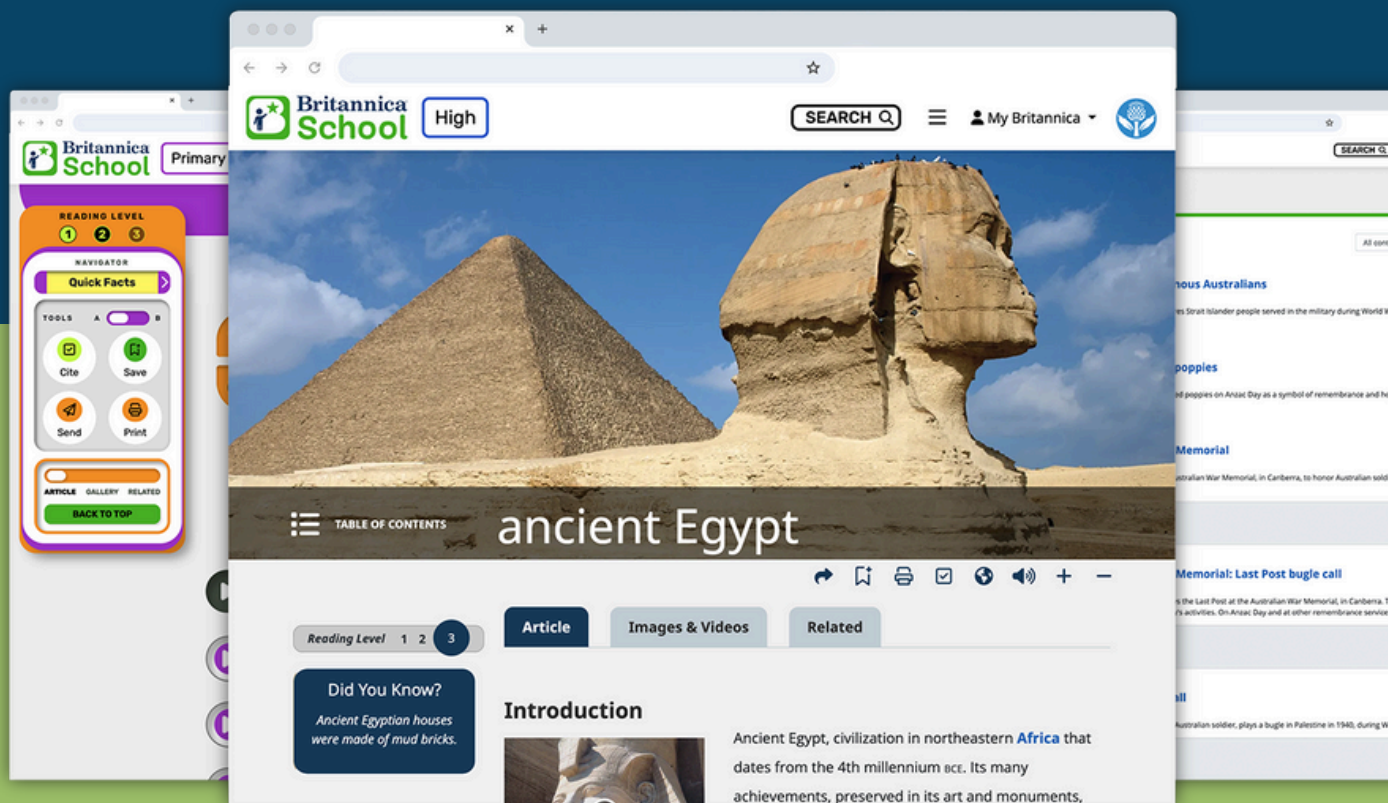


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Getting to Know Britannica School

Part 3: World Atlas

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 3



World Atlas

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

INSTRUCTIONS FOR STUDENTS:

1. Go to Britannica School Middle Level homepage
2. Scroll down the page to find "World Atlas"
3. Click "Explore the World Atlas"

TEACHER TIP

Make students aware of this helpful geographical research tool and how to access it from the homepage. Give students a bit of time to play around the Explore Atlas tool before giving them their activity.

World Atlas

Use World Atlas to locate the Netherlands on the map. There are two ways to do this:

1. Use your mouse to zoom into Europe, or
2. Search for the Netherlands using the Search Box

Once you have located the country, click on the Summary button and Read Article. Once you have read the article use the information you have gathered to answer the following questions.

1. Netherlands means? low-lying country

Hint: Use 'Ctrl-F' to find things quickly within the article. For example, press 'Ctrl' and 'F' keys and search for the keywords "Netherlands means"

2. How many provinces make up the Netherlands? 12

Hint: Use Ctrl + F and search for the keyword "provinces".

3. The Netherlands and two other countries form a customs union called Benelux.

What are the names of the other two countries?

Belgium & Luxembourg

4. What was the prince of Orange known as (in 1568)?

William the Silent

5. Dutch Guiana's new name is Suriname

6. The Netherlands is one of the original members of NATO. What do these letters stand for?

N North A Atlantic T Treaty O Organisation

7. The West Frisian Islands are on the north / south / east / west coast? (Circle one)

8. Draw and colour the Netherlands flag:



World Atlas

Use Britannica School World Atlas to fill in this table.

Hint: Click the "Profile" button to view the country profile.

Country	Neighbouring Country on its Border	Capital City	Currency	Official Language	SET 2
Hungary		Budapest	forint	Hungarian	
Tonga	No land border	Nuku'alofa	pa'anga	Tongan; English	
Sri Lanka	No land border	Colombo	Sri Lankan rupee	Sinhala; Tamil	
Iceland	No land border	Reykjavik	króna	Icelandic	
Estonia		Tallinn	euro	Estonian	
Norway		Oslo	Norwegian krone	Norwegian; Sami	
Austria		Vienna	euro	German	
Jordan		Amman	Jordanian dinar	Arabic	
Chile		Santiago	peso	Spanish	
Zimbabwe		Harare	US dollar / South African rand	16 official languages	
Jamaica	No land border	Kingston	Jamaican dollar	English	
Greece		Athens	euro	Greek	
Bulgaria		Sofia	lev (pl. leva)	Bulgarian	
Japan	No land border	Tokyo	Yen	Japanese	

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Country	Monetary Unit	Capital City	Total Area (Square KM)	Form of Government	SET 3
Italy	euro	Rome	302073	Republic with two legislative houses	
Zambia	Zambian kwacha	Lusaka	752614	Multiparty republic with one legislative house	
China	renminbi (yuan)	Beijing	9572900	Single-party people's republic with one legislative house	
Brazil	real (pl. reais)	Brasilia	8515767	Multiparty federal republic with two legislative houses	
Turkey	Turkish lira	Ankara	785347	Multiparty republic with one legislative house	
Spain	euro	Madrid	506002	Constitutional monarchy with two legislative houses	
Poland	złoty	Warsaw	311895	Unitary multiparty republic with two legislative houses	
Canada	Canadian dollar	Ottawa	9984670	Federal multiparty parliamentary state with two legislative houses	
France	euro	Paris	543965	Republic with two legislative houses	
India	Indian rupee	New Delhi	3166391	Multiparty federal republic with two legislative houses	
Albania	lek	Tirana (Tiranë)	28703	Unitary multiparty republic with one legislative house	
Tanzania	Tanzanian shilling	Dodoma	947303	Unitary multiparty republic with one legislative house	
Vietnam	dong	Hanoi	331236	Socialist republic with one legislative house	
Peru	nuevo sol	Lima	1285216	Unitary multiparty republic with one legislative house	

GETTING TO KNOW BRITANNICA SCHOOL

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.

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

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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!

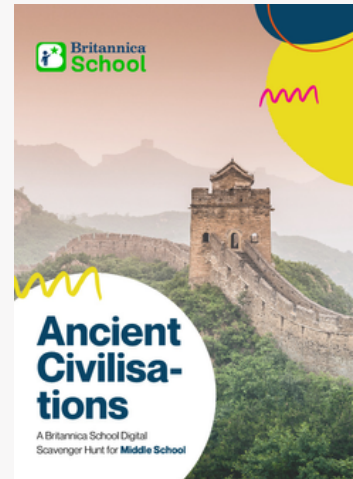
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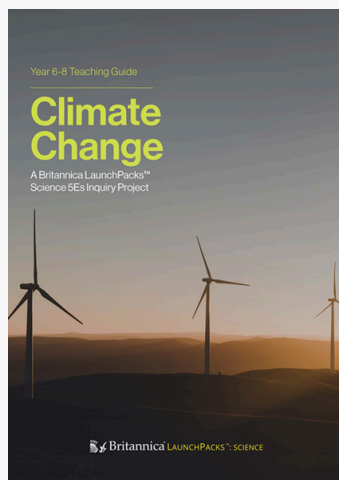
Where in the World? Geography themed Digital Scavenger Hunt (Grade 6-8)



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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)



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



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