

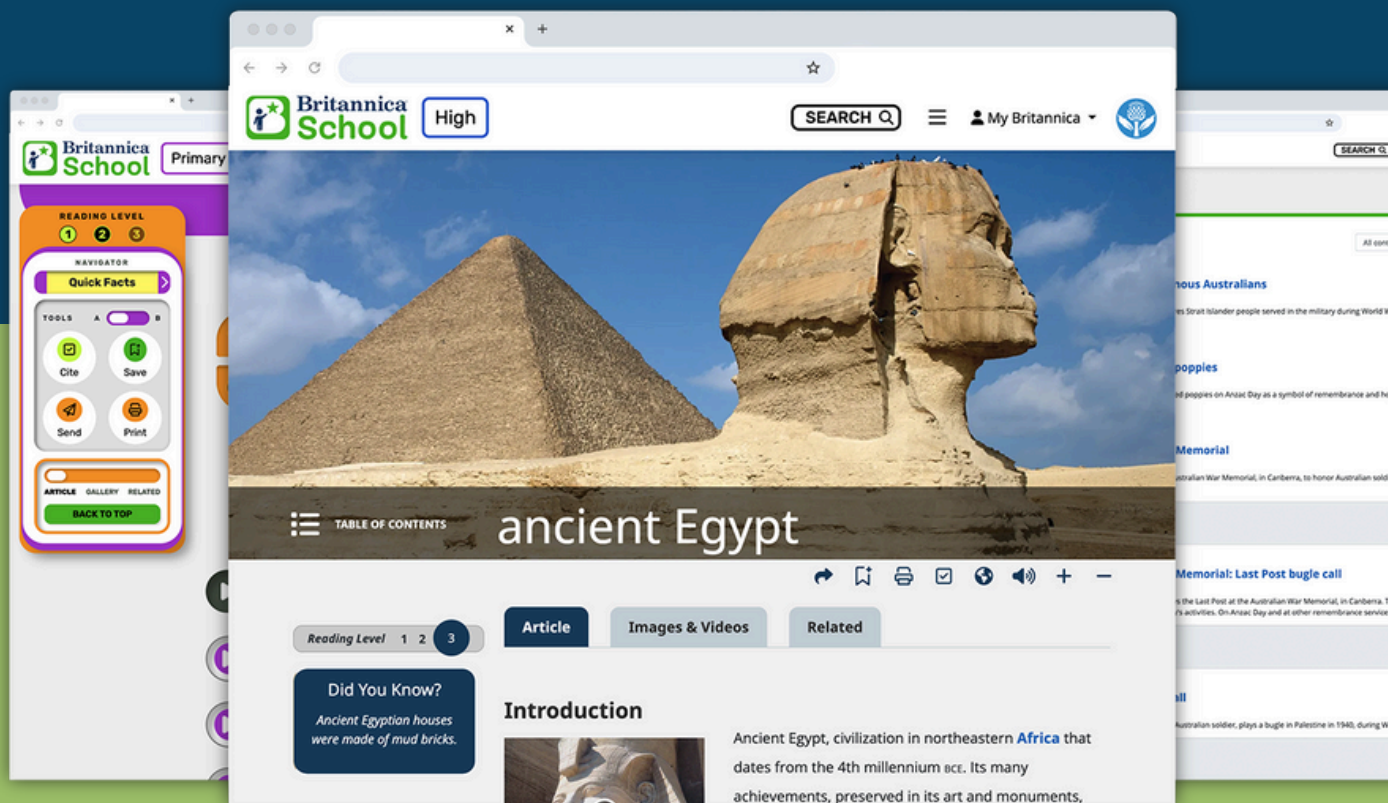


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Getting to Know Britannica School

Part 2: Who Am I?

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.

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

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.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR STUDENTS:

1. Go to Britannica School Middle Level homepage
2. Scroll down to the Explore section
3. Find and click on "Biographies"
4. Use the filters to answer each question

TEACHER TIP

This activity provides a good teaching point on the use of filters to narrow down search results. To add an extra layer of challenge, ask students how old a famous figure was when they died. Get students to think about whether that person died before or after their birthday.

Who Am I?

Britannica's Biography Browse presents hundreds of modern day and historical biographical profiles.

Use the clues below to filter your search by *Era*, *Nationality*, *Gender* or *Field of Expertise* and answer the following questions...

SET 1

Find the name and dates for the only entry:

1000 – 1499

American Quick, Herbert (1861–1925)*

Find the name and dates for the only entry:

Italian

Cinematography Antonioni, Michelangelo (1912-2007)*

Find the name and dates of the person who died last in the entries:

1500 – 1899

Argentine

Government Perón, Juan (1895–1974)*

Find the name and dates of the longest serving monarch in this list:

Thai

Monarch Bhumibol Adulyadej (1927-2016)*

Find the name and dates for the only entry:

French

Fashion design

Female Chanel, Coco (1883-1971)*

A single female was known for pharmacology.

Who was she? Elion, Gertrude B. * and when did she win the Nobel prize? 1988

What are the names of the two Zulu entries?

1 Dube, John Langalibalele

2 Vilakazi, Benedict Wallet

How many entries for females? 1738*

How many entries for New Zealanders? 32*

How many entries before 500 BCE? 13*

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

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SET 2

Who died in 588?:

500 - 999

French Agnes of Poitiers

Which country did the founder of what's now known as Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament come from?:

1500 - 1899

Philanthropy

Female United States of America

Read the article and find two other occupations of this person :

1500 - 1899

Calligraphy

Male

Any 2 answers are correct: typographer, book designer, puppeteer or illustrator (Dwiggins, William Addison).

Who am I?:

0 - 499 CE

Egyptian

Female Hypatia

Find the name and dates for the only entry:

Before 500 BCE

Chinese

Male Confucius (551-479 BC)*

American

Human rights

Female

Still living Power, Samantha

Which female Jamaican was born in 1945? Simpson Miller, Portia

She was known for being The first woman prime minister of Jamaica

How many entries for male New Zealanders? 20*

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OTHER ACTIVITIES

PART 1

Getting Around the Homepage

Get to know the powerful Britannica School homepage. Students will find answers to a series of research questions using simple, step-by-step navigation instructions.

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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!

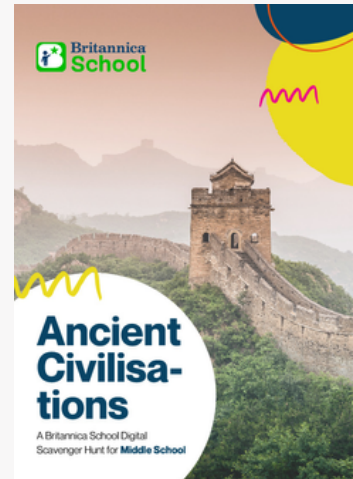
Other free resources for teachers & librarians

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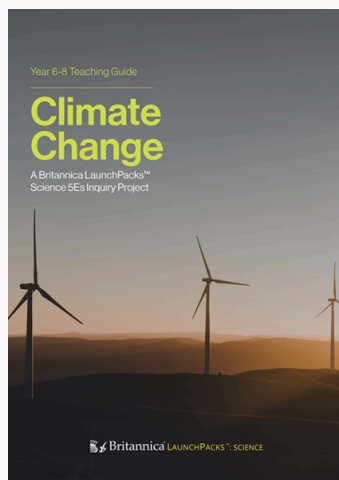
Where in the World? Geography themed Digital Scavenger Hunt (Grade 6-8)



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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)



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