



Guided Tour

Your Complete Guide to Britannica Library



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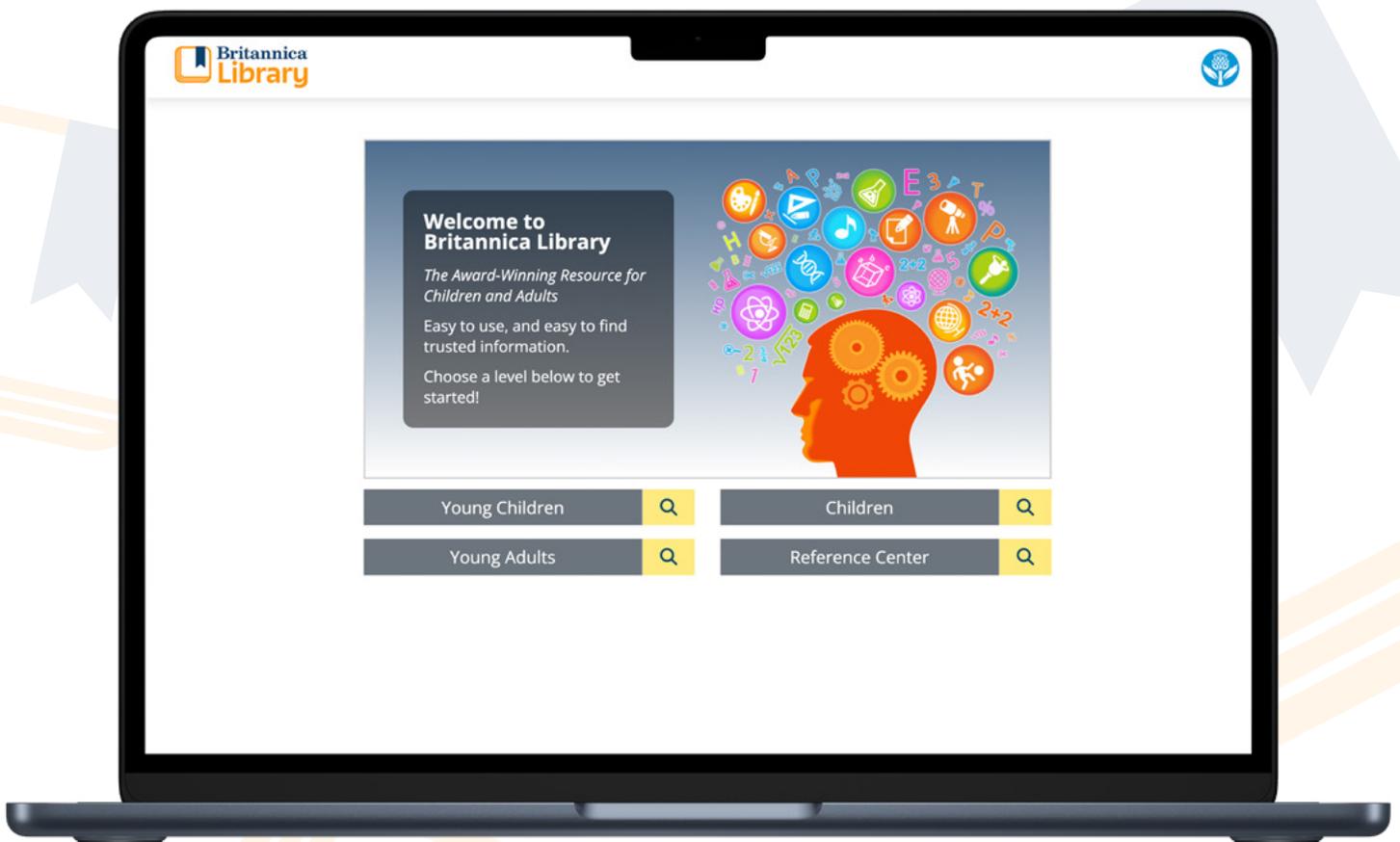
Teach Britannica: Resources for Educators

Discover educator resources, ready-made lessons, and helpful tools.

Meet the award-winning library resource for children and adults

Encourage independent discovery for patrons of all ages.

Britannica Library offers a safe, trustworthy platform designed to make learning engaging and accessible for all ages and learning abilities. With four distinct levels – **Young Children**, **Children**, **Young Adults**, and **Reference Center** – and accompanying standards alignments, Britannica Library meets patrons where they are and helps them thrive.



Articles

No matter the level, Britannica Library's articles are designed for quick navigation and readability, making information easy to find, engaging, and accessible. The layout reduces cognitive load, helping users stay focused.

The image shows a tablet displaying a Britannica article about Germany. The article layout includes a title bar, a flag, a table of contents, a main text block, an inline image, and a list of facts. Callouts point to various interactive elements:

- Navigator Toolbar:** Located at the top left, it includes a level indicator (LEVEL 1, 2, 3), a navigator menu (Introduction), and utility icons (Cite, Save, Send, Print, Translate, Font, Open Dyslexic).
- Article Media Gallery:** Located at the top right, it features a play button and a 'Jump to article' button with a '24' icon.
- Collapsible Table of Contents:** Located in the middle, it lists 'Introduction' and 'Geography' with expandable arrows.
- Inline Visuals:** Points to a photo of a farmhouse in the Black Forest, which is part of a 'Fun Facts' section.
- Fun Facts:** A 'DID YOU KNOW?' box containing a fact about Johannes Gutenberg.

The main text of the article reads: "Germany is located in north-central Europe. The central part of the country is hilly and forested. The north is a wide, sandy plain. The south contains the Bavarian Alps. Much of Germany has a temperate climate, with warm summers and cool, overcast winters."

The 'Fun Facts' section includes:

- Germany:** A farmhouse stands in the mountains of Germany's Black Forest. © reinhard seiser/fotolia
- DID YOU KNOW?** Mainz, Germany, is the birthplace of **Johannes Gutenberg**. He invented a printing press that made books more widely available and allowed more people to learn how to read.

The 'Geography' section lists:

- **Neighboring countries:** Denmark, Poland, the Czech Republic, Austria, Switzerland, France, Luxembourg, Belgium, and the Netherlands
- **Surrounding bodies of water:** The North and Baltic seas lie to the north.
- **Mountains:** Bavarian Alps in the south
- **Major cities:** Berlin, Hamburg, Munich, Cologne, Stuttgart
- **Highest peak:** Zugspitze—9,718 feet (2,962 meters)
- **Major rivers:** Rhine, Elbe, Oder, Danube



space debris
Numerous pieces of human-created debris are in orbit over the Earth, endangering future space...

Article Media Gallery

Preview all media – photos, interactives, illustrations – at the top of each article, with a Jump to Article tool for quick access.

▶ Introduction

▶ Where Plants Grow

▼ Types



All plants belong to one of two main groups, vascular plants and nonvascular plants. Vascular plants have special tissues, called xylem and phloem, that carry water and food throughout the plant. Vascular plants also have **roots**, stems, and **leaves**. Vascular plants include herbaceous plants, shrubs, and trees. Herbaceous plants have soft stems. Shrubs and trees have woody stems.

Table of Contents

Easily navigate articles using the accordion table of contents, enabling users to jump to specific sections effortlessly.



engineering class

College students participate in an engineering class on robotics.

© ID 144996012 © Monkey...

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Inline Visuals

Photos, videos, and interactives are embedded directly within articles to provide context and enhance readability.



From pigeons in big cities to penguins in Antarctica, all birds have similar features. They all have wings, though they cannot all fly. All birds also have feathers. In fact, birds are the only living animals that have feathers.

Literacy Support

Support independent learning with read-aloud, word-by-word highlighting, and a quick-click Merriam-Webster dictionary.

ENGLISH ESPAÑOL

Ant*arc*ti*ca

geographical name \(')ant-'ärk-ti-kä, -'ärt-i-\

- body of land around the South Pole; plateau covered by great ice cap

[See full definition](#)

Definitions provided by



Bulleted Lists and Fun Facts

Bulleted lists and fun facts break up text, making it digestible and engaging.

MOONS

Six of the eight planets have at least one moon. Venus and Mercury are the planets that do not have a moon.

Navigation and Learning Features

Navigate effortlessly with Britannica Library's all-in-one toolbar, right within every article. Centralized tools save time on non-learning tasks: print, cite, adjust fonts, toggle reading level, and share directly to **Google Classroom, Microsoft Teams, Google Drive, or email.**

The diagram shows a mobile-style toolbar with an orange top bar containing 'LEVEL' and three numbered buttons (1, 2, 3). Below is a 'NAVIGATOR' section with a yellow bar labeled 'Introduction' and a right arrow. A purple bar below that contains 'ARTICLE', 'GALLERY', and 'RELATED' tabs. The main toolbar area is a grey rounded rectangle containing eight icons: a checkmark (Cite), a bookmark (Save), a paper plane (Send), a printer (Print), a globe (Translate), up and down arrows (Font), and a 'Dys' icon (Open Dyslexic). At the bottom are 'START' and 'END' buttons with up and down arrows. Five callout boxes are connected to the toolbar by green lines: 'Cite' (top left), 'Save' (top right), 'Translate' (bottom left), 'Adjust Font Size' (bottom center), and 'OpenDyslexic Font' (bottom right).

Cite

Britannica simplifies teaching the importance of citing sources. This tool can output four styles at every level: MLA, APA, Chicago, and Harvard.

Save

Save articles for later by **bookmarking** or saving them to a specific **Resource Pack** to stay organized.

Translate

Access content in hundreds of languages using this Google-powered translation feature. Hover over translations to strengthen users' English skills by viewing the original text.

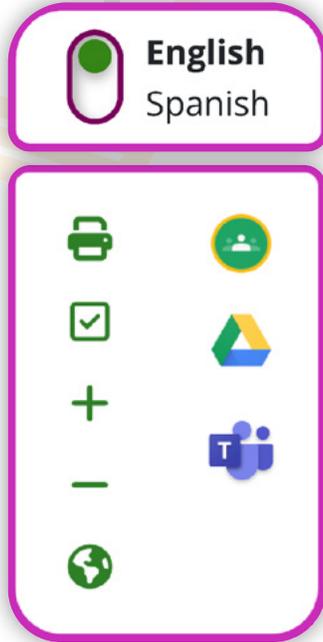
Adjust Font Size

Readers can use these arrows to increase or decrease text for improved readability, ensuring content remains accessible and comfortable for every patron.

OpenDyslexic Font

This tool was designed for users who benefit from dyslexia-friendly text. Weighted bottoms and unique shapes reduce flipping, supporting smoother, distraction-free reading and a more inclusive experience.

Navigator Tool Across Learning Levels



Young Children



Children



Young Adults



Reference Center

Why Are Some Features Grayed Out in Translated Articles?

When you use the Google Translate tool on Britannica Library, some features – like Cite, Save, Send, and Read-Aloud – are disabled. This is because the translated version is generated by Google, not Britannica.

Citing & Saving
These tools work with Britannica's original content, but since Google generates the translation, citations and saved versions would not reflect the translated text.

Read-Aloud
This feature reads Britannica's original content and does not support the translated text.

Sending Articles
When sharing an article, only the original English version is available to avoid confusion.

Printing
While Britannica does not generate a formatted print page for translations, you may be able to print using your browser's print function.

Enhanced Differentiation and Integration

Advanced Search

With all the words

With the exact phrase

With any of these words

Without these words

With these words near each other

SEARCH 



Britannica ImageQuest Integration

For sites with a Britannica ImageQuest subscription, seamlessly integrate with Britannica Library for easy access to rights-cleared images.

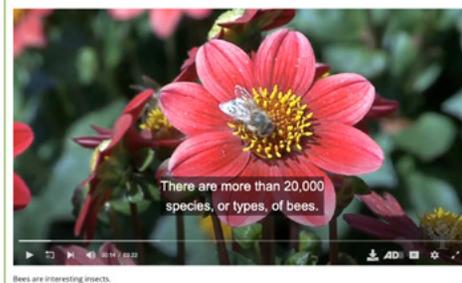
Advanced Search

Refine searches with options to match exact phrases, include or exclude words, or find words near each other – perfect for pinpointing specific information quickly.

Multimedia

Enhance media literacy with a variety of high-quality videos and images. Use these as lesson hooks or discussion points to engage patrons and bring topics to life.

All About Bees



Web's Best Sites

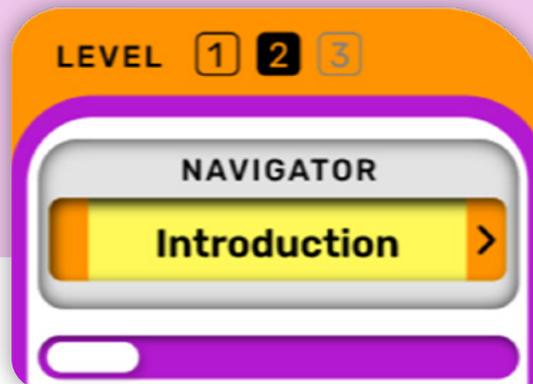
- Biology LibreTexts - Photosynthesis**
[https://www.libretexts.org/Courses/Lumen_Learning/Biology_for_Non-Majors_1_\(Lumen\)/06%3A_Metabolic_Pathways/06%3A_Photosynthesis](https://www.libretexts.org/Courses/Lumen_Learning/Biology_for_Non-Majors_1_(Lumen)/06%3A_Metabolic_Pathways/06%3A_Photosynthesis)
- Mline Library - Inanimate Life - Photosynthesis**
<https://mlinepublishing.geneseo.edu/botany/chapter/photosynthesis/>
- BCcampus Open Publishing - Concepts of Biology - 1st Canadian Edition - Overview of Photosynthesis**
<https://openstax.ca/biology/chapter/5-1-overview-of-photosynthesis/>
- University of Florida - Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences - Photosynthesis**
<https://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/manage/overview-of-florida-waters/water-quality/photosynthesis/>
- Roger Williams University Pressbooks - Introduction to Molecular and Cell Biology - Photosynthesis**
<https://new.pressbooks.pub/1010/chapter/photosynthesis/>

Web's Best Sites

Expand research beyond Britannica Library with Web's Best Sites. Each resource is carefully reviewed by the Britannica Editorial Team to ensure relevance and appropriateness for user research.

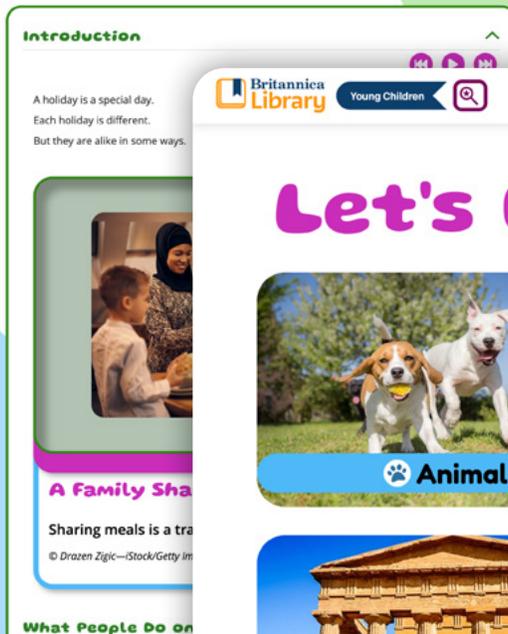
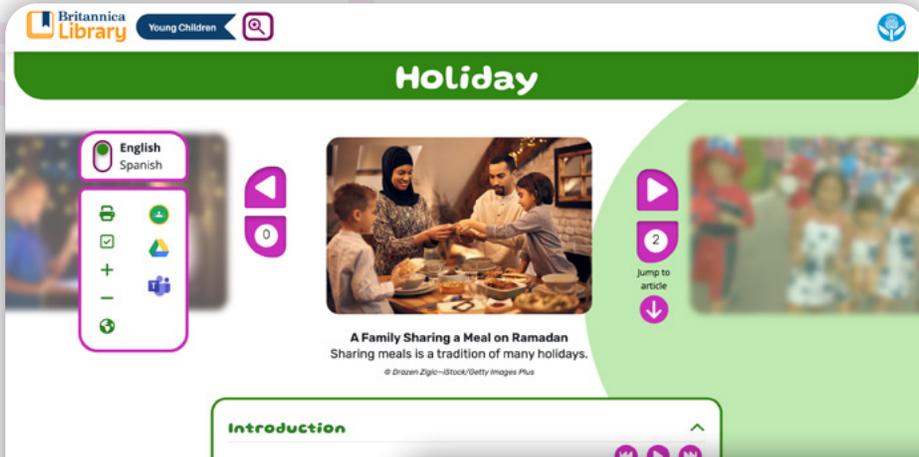
Reading Levels

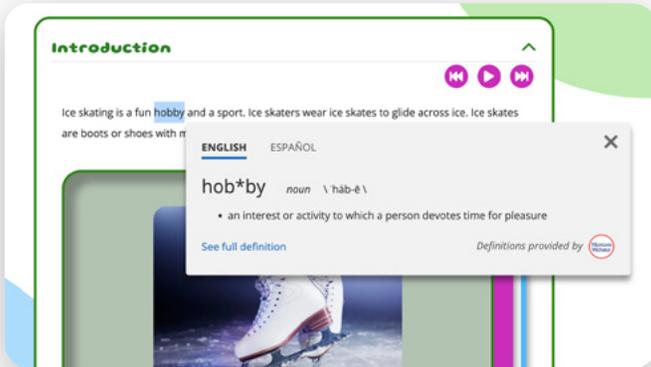
Easily support or challenge patrons by **adjusting the reading level preference** and using the **Lexile filtering option**. Setting a Lexile range (860–1700) ensures reading materials are accessible and appropriately challenging, making differentiation simple and effective.



Level: Young Children

Britannica Library: Young Children is designed for ages 4+, offering read-aloud articles with age-appropriate vocabulary, vibrant images, videos, and interactive features that keep young learners engaged. With easy navigation, children can dive into content crafted just for them!





Text Support Features

The **quick-click dictionary** allows you to quickly find definitions and Spanish translations for any word. A **read-aloud** feature with word-by-word highlighting is available via the play button at the top of each section, supporting emerging readers.



Engaging, Easy-to-Read Layout

Standards-aligned content spans six categories, enhanced with **media galleries** and **inline visuals** for an immersive experience. Articles are thoughtfully sectioned and digestible for emerging readers.



English/Spanish Toggle

An easy **toggle** between English and Spanish boosts language acquisition and accessibility, seamlessly translating **articles and all related media** into **native Spanish**.



Visual Learning in Action

Skip the text and hop directly to fun visuals that teach about animals, our world, places, people, science, and nature.

Level: Children

Captivate young readers with exciting topics and vibrant visuals that spark engagement and curiosity. Regularly updated content provides unique lesson hooks, fuels discussions, and ignites curiosity across subjects.

The screenshot shows the Britannica Library Children's interface for the article "Frederick Douglass". At the top, there is a search bar and a user profile icon. The article title "Frederick Douglass" is prominently displayed in a purple header. Below the title is a portrait of Frederick Douglass from 1855. A sidebar on the left contains a "NAVIGATOR" with "Early Life" selected, and various utility buttons like "Cite", "Save", "Send", "Print", "Translate", "Font", and "Open Dyslexic". A "Jump to article" button is visible on the right.

This screenshot shows a search bar with the placeholder text "Explore Britannica Library (start typing!)". Below the search bar is a large image of a lemur. A featured article titled "Daisy Bates: Working for Racial Justice" is highlighted with a purple "In The News!" banner. The article text reads: "We're marking Women's History Month with the story of civil rights activist Daisy Bates." A small portrait of Daisy Bates is visible on the left side of the article preview.

Read Across America Day



Read a Book

Read Across America Day encourages kids to read any kind of book they'd like!

Dr. Seuss

Read Across America Day takes place on March 2—Dr. Seuss's

Explore



Biographies



Pictures & Videos



Articles



Explore the Globe

Use the **World Atlas** to explore global geography and **uncover US landmarks** to enrich lessons. Quick links to biographies, pictures, videos, and articles make accessing a world of learning easy and immediate.

An illustration of a female news anchor sitting at a desk with a microphone and a computer monitor. The background is green and blue.

In the News!

PLAY! Word of the Day Fun Fact

An Unexpected Treasure

A 9-year-old found an unusual rock. It turned out to be a prehistoric

News and Important Events

Take learning beyond the headlines. Updated twice weekly, our **In the News!** feature includes **Merriam-Webster vocabulary games**, fun facts, and links to timely articles – perfect for developing media literacy.

Learn Some Words in Cherokee

An interactive word game featuring a photograph of an eagle in flight over water. A text box on the right contains the word "awohali" and a button labeled "eagle".

click and then drag circle left and right to reveal photos

Learn some words in the Cherokee language.

Interactive Media

Bring topics to life with **hundreds of dynamic interactives**, from historical events to fascinating life cycles. Access these interactives from the homepage to enhance engagement and understanding.

Animal Kingdom

A photograph of two seals resting on a sandy beach. A blue circular badge in the bottom right corner says "DISCOVER THE WIDE WORLD OF ANIMALS!".

View by Animal Group Habitat A - Z List

Animal Kingdom

We know animals are the most popular topics with this age range! Users can browse animal data to their heart's content by group, by habitat, or alphabetically.



Play

Word of the Day

Fun Fact

Program Grows Fresh Opportunities

A program in South Africa uses sign language to teach farming skills to deaf people.

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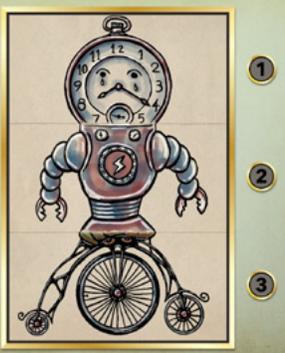
Make Your Own CREATURE

Modern art does not always look like something familiar. Artists may try to show feelings or different ways of thinking about people or things.

Some artists play a game to create new art. They each draw a different part of a body, an animal, or an object and then put them together. They come up with some funny-looking art!

You can try that here. Click buttons 1, 2, and 3 to show the head, body, and bottom of your creature. Hit the Restart button to start again. There are lots of different creatures to find.

Restart



Interactive Media

Bring topics to life with hundreds of dynamic interactives, from key events in MLK's life to details about different dog breeds. These engaging tools enhance engagement and understanding through active content exploration.

COLLECTIONS WOMEN'S HISTORY



Celebrating Women Discover a collection of biographies of women whose actions and ideas have

Collections and Countries

Discover the **At a Glance Collections** and **Compare Countries** features, which provide quick opportunities for users to make connections and foster global awareness.

IN CONGRESS, July 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America.



Primary Sources

Find letters, speeches, and other primary source materials.

Explore Primary Sources

Primary Sources

Discover letters, speeches, and other valuable primary source materials to deepen understanding of historical events and perspectives.



¡Explora Britannica en español!
Artículos, videos, actividades y más.



Level: Reference Center

Provide upper-level patrons an in-depth, ad-free research experience that supports critical thinking and exploration.

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar with the Britannica Library logo, a search bar, and a user profile icon. The main heading is "Hugo Award". On the left, there is a sidebar with a "LEVEL" indicator (1, 2, 3) and a menu with options like "Cite", "Save", "Send", "Print", "Translate", "Font", and "Open Dyslexia". The main content area features a large image of the Hugo Award trophy. Below the image, the text reads: "The prestigious Hugo Award. The Hugo Award trophy consists of a rocket standing upright on a base, the design of which changes annually and represents that year's World Science Fiction Convention (Worldcon). This particular award was given ...". There are also navigation controls like "Jump to article" and "0 | 1".

Hugo Award, any of several annual awards presented by the World Science Fiction Society (WSFS). The award is given for the best work of **science fiction** or science **fantasy** published in the first **magazine** exclusively for science fiction.

The screenshot shows a search bar with the text "Explore Britannica Library (start typing!)". Below the search bar, there is a featured article titled "Growth Rings" under the heading "SCIENCE IN PICTURES". The article text says: "By studying trees' growth rings, scientists can determine the past climatic conditions under which the trees grew." Below the text are two buttons: "EXPLORE OTHER SCIENCE AND MATH MEDIA:" with sub-buttons for "climatology" and "botany". To the right of the text is an image of tree logs showing growth rings. Below the article, there is a section titled "EXPLORE" with three sub-sections: "ARTICLES" (with an image of a stone bridge), "IMAGES AND VIDEOS" (with an image of a lion and a cat), and "BIOGRAPHIES" (with an image of a man speaking). At the bottom, there is a "My Britannica" logo and a "MY CONTENT" button with the text "Save articles and content for later and organize them into packs." and a bookmark icon.

ON THIS DAY

EXPLORE

ARTICLES



IMAGES AND VIDEOS



BIOGRAPHIES



CANADA IN FOCUS

My Britannica

MY CONTENT Save articles and content for later and organize them into packs.



Explore Content

Access a variety of resource types – **articles, images and videos, biographies, primary sources**, and more – that provide in-depth content and context across subjects, events, and perspectives.

FLASH FACTS



Celebrating Women's History

Women's History Month is a celebration of women's contributions to history, culture and society. The United States has observed it annually throughout the month of March since 1987.

National Women's History Month

Woman suffrage



The Tale of Two Submerged Continents

Recent studies of Earth's geological and geographical features have revealed evidence of ancient continents in the Indian and Pacific Oceans.

Continent

Gondwana

Interactive Learning

On This Day highlights significant historical events, encouraging patrons to connect with history. **Flash Facts** provides quick insights and links to articles on fascinating topics, sparking curiosity and expanding knowledge.

COMPARE COUNTRIES

Compare countries and territories to learn about the people, governments, and terrain of our world.



Explore Compare Countries

WORLD ATLAS



Explore Atlas

Tour the U.S.A.

Research Tools

Organize content with **My Britannica**, where users can save articles and create personalized **Resource Packs** – perfect for projects and long-term research. The **Compare Countries** tool and **World Atlas** provide a global perspective, allowing patrons to explore diverse cultures, governments, and geographies.

NEW & REVISED ARTICLES



TODAY
election



TODAY
Monuments of Hope, Memorials to a Poisoned Past



TODAY
Confederate States of America



TODAY
social security

More New & Revised Articles

New and Revised Articles

Keep learning current with new and revised articles on trending topics, historical figures, and key events, offering reliable, up-to-date content.

Teach Britannica: Resources for Educators

Teach Britannica is an educator's companion, offering ready-to-use resources that support instruction and enrich learning across all levels of Britannica Library. Through this dedicated hub, librarians and educators alike can access tools like graphic organizers, instructional strategies, and lesson minis – all designed to make teaching easier and more impactful.

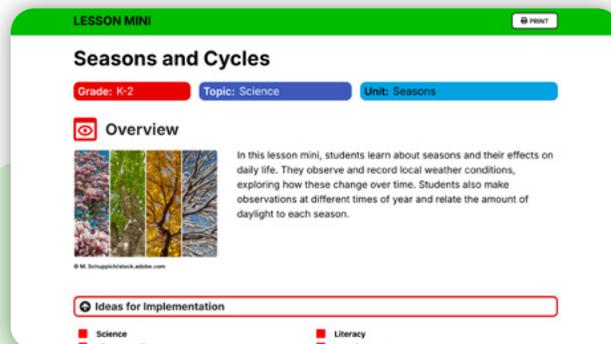


Teach Britannica

Educator resources to enhance learning

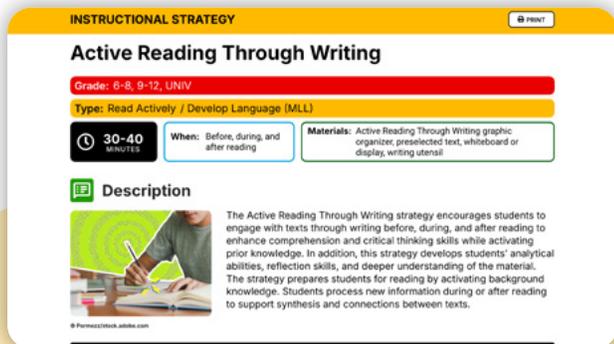
Accessing Teach Britannica

Teach Britannica is easily accessible from the **Britannica Education icon** in the main navigation on Britannica Library.



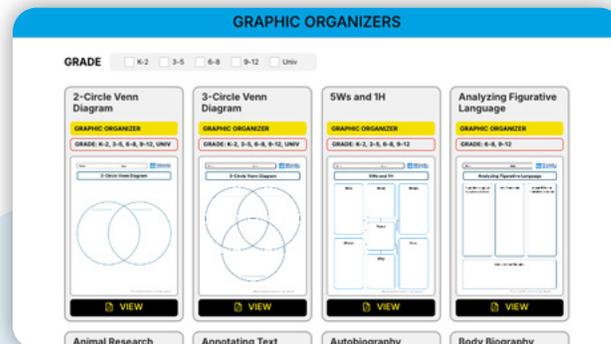
Lesson Minis

Personalize learning and boost engagement using these modular minis – ideal for **lesson planning** and **real-world extension activities**.



Instructional Strategies

Access six categories of **evidence-based methods** for effective education, such as **Acquire Vocabulary** and **Organize Thinking**, which are essential for learning goals of any classroom.



Graphic Organizers

Visual tools such as **diagrams, charts, and structured visuals** support understanding of relationships, processes, and concepts, **making complex ideas easier to grasp**.





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