

TEACHING KIT

Getting to Know Britannica School

Part 4: Quick 5

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.

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Quick 5

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR STUDENTS:

- 1. Go to Britannica School Middle Level homepage
- 2. Use the search box to find the underlined article
- 3. Use "Ctrl + F" within the article to find the answer to each question

TEACHER TIP

Quick 5 activities are short, simple and easy to mark. Other than searching for an article, students also have to think about what keywords to look up within the article, to find the answer to a highly specific question. You can also create your own set of Quick 5 questions - try incorporating a current topic and/or designing all 5 questions around one article, the possibilities are endless!

Look up the underlined Britannica School article to find the answer to each question.

	Questions	Answer	
1	butterfly and moth What is the name of the largest moth (comes from India)?	Atlas moth	SET 1
2	<u>curling</u> What is the level playing area called in this sport?	sheet	
3	golf How many clubs may be used in tournament play?	4-14	
4	Chinese New Year An old Chinese legend mentioned a monster. What was its name?	Nian	
5	ice skating Which female ice skater is pictured in one of the article images?	Irina Slutskaya	
		Score	

	Questions	Answer	
1	sea turtle How many species of sea turtle are there?	7	SET 2
2	Sea of Galilee What is its maximum depth in metres?	157 feet / 48m	
3	Rachel Carson What position did she hold when she worked for the United States Bureau of Fisheries, beginning in 1936?	aquatic biologist	
4	<u>eel</u> Electric eels live in the fresh waters of which continent?	South America	
5	Corsica This French territory is an island in the Mediterranean Sea. Name its capital.	Ajaccio	
		Score	

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	Questions	Answer	
1	Indonesia What is the name of the giant monitor lizard?	Komodo dragon	SET 3
2	Pippi Longstocking The creator of this book had her books translated into more thanlanguages.	50	
3	Mame the two colours of the fur of the house mouse: and	brown / gray	
4	<u>pyramid</u> The word "scores" appears in the second paragraph. Use the dictionary to find out how high a score is in this context. (Highlight the text and double click.)	20 things	
5	<u>China</u> What is the Chinese name for the Yangtze River in pinyin?	Chang Jiang	
		Score	

	Questions	Answer	
1	Malawi Using the Compare Countries feature, find out the currency of Malawi	Malawian kwacha (MK)	SET 4
2	Barack Obama His father grew up in Kenya. Which species of animal did he herd?	goats	
3	Easter What is the earliest date Easter may be celebrated?	March 22	
4	alligator Briefly explain what is significant about the alligator's fourth tooth.	Found on the crocodile's lower jaw projects outside the snout when the mouth is closed.	
5	pineapple Which country produces the most pineapples these days?	Thailand	
		Score	

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1	Macau What is the Chinese word for Pearl?	Zhu	SET 5
2	toucan How many eggs do toucans lay?	2-4	
3	breadfruit Name the British ship mentioned in this article	Bounty	
4	dominoes How many pieces in this game?	28	
5	lacrosse Explore the lacrosse field image, how long is the endline?	60 yards	
		Score	

	Questions	Answer	
1	tarantula How many eyes?	8	SET 6
2	<u>Lapland</u> Includes which peninsula of Russia?	Kola Peninsula	
3	mustard family What does 'Cruciferae' mean in English?	cross bearers	
4	board game What is Halma (American variation)?	Chinese checkers	
5	Pablo Picasso At what age did Picasso die?	92	
		Score	

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	Questions	Answer	
1	blue whale Belongs to which species?	baleen whale	SET 7
2	Malta How many islands?	5	
3	curling How much does a curling stone weigh in kilograms (kg)?	9-20 kilograms (or 42- 44 pounds)	
4	asparagus Which sauce usually accompanies this vegetable?	Hollandaise	
5	Katherine Mansfield At what age did Katherine Mansfield die?	35	
		Score	

	Questions	Answer	
1	<u>calendar</u> What was the original name for July?	Quintilis	SET8
2	Scandinavia The Faroe islands are part of which country?	Denmark	
3	billiards The wood traditionally used for billiard tables is	Mahogany	
4	Paralympic Games The International Paralympic Committee was founded when?	1989	
5	Andes How far does the Andes mountain chain stretch?	5,500 miles or 8,900 kilometres	
		Score	

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1	Jack London Which University did this author attend?	University of California	SET 9
2	Lisbon How many towers does the medieval castle of St. George have?	10	
3	badminton This game was called 'poona' in which country?	India	
4	<u>sparrow</u> Which instrument is the song of the fox sparrow likened to?	flute	
5	Eiffel Tower This famous landmark was built to celebrate which anniversary? Full answer required!	Centennial Exposition of 1889, fair to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the French Revolution.	

	Questions	Answer	
1	Malta How many islands make up the country of Malta?	5	SET 10
2	tennis In which two decades were cement courts introduced in public parks?	1960s & 1970s	
3	bougainvillea This plant is native to which continent?	South America	
4	Jeff Kinney How old is this author of 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid'?	50 (as at 2021)	
5	SNOW Watch the video found within the article, why does snow crunch?	Snow is fragile because it is a crystal with lots of little branches. When we walk on new snow, these tiny branches break up by the thousands and that causes the crunching sound we hear.	

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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OTHER ACTIVITIES

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!

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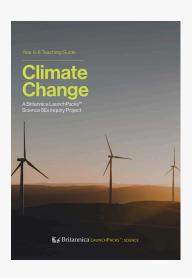
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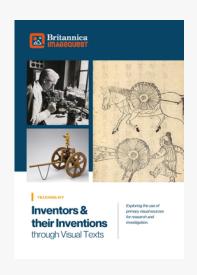
Ancient Civilisations: History themed Digital Scavenger Hunt (Grade 6-8)

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)

