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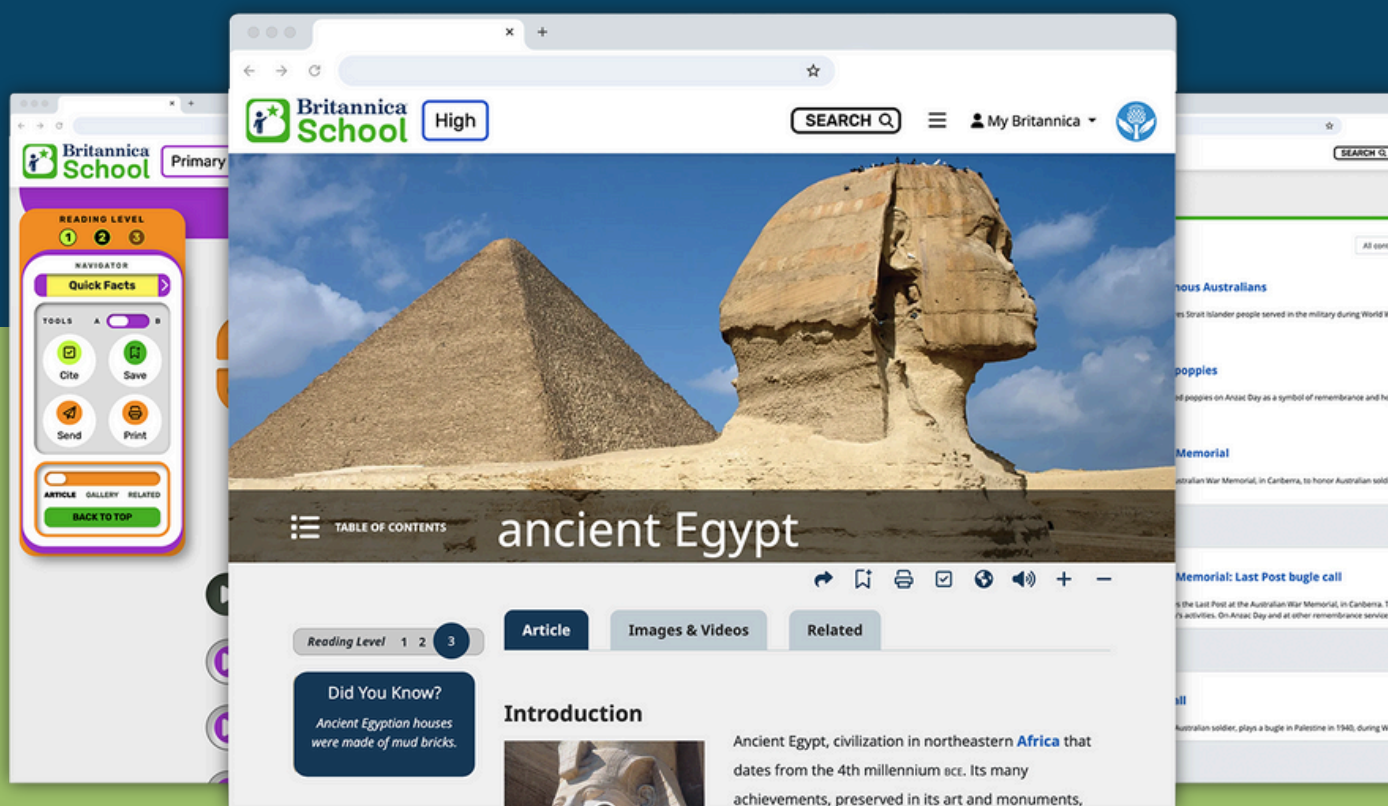
Getting to Know Britannica School

Part 1: Getting Around the Homepage

Best Research Practices. Activities & Worksheets. Teaching Tips

Based on lessons created by Nicki Davison (School Library Manager)

Information for teachers and librarians.

"The point is to show [students] some research tips which they can use widely, and also be wowed by the great variety and depth of articles in this great database."

- Nicki Davison
Libraries Manager

The *Getting to Know Britannica School* activity series is designed to help middle school students practice key research and information literacy skills using Britannica School.

It also helps to reinforce the importance of finding authoritative and up-to-date information from reliable sources, particularly when conducting research online.

Created by teachers, for teachers, these activities have been thoroughly classroom-tested and can be used out of the box or adapted to support the learning objectives of your students.

On completing this activity series, students will:

- Locate, access and select data and information using simple search functions and navigation.
- Access a variety of information sources and effectively use the information for a range of purposes.
- Effectively identify accurate, authoritative information online.

About Britannica School

For over 250 years Britannica has reimagined how the world discovers. Today, we continue to work alongside schools and libraries to create innovative resources that tap into the potential of curiosity as a vector for learning and discovery.

Britannica School is trusted around the world as the go-to site for learning more about any subject. The site features thousands of searchable articles and media written and curated by experts, in a way that students of all ages and abilities can understand and engage with.

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Our heartfelt thanks go to Nicki Davison for generously sharing the lessons, ideas and tips outlined in this workbook.

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Getting Around the Homepage

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR STUDENTS:

1. Open the Britannica School Homepage
2. Click on the Middle Level
3. Scroll down to the Explore section
4. Follow the prompts on the worksheet

Britannica Homepage

**Follow the suggested pathway to locate the answers
using Britannica School.**

Articles>>Technology>>Communication>>Telecommunication

What does "blog" stand for? <u>Web log</u>

Articles>>History>>Middle Ages>>Crusades

When did the Crusades start? <u>From 1096</u>

Articles>>Society>>Peoples of the World>>Peoples of Australia and Oceania>>Australian Aboriginal Peoples

What are the Torres Strait Islanders and Australian Aboriginal Peoples collectively known as?

<u>Indigenous Australians</u>

Articles>>Science and Mathematics>>Mathematics>>Geometry

What is the name of Euclid's famous book? <u>Elements / the Elements</u>

Articles>>Plants>>Fruit

What was Johnny Appleseed called? "Great   <u>Medicine</u>   Man"

1000 – 1499:

The name of a German male saint <u>Saint Albertus Magnus</u>

1500 -1899: A French female known for acting. Choose Mademoiselle Rachel

Where was she born? <u>Mumpf, Switzerland</u>

1500 – 1899: Invention

How many results? <u>65*</u>

What is the last entry? <u>Zernike, Frits*</u>

1900 – present: New Zealander

Scroll down to Peter Jackson.

In which year was he given the award: Knight Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit? <u>2010</u>

1900 – present: Cricket

What is the birthday of Don Bradman? <u>Aug 27, 1908</u>

Answers marked with an (*) may be subject to change.

COMPARE COUNTRIES

Argentina/Brazil

Capital cities:

Argentina Buenos Aires   Brazil Brasília

Philippines/Denmark

What are the colours on their flags?

Philippines Red, blue, yellow and white

Denmark   Red and white

Uganda/Turkey

Official languages:

Uganda English; Swahili   Turkey Turkish

Sweden/Norway

Which has the greater population? Sweden

Argentina/Brazil

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PART 2

Who Am I?

Britannica's Biography Browse features hundreds of biographical profiles on prominent figures throughout history. Students will use clues provided, such as time period and field of accomplishment to narrow their search and locate the right famous person.

PART 3

Word Atlas

The World Atlas tool lets students explore a country or region in depth, by giving them access to a range of statistics, information and related media. It's the quickest way to learn the facts of any country!

PART 4

Quick 5

Quick 5 activities encourage students to learn search and research skills in a slightly competitive way. Have students race each other to complete sets of 5 questions, individually or in groups of two to three.

TEACHER TIP

These activities are designed to be fun and competitive but also demonstrate the importance of choosing good sites for research. Try them out with your Years 7 & 8 (even Year 9) library classes!
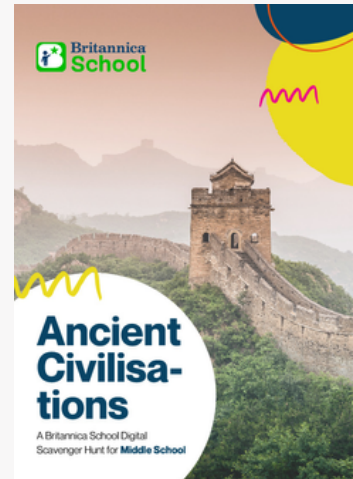
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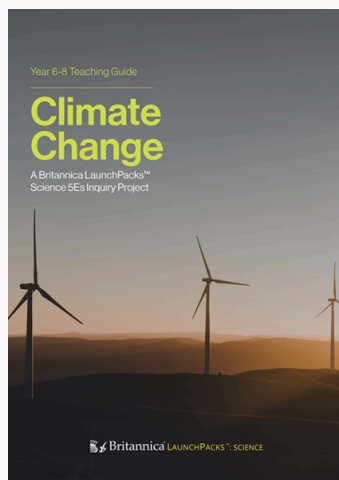

BRITANNICA SCHOOL

Where in the World? Geography themed Digital Scavenger Hunt (Grade 6-8)

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Ancient Civilisations: History themed Digital Scavenger Hunt (Grade 6-8)

Other Britannica Resources

BRITANNICA LAUNCHPACKS

Climate Change: A 5Es Student Inquiry Project using LaunchPacks: Science (Grade 6-8)

BRITANNICA IMAGEQUEST

Inventors & Their Inventions: Teaching Visual Literacy. (Grades 3 - 10)