	Position Held:
Best Known For:		Portrait: (Draw Alexander the Great)
Early Life:	Conquests:	

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Task 4: Article - Chinese New Year



Return to the Kids Homepage. Under Explore, click on Articles. Select 'Social Sciences' and then 'Festivals and Holidays'. Scroll down the article list until you find the article titled 'Chinese New Year'.

Use the article to explain the significance of each of the following symbols.

Explain what Chinese New Year is and w	vhen it is celebrated:		
Chinese Zodiac: (HINT: This refers to the years named after the 12 animals)			
Colour Red:	Cleaning:		
Fireworks:	Giving Money:		
Special Foods that are Eaten:	Dragon Dance:		

