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Your guide to getting started
with Britannica School



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The Britannica Vision



For over 250 years, Britannica has collaborated with experts, scholars, educators, designers and specialists as well as our global team of editors to provide safe, reliable, and relevant information. We work diligently to review all content and produce digital learning products that are critical to providing a useful and enjoyable learning experience.

Britannica Education resources are designed in collaboration with parents, educators, and content experts for the modern-day classroom and home learning environments.

We are passionate about igniting curiosity and spreading the joy of discovery to learners by bringing high-quality, reliable, and accessible learning resources to people all over the world.

Britannica School



Britannica School is the go-to site for learning about any subject, for all ages and learning abilities!

Our highly reputable editorial team expertly creates content at three levels to support students at every stage of their education.

Choose a level to begin exploring the wide array of Britannica content.

Elementary Level

Designed with younger learners in mind, the Elementary home page offers exciting topics and eye-catching visuals to help keep students engaged. Regularly updated content makes the home page the perfect place to find unique lesson hooks and discussion points, and to ignite student curiosity!



In The News!

Welcome, Tortoises!

The Houston Zoo welcomed three tortoise hatchlings!

National Poetry Month

View by

Animal Group

Habitat

A - Z List



Geography



World Atlas



Compare Countries



Tour the U.S.A.



Geography Explorer



Nda Gorman

Gorman is a young writer. She writes poems and helps other young people find ways to tell their



Ancient Poetry

People all over the world have been writing poetry for hundreds of years. The marks on this stone are a poem that was written about a thousand years ago in an ancient form of writing.

Explore Tools

Empower students to independently explore the many resources within Britannica! Use the World Atlas to go on a virtual tour around the world, explore the Animal Kingdom, or engage your Pre-K through second-grade learners with Britannica Fundamentals.

News and Important Events

The "In the News" section provides students the opportunity to explore an interesting and thought-provoking topic. Students can also follow links to related articles and media to help them continue their research.

Middle Level

The Middle Level home page caters to middle level learners. Resources can be used to inspire curiosity, engage in discussion, or encourage independent learning. Additional features on the Middle Level home page include the Video of the Week, At-A-Glance articles, and much more!

The screenshot shows two main sections. On the left, the 'COMPARE COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES' section has a blue header and a question: 'The world's most populous countries are China and India. Which do you think has a higher percentage of city dwellers?'. Below the text are two circular images: one showing a busy street in India with many people and vehicles, and another showing a busy street in China with many bicycles. Below these images is the text 'Find out more in Compare Countries'. On the right, the 'COLLECTIONS LANDMARKS AT A GLANCE' section has a black header with orange text. Below the header is a large image of the Great Pyramids of Giza. Below the image is the text 'Natural Wonders and Feats of Engineering Landmarks are features of the land or structures that are notable or unique. Find Out More →'. At the bottom right of this section is the text 'More At a Glance Collections'. Below these two sections is a green box with a world map and the text 'Explore the World Atlas Tour the U.S.A.'.

Compare Countries

The Compare Countries feature is a great tool to develop global awareness and to support students' understanding of countries around the world using unbiased, factual information. This tool is introduced with a question to encourage students to investigate further.

At-A-Glance Articles

The Collections feature highlights the at-a-glance articles, which allow users to dive into broader themes and concepts in one place. Explore Presidents of the United States at a Glance, African American History at a Glance, Solar System at a Glance, and more to find links to articles, media, and other content to help make connections within these important topics.

High Level

Content at the High level is designed to be of relevance to students in High School. The home page allows students to engage with features such as Flash Facts and On This Day. Students can conduct research and develop critical thinking skills that will prepare them for college and a career.

The screenshot displays the 'High Level' interface with several content sections:

- SCIENCE IN PICTURES**
 - Prism**: A white light beam is shown entering a triangular prism, which refracts it into a spectrum of colors. Text: "White light is a mixture of all the colors of the rainbow. A prism breaks up white light into its component colors by refracting, or bending, each color a different amount." Below this is a link to "EXPLORE OTHER SCIENCE AND MATH MEDIA:" with a list: light, optics, physics.
- Explore**: A navigation area with two buttons: "ARTICLES" (with a book icon) and "IMAGES AND VIDEOS" (with a camera icon).
- ON THIS DAY**: A section featuring a photograph of Martin Luther King, Jr. speaking at a podium. Text: "In 1968 **Martin Luther King, Jr.**, a leader of the American civil rights movement who was in Memphis, Tennessee, to support a strike by sanitation workers, was assassinated by James Earl Ray." A "Read more" button is present.
- Flash Facts**: A section with a photograph of a river delta. Text: "How Long Is the Amazon River? The Amazon might be the world's longest river. Most scientists believe it is at least 4,000 miles (6,400 km) long—still shorter than the Nile, which is about 4,132 miles (6,650 km). Others, however, have asserted that the Amazon is actually much longer. The Amazon's start and end points have been difficult to determine." Below this text are two links: "Amazon River" and "Nile River".

Biographies

Students can search for biographies of people from all walks of life. They can search by era or by occupation. This feature allows students to dive deep into the lives of some of the world's most inspiring people, from the influential to the infamous.

New Ways to Explore Content

Explore a wide range of high-quality multimedia resources to support research and develop understanding of a topic. The On This Day section highlights an important event in order to explore history. The Flash Facts section provides links to interesting articles to spark curiosity!

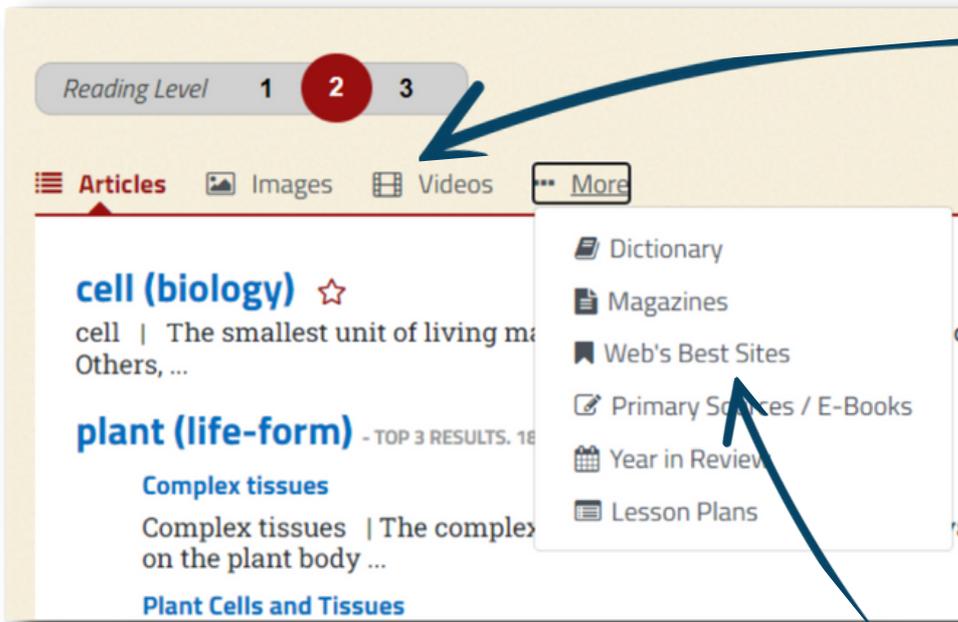
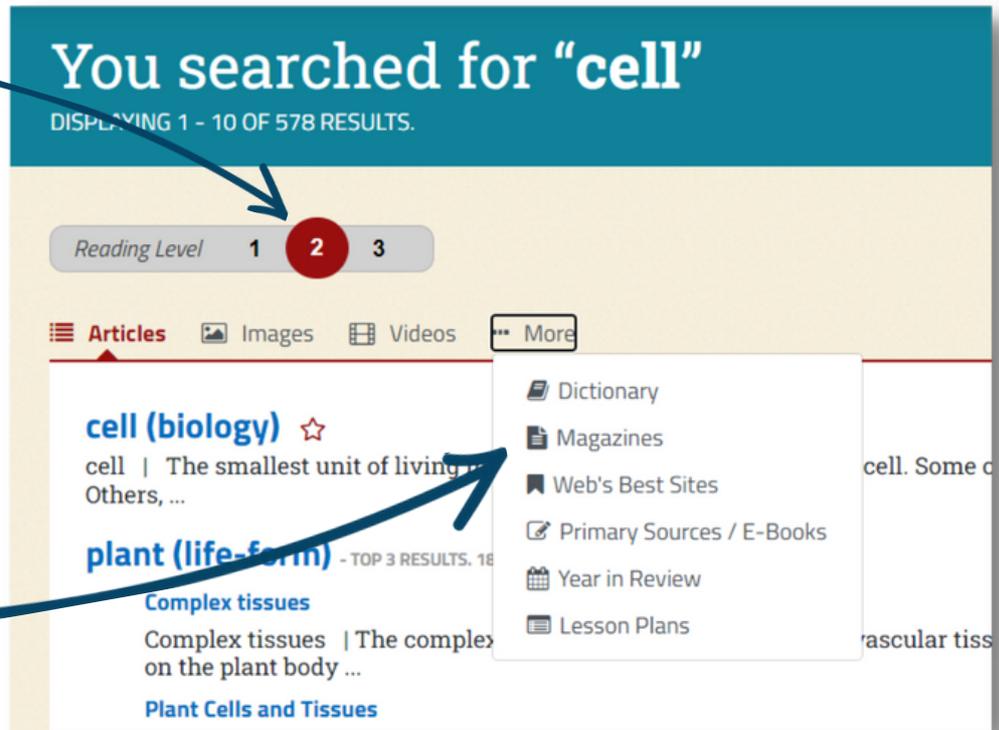
Search Results

Differentiation

Support or challenge students by selecting the appropriate academic level. This is a simple way to include differentiation within the classroom.

Journals

Across all three of the reading levels, students have access to a wide range of educational journals provided by EBSCO. This advanced form of researching allows students to prepare for college and careers.



Multimedia

Students have access to a large number of high-quality videos and images to enhance media literacy skills. These can be used as lesson hooks or discussion points to engage your learners through the use of multimedia.

Web's Best Sites

Web's Best Sites allows students to broaden their research to resources outside of Britannica School. Each site is reviewed by the Britannica Editorial Team to ensure that they are relevant and appropriate for the learning of students at each level.

Content Page Tools

Favorite

Click on the star icon to add an article to your Favorites or a specific Resource Pack that you've created. This is a great way of planning for a unit of work and gathering content together in advance.

Cite

Teach students about the importance of citation from a young age. Britannica keeps this process as simple as possible for all levels and abilities.

Translate

Select the globe icon to support your English Language Learners by translating content into more than 80 languages. Students can develop English skills by hovering over the translation to view the original text.

The screenshot displays the Britannica School Elementary interface for the article 'cell'. At the top, there is a 'TABLE OF CONTENTS' section and a 'cell' title. Below the title, there are navigation icons for back, star, print, share, globe, audio, and zoom. The 'Reading Level' is indicated as 2. The article content includes an 'Introduction' section with a diagram of a cell and text explaining that the cell is the smallest unit of living matter. A 'Literacy Support' sidebar is visible on the right, containing an 'Introduction' section with a play button, a 'General Features' section, a 'Parts of a Cell' section, and a 'Types of Cells' section. The page also includes a search bar and navigation icons.

Literacy Support

There are many ways to support developing readers and to encourage independent learning. Use the Read Aloud tool to hear the text read aloud while following along with the highlighted text. Support vocabulary acquisition by using the quick-click dictionary! Double click on a word for the Merriam Webster definition and pronunciation.

Challenge

Challenge your advanced learners by suggesting that they engage with content at a higher reading level. Additionally, encourage them to click the Related tab when viewing content in order to expand their research and make meaningful connections between content.

My Britannica

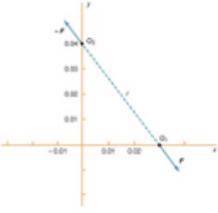
Set yourself up with a personal My Britannica account. Here, both educators and students are able to view their favorited content and organize it into Resource Packs. The notes section allows for simple communication between educators and students, making Resource Packs a great tool for digital homework!

My Content
Welcome, Mikaela Tennis

Favorites **Resource Packs** **Lesson Plans**

Favorites All content types ▾
DISPLAYING 1 - 10 of 77 FAVORITES

 **Gladys West** 
ARTICLE - LEVEL 2
(born 1930). American mathematician Gladys West analyzed satellite data and wrote computer programs to create a model of the precise shape of Earth. The model played an...
+ Add to Resource Pack

 **electricity** 
ARTICLE - LEVEL 3
phenomenon associated with stationary or moving electric charges. Electric charge is a fundamental property of matter and is borne by elementary particles. In electricity the...
+ Add to Resource Pack

How should teachers use Resource Packs?

Resource Packs provide the perfect area for teachers to collect and organize all relevant resources for a specific unit of work. Use the notes section for forward planning. Don't forget that you can upload your own documents into a Resource Pack!

How should students use Resource Packs?

Students can keep track of the content they have found as they research by organizing it into a Resource Pack. They can use the notes section to write summaries of key points and other notes they collect as they research. Students can email the pack with teachers and peers to share their progress.

Curriculum Support

Save yourself time scrolling through endless curriculum documents. Gain further support with lesson planning by accessing our curriculum mapping tool. Accessible through the Educator tab, the curriculum mapping tool clearly highlights each strand within the curriculum that the Britannica content targets.

The screenshot shows the 'Curriculum Standards' tool interface. The top navigation bar includes the Britannica School Middle logo, a search bar, and links for 'Your Britannica Resources', 'Students', and 'Educators'. The main heading is 'Curriculum Standards'. On the left, the 'STANDARD TYPE' section has 'US State Standards' selected. Below it, the 'Standard' dropdown is set to 'Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (T)', 'Subject' is 'Social Studies', and 'Grade' is '6'. There are also radio buttons for 'Canada Standards', 'International Baccalaureate Organization Standards', and 'Other Standards', and a 'View Results' button. The right side displays 'Grade 6 SOCIAL STUDIES' with a list of correlated articles: 'Abraham Lincoln', 'Abraham Lincoln', 'Afghan Wars', 'African National Congress', 'Aksum', 'Alain Juppé', and 'Albrecht von Wallenstein'.

Searching for your curriculum content

Select your standard, subject, and grade level to view all the relevant Britannica content that maps directly to those strands. This will ensure that your resources align with all necessary curriculum targets.

Cross-Curriculum Planning

Easily identify opportunities for cross-curriculum learning and collaboration!

Britannica School Insights

The screenshot shows a Google search for "abraham lincoln". The search results page includes a search bar with the query, navigation tabs for All, Images, News, Videos, Books, and More, and a "Tools" button. Below the search bar, it indicates "About 92,700,000 results (0.41 seconds)". The main result is for "Abraham Lincoln", the 16th U.S. President, with tabs for Overview, History, Education, and Books. A Wikipedia snippet is visible, starting with "Abraham Lincoln was an American lawyer, politician and statesman who served as the 16th president of the United States from 1861 until his assassination in ...". To the right, the Britannica School Insights extension is displayed, featuring a "250" badge, a portrait of Lincoln, and a brief biography: "Abraham Lincoln, 16th president of the United States (1861–65), who preserved the Union during the American Civil War and brought about the emancipation... read more >>". Below the portrait, it says "Look Closer" with links for "Life", "Reputation and character", and "Cabinet of President Abraham Lincoln". At the bottom of the extension is a button that says "Expand to Learn More".

Support literacy skill development and ensure your students can bring a trusted research companion along with them on their Web searches with the new, FREE Chrome extension for Britannica School users.

Add Britannica School Insights as a Google Chrome Extension by navigating to britannicaeducation.com/product/britannica-school-insights/



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