



Guided Tour

Your Complete Guide to Britannica Library



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Explore **Britannica Education Webinars** for expert-led product walkthroughs, teaching strategies, and tips to make the most of our trusted learning resources.



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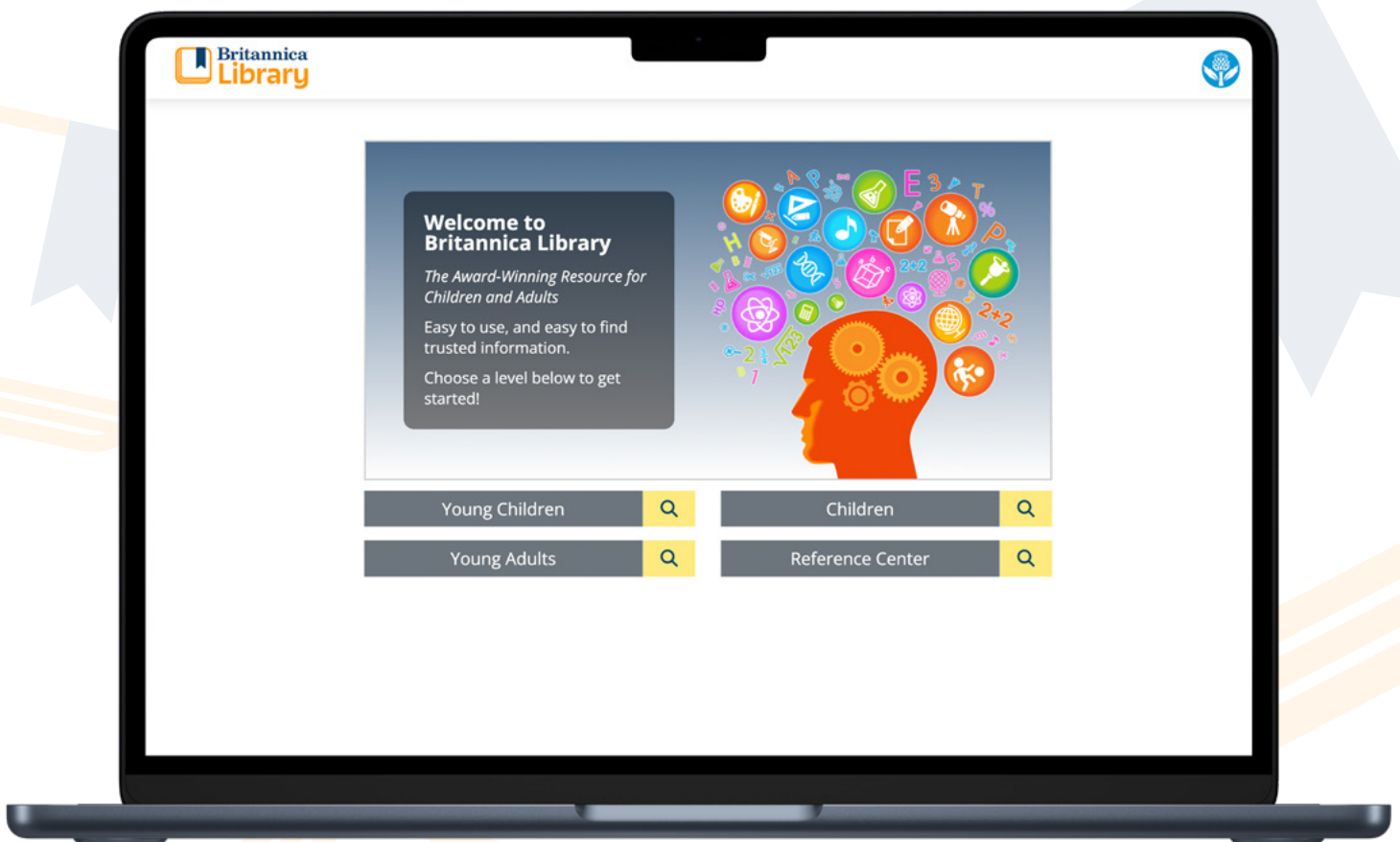
Teach Britannica: Resources for Educators

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 specific features:

- Navigator Toolbar:** A sidebar on the left with a 'NAVIGATOR' section showing 'Introduction' and 'Related' articles, and a 'LITERACY SUPPORT' section with icons for Cite, Save, Send, Print, Translate, Font, and Open Dyslexia.
- Article Media Gallery:** A gallery of images related to the article, located on the right side.
- Literacy Support:** A section on the left side of the article, providing accessibility options.
- Collapsible Table of Contents:** A section in the middle of the article with expandable sections for 'Introduction' and 'Geography'.
- Inline Visuals:** A large image of a German farmhouse in a mountainous area, with a caption and a 'Fun Facts' sidebar.
- Fun Facts:** A sidebar on the right side of the article, providing interesting facts about Germany.

Germany

LEVEL 1 2 3

NAVIGATOR

Introduction

ARTICLE GALLERY RELATED

Cite Save Send Print

Translate Font Open Dyslexia

START END

Germany

Flag of Germany

Encyclopædia Britannica, Inc.

QUICK FACTS

Introduction

Geography

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.

Germany

A farmhouse stands in the mountains of Germany's Black Forest.

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- **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

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.



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.



engineering class

College students participate in an engineering class on robotics.

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Inline Visuals

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

Table of Contents

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



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.

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



Literacy Support

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

Bulleted Lists and Fun Facts

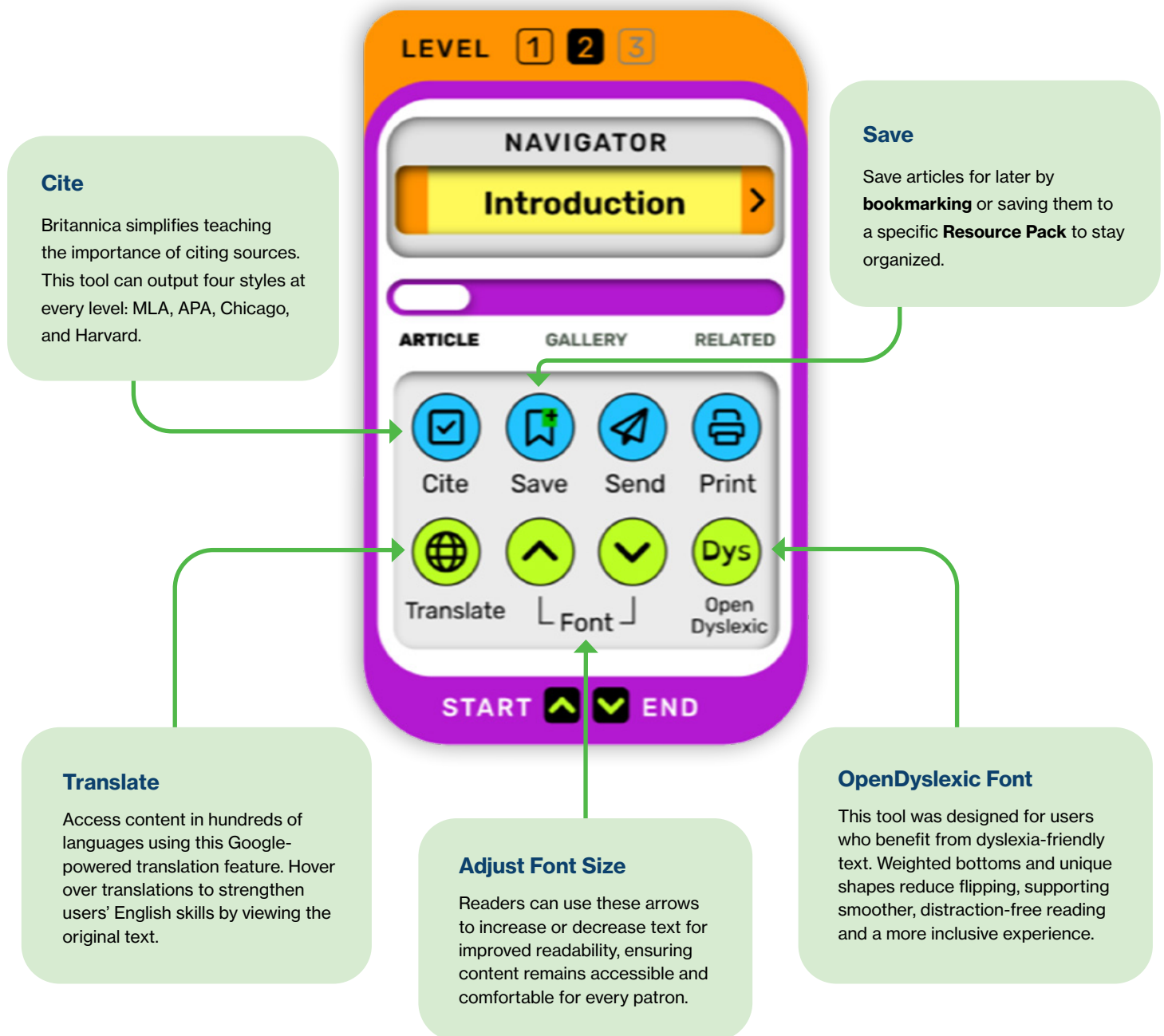
Bulleted lists and fun facts break up text, making it digestible and engaging.

MOONS

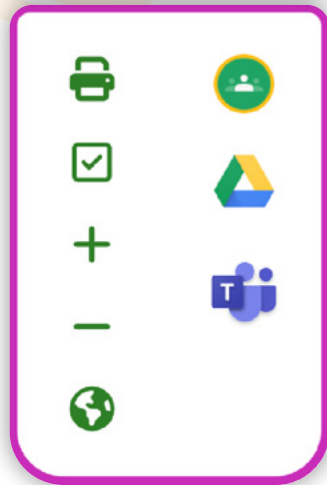
Six of the eight planets have at least one moon. Venus and Mercury are the planets that do not have a moon.

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.**



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.

Reading 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

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.



Britannica ImageQuest Integration

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

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://bio.libretexts.org/Courses/Lumen_Learning/Biology_for_Non-Majors/18.0634_Metabolic_Pathways/18.0634_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.org/r/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/sci101/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

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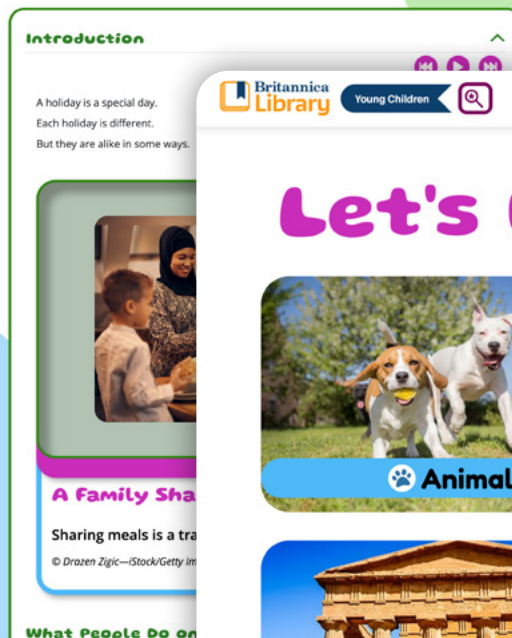
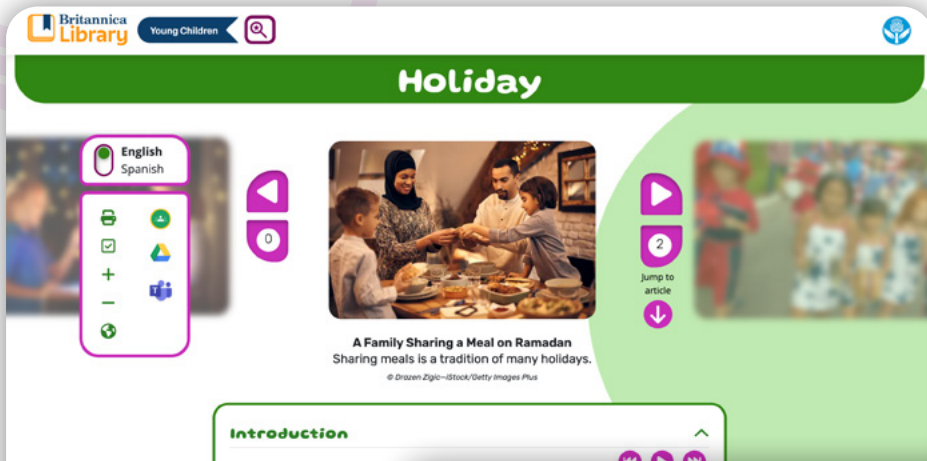
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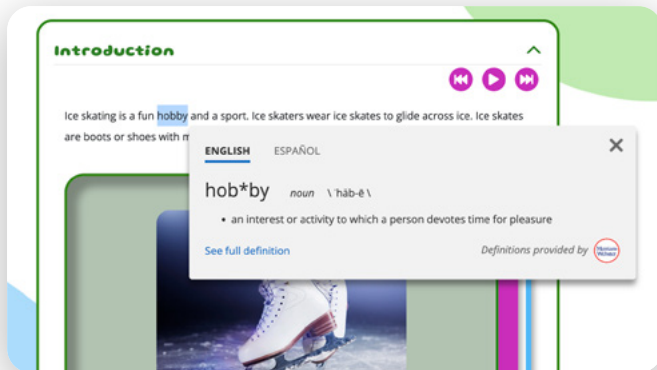
Introduction



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 on Frederick Douglass. At the top, there's a search bar and a navigation menu. The main heading is "Frederick Douglass". Below it is a portrait of Frederick Douglass from 1855. To the left of the portrait is a sidebar with a "NAVIGATOR" section showing "Early Life" as the selected topic. Below the portrait is a caption: "Frederick Douglass, 1855. My Bondage and My Freedom by Frederick Douglass, 1855".

Introduction

Early Life

Frederick Augustus Washington Douglass, born February 14, 1818 in Talbot county, Maryland, was the son of a white father and a Black mother. He knew his father, who was a

The screenshot shows the Britannica Library Children's homepage. At the top, there's a search bar with the text "Explore Britannica Library (start typing!)". Below the search bar is a large image of a lemur. To the right of the lemur image is a section titled "In The News!" with a subheading "Daisy Bates: Working for Racial Justice". Below this is a paragraph: "We're marking Women's History Month with the story of civil rights activist Daisy Bates." Below the "In The News!" section is a section titled "Read Across America Day" with a subheading "Dr. Seuss". Below this is a paragraph: "Read Across America Day takes place on March 2—Dr. Seuss's".



In The News!

Daisy Bates: Working for Racial Justice

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Read Across America Day



Dr. Seuss

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Read a Book

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

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.

In the News!

PLAY! Word of the Day Fun Fact

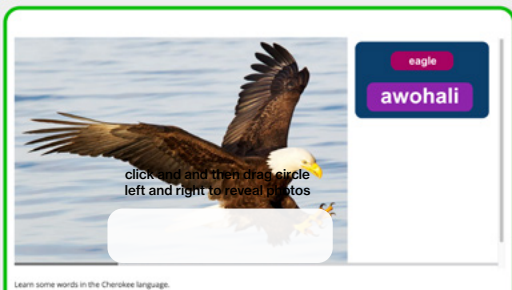
An Unexpected Treasure

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



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

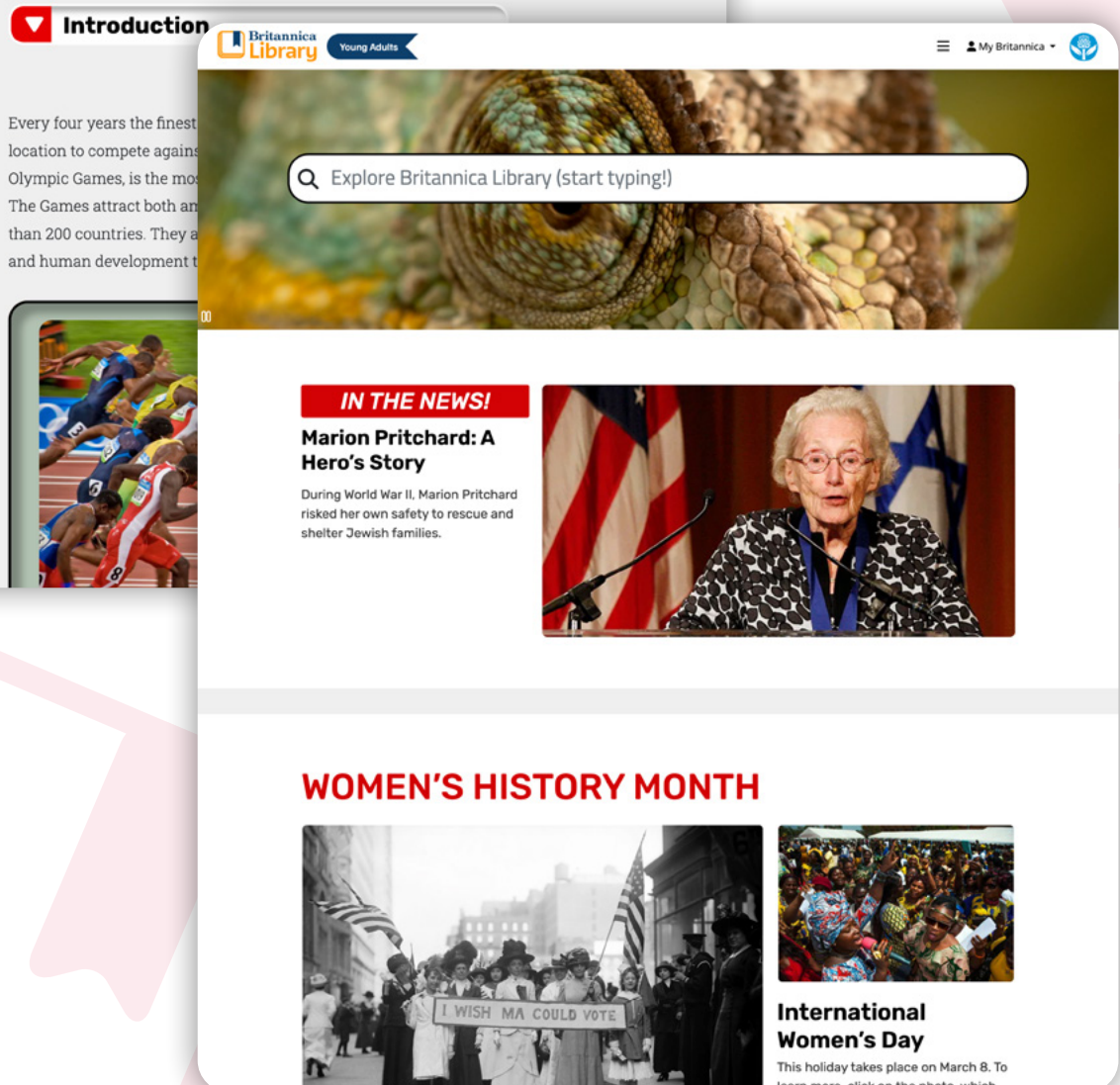
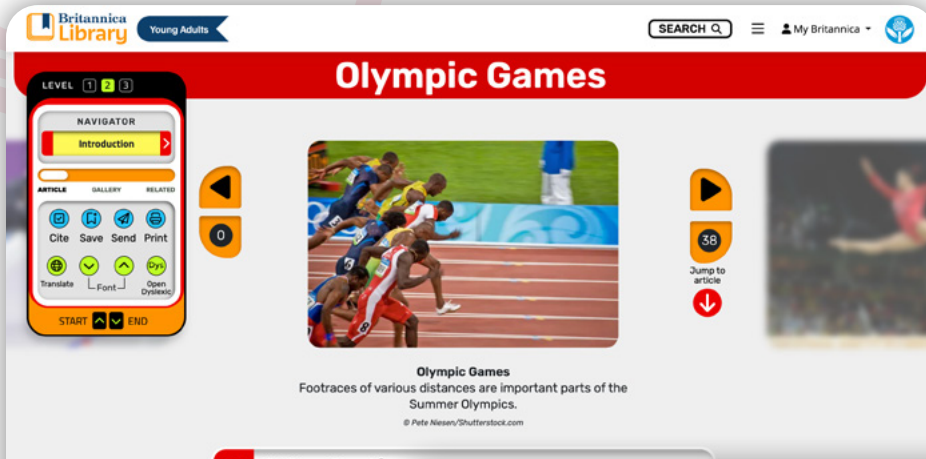


Animal Kingdom

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.

Level: Young Adults

Engage ages 12+ with resources that inspire curiosity, foster discussion, and promote independent learning. Regularly updated content and interactive tools make it easy to dive into new topics and explore concepts in depth.





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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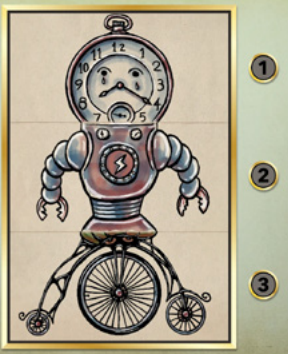
Make Your Own CREATURE

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.



Primary Sources

Find letters, speeches, and other primary source materials.

Explore Primary Sources



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

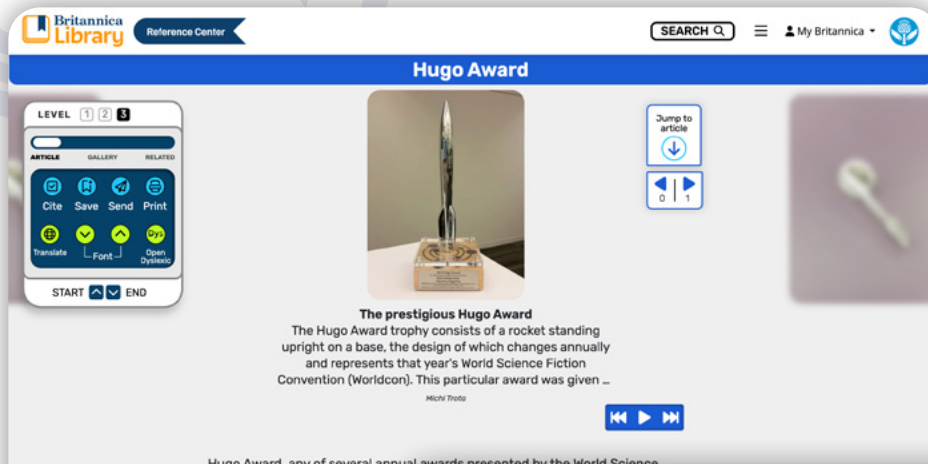


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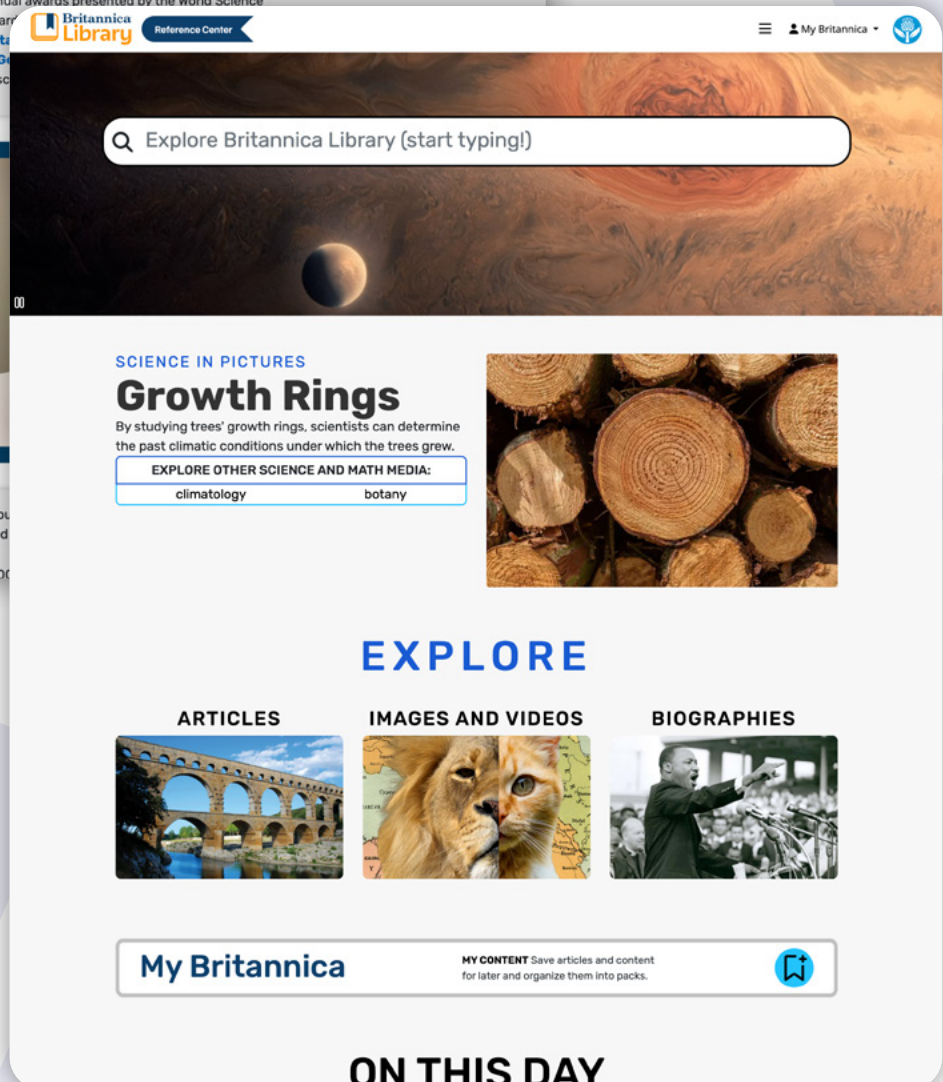
Discover letters, speeches, and other valuable primary source materials to deepen understanding of historical events and perspectives.

Level: Reference Center

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



Hugo Award, any of several annual awards presented by the World Science Fiction Society (WSFS). The award is given for the best science fiction or science fantasy work published in the United States during the year. The award was named in honor of Hugo Gernsback, the first magazine exclusively for science fiction.



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



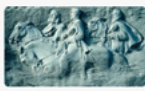
TODAY

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.

My Britannica



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 MINI

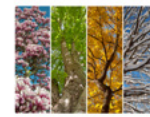
Seasons and Cycles

Grade: K-2

Topic: Science

Unit: Seasons

Overview



In this lesson mini, students learn about seasons and their effects on daily life. They observe and record local weather conditions, exploring how these change over time. Students also make observations at different times of year and relate the amount of daylight to each season.

Ideas for Implementation

Science
Library media

Literacy
Learning centers

Lesson Minis

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

INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGY

Active Reading Through Writing

Grade: 6-8, 9-12, UNIV

Type: Read Actively / Develop Language (MLL)

30-40 minutes

When: Before, during, and after reading

Materials: Active Reading Through Writing graphic organizer, preselected text, whiteboard or display, writing utensil

Description



The Active Reading Through Writing strategy encourages students to engage with texts through writing before, during, and after reading to enhance comprehension and critical thinking skills while activating prior knowledge. In addition, this strategy develops students' analytical abilities, reflection skills, and deeper understanding of the material. The strategy prepares students for reading by activating background knowledge. Students process new information during or after reading to support synthesis and connections between texts.

GRAPHIC ORGANIZERS

GRADE: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12, UNIV

2-Circle Venn Diagram

GRADE: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12, UNIV

VIEW

3-Circle Venn Diagram

GRADE: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12, UNIV

VIEW

5Ws and 1H

GRADE: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12

VIEW

Analyzing Figurative Language

GRADE: 6-8, 9-12

VIEW

Animal Research

Annotating Text

Autobiography

Body Biography

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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