Britannica® School
The No. 1 Information Resource K-12 Educators Recommend

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“A Stellar Database...SLJ Readers’ Favorite!” —School Library Journal
Put Learning First with Britannica School.

Prepare students for the world they’ll shape within an environment of high quality information and instruction.

In Britannica School, students can conduct research using thousands upon thousands of searchable encyclopedia and journal articles, images, videos, audio clips, curated primary sources with curriculum relevance, detailed maps, editor-recommended Web sites, learning games, a world atlas, and a wealth of how-to research tools. Trust Britannica School to inspire, inform, and support exploration, discovery, and learning—any time, any place, and on any device. And rely on Britannica to provide educators with the professional development and technical support that will help them use Britannica School to its fullest.

Accurate and Up-to-Date Curriculum Support

Aligned to the Common Core, U.S. state, and Canadian provincial standards, the information in Britannica School is updated daily with new and revised articles and multimedia elements—at least 1,200 pieces of content per month—to keep users informed and engaged.

Quality Information from Experts

Tap into the knowledge of 4,500 contributing experts from around the world—from historians to world leaders to Nobel Prize winners—along with the experience of Britannica’s 100+ member editorial team, fact-checkers, and in-house curriculum specialists. Their work, and that of our product developers, reflects the practical input our users provide to ensure that Britannica School is the instructional tool that educators and students can’t live without.

Built-in Differentiation

Choose from three learning entry points—Elementary, Middle, or High School—then select a reading level that matches each student’s ability. Educators or students can adjust an article’s complexity with a single keystroke while maintaining the age-appropriate look and format of the page.

Intuitive Search and Discovery

Start your search the way that’s most efficient for you. Britannica School offers many gateways to the content. Use the search box at the top of every page. Browse by subject or media type. Check out the weekly rotating content, Primary Sources, and At a Glance features on the home page. Search topics produce a wide variety of trusted sources to review.

Robust Accessibility Tools

Students can read and cite articles, look up an unfamiliar word in the pop-up Merriam-Webster™ dictionary, or translate content into 1 of 50 languages. Print out an article or make it a “favorite,” along with images and videos, for later reference. Click to activate the read-aloud feature or change the font size for easier reading.

Universal Access

Access Britannica School easily in the classroom or library, integrate it with your learning management or library system, or use it at home. Enjoy it on a tablet, smartphone, laptop, or desktop computer. It’s perfect for BYOD and 1:1 programs and easily supports your blended learning model.

A Community of Collaborative Educators

Britannica School is perfect for strengthening collaboration between classroom teachers and school librarians to inspire more effective and engaging instruction. Use the easy-to-follow Content Collector to organize articles and images. Then export them to the Lesson Plan Builder to create and share lesson plans with other educators across the hall or across the country.
Age-Appropriate Features Start Building Key Research Skills

Provide students with a learning environment that promotes discovery right from the home page.

Britannica® Learning Zone for Grades PreK-2 offers play-based activities for learning colors, geography, numbers, shapes, telling time, and vocabulary.

Weekly rotating content on the home page increases interactivity with engaging features that encourage inquiry through exploration.

Britannica® Learning Zone

Click “Students” for fun activities that provide practice with standards-based reading, writing, and math skills.

Click “Educators” to access video tutorials, the Curriculum Standards Browse feature, and your stored content.

A variety of tools are available to bookmark, print, and share articles.

Choose an appropriate reading level for each article.

Articles are illustrated with photos, videos, diagrams, and maps to help students learn to compare text and multimedia resources as they collect their evidence.

Article text is “chunked” to make it easy for young learners to focus on the informational content they are reading.

“The differentiated instruction and PreK-12 Common Core material makes it a highly recommended database that is relevant in the digital age.”

—School Library Journal

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More Challenging Content and Unique Features
Support Students in Grades 6-8

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The home page provides a list of recommended primary sources, including documents specified in the Common Core Standards.

Rotating At a Glance features highlight content relevant to the middle school curriculum.

Middle

This level offers more complex articles, featuring lists of contributors, primary source documents, e-books, maps, and videos to help students analyze and evaluate multiple sources of evidence.

“Favorite” and store content in My Britannica from an article page or from search results.

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College and Career Readiness Intensifies Here

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Browse media from the home page by category, then view all the images and video related to that category or sort to see images or video only (also available at Elementary and Middle School levels).

Study guides, a pre-research planner, and how-to documents for preparing book reviews, presentations, science reports, and research papers are just a click away (also available at Middle School level).

MLA, APA, Harvard, and Chicago Manual of Style citations are provided for each article (also available at Elementary and Middle School levels).

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Revised Articles

News by New York Times
- China's plan for a lunar space station
- The United States to send a massive mission to Mars
- SpaceX launches Inmarsat satellite
- UK and France agree to joint efforts in space exploration
- NASA to launch first solar telescope
- China's space station to become operational by 2022

Other Relevant Articles
- North Korea’s nuclear test
- Japan’s earthquake
- Australia’s bushfires
- India’s election results
- Brazil’s economic crisis

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Educators’ Resources

Browse through all of the teacher-created lesson plans or filter them by grade level and subject. Find and customize favorites to use with your students. Teacher-created lesson plans also can be accessed from the Search Results page.

A free training guide walks you through all of the key features.

Find the state, provincial, and Common Core curriculum standards that correlate to Britannica articles and classroom materials with just a few clicks of the mouse.

Curriculum Standards

Both students and educators can organize articles, images, and videos in the Content Collector. Teachers can convert these collections to lesson plans easily and efficiently.

“Working with teachers on the Lesson Plan Builder definitely helps build a relationship between the library media specialist and teachers.”

—Jennifer Park, Ed.S., Library Media Specialist, Gainesville, GA

The Professional Development Team Is Here to Help!

Participate in on-site workshops or free Web-based professional development to discover new ways to become familiar with how to use Britannica School with students or to learn about more advanced features.