Britannica School

Britannica IMAGEQUEST

Guided Tour

Your Complete Guide to Britannica School and ImageQuest

Britannica EDUCATION

Watch and Learn

Check out our **Britannica School tutorial videos** to learn more about the features in this guide, and more.

Meet the go-to resource for today's classrooms

Encourage exploration and discovery for learners from Early Years to Post-16.

Britannica School offers a safe, trustworthy platform designed to make learning engaging and accessible for all ages and learning abilities. With four distinct levels, **Early Years, Foundation, Intermediate, and Advanced,** and accompanying standards alignments, Britannica School meets students and educators where they are and helps them thrive.

Articles

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

Navigator Toolbar

Literacy Support

Inline Visuals

Article Media Gallery

Collapsible Table of Contents

Fun Facts

Nile River

LEVEL 1 2 3

NAVIGATOR

Introduction

ARTICLE   GALLERY   RELATED

Cite   Save   Send   Print

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Nile River
A boat sails on the Nile River near Aswan, Egypt. The Nile is an important trade route and source of irrigation in arid (dry)...
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▶ **Introduction**

▶ **Physical Description**

▼ **Plants and Animals**

Tropical **rainforests** of coffee shrubs and bamboo, banana, ebony, and rubber trees are found in southwestern Ethiopia and the East African Plateau. Savanna **grasslands** extend along the Blue Nile.

DID YOU KNOW?
The Nile River basin covers about one-tenth of the total land area of Africa.

South Sudan: White Nile River
A village sits along the White Nile River, in the swampy Al-Sudd region of South Sudan.
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Article Media Gallery

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

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

▶ 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.

Inline Visuals

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

engineering class
College students participate in an engineering class on robotics.

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Table of Contents

Easily navigate articles using the accordion table of contents, enabling students 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-ˈärk-ti-kə, -ˈärt-i- \   🔊

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

See full definition   *Definitions provided by* Merriam-Webster

Literacy Support

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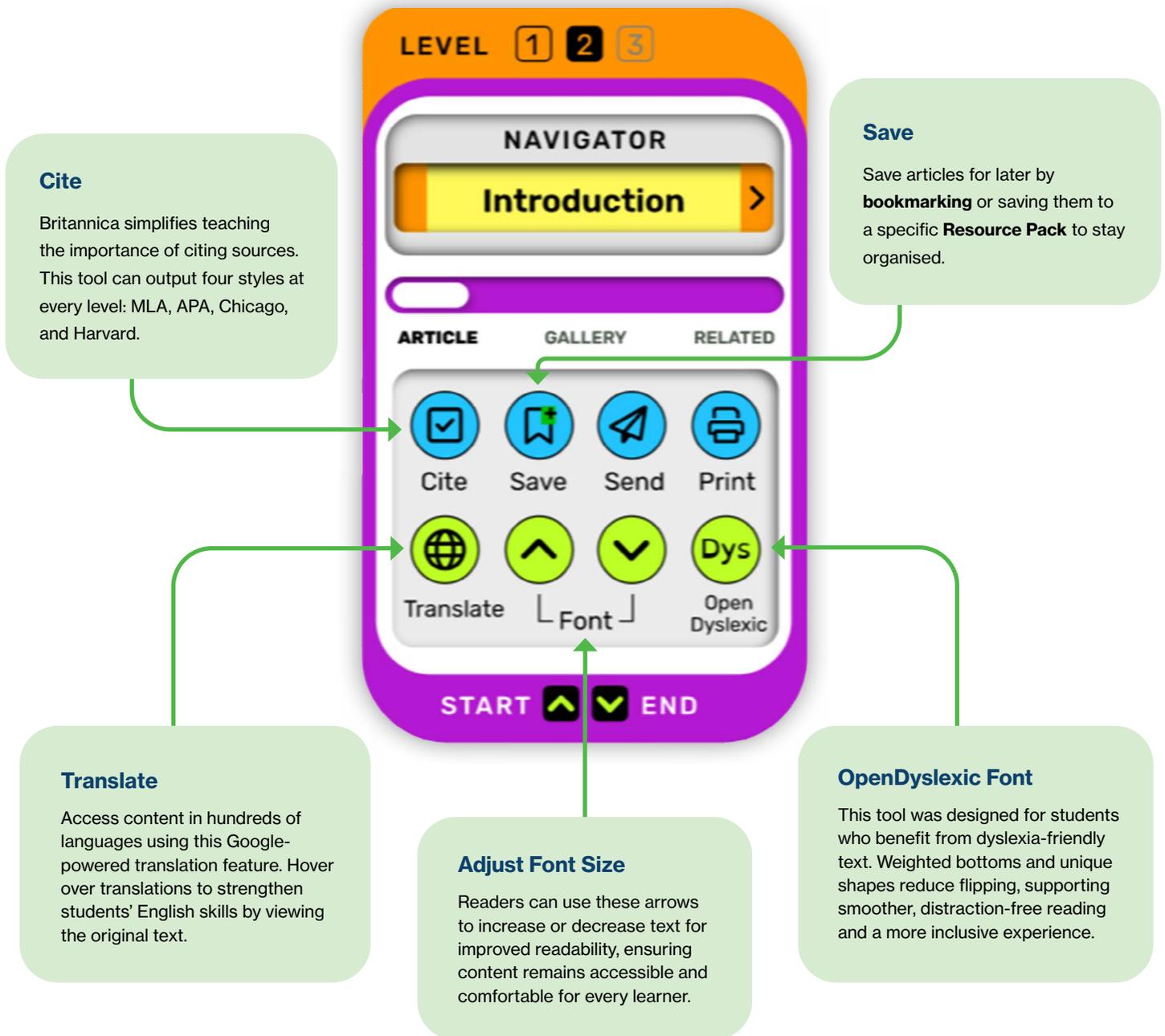
Bulleted Lists and Fun Facts

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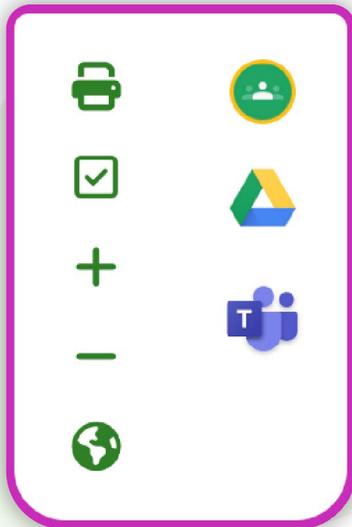
MOONS

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 School's all-in-one toolbar, right within every article. Centralised tools save time on non-learning tasks: print, cite, adjust fonts, toggle reading level, and share directly to **Google Classroom, Microsoft Teams, or Google Drive** for easy classroom integration.

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 organised.

Translate

Access content in hundreds of languages using this Google-powered translation feature. Hover over translations to strengthen students' 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 learner.

OpenDyslexic Font

This tool was designed for students 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

Early Learning

Foundation

Intermediate

Advanced

Why Are Some Features Grayed Out in Translated Articles?

When you use the Google Translate tool on Britannica School, 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.

Sending Articles

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

Read-Aloud

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

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

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 schools with a Britannica ImageQuest subscription, seamlessly integrate with Britannica School for easy access to high-quality images.

Multimedia

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

Web's Best Sites

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

Reading Levels

Easily support or challenge students 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 in your classroom.
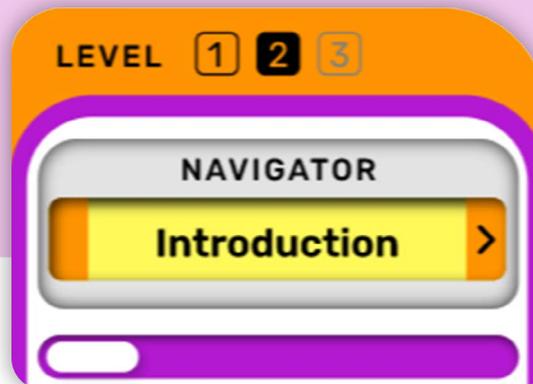
Early Learning

Britannica School Early Learning is designed for learners in their formative years, offering read-aloud articles with age-appropriate vocabulary, vibrant images, videos, and interactive features that keep young learners engaged. With easy navigation, students can dive into content crafted just for them!

Britannica School — Early Learning

Yak

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A yak is an anim...
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Introduction

A yak is a big, furry animal. It is like a...
A yak has long, shaggy fur. It has ha...

Britannica School — Early Learning

Let's Explore

- 🐾 Animals
- 🌐 Our World
- 🔭 Places
- 👤 People
- ⚗️ Science
- ☘️ Nature

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.

Britannica Fundamentals

Inspire young learners students to **read, explore, play,** and **create!** Early learners can enjoy animated e-books, explore world biomes, practice maths and literacy through fun games, and express their creativity with a digital whiteboard.

Foundation

Captivate young students 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.

Britannica School — Foundation

Germany

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▶ **QUICK FACTS**

▶ **Introduction**

Britannica School — Foundation

NEW! Interactives

Life in the Grasslands

Life in the Ocean

Learn Words in Oceti Sakowin
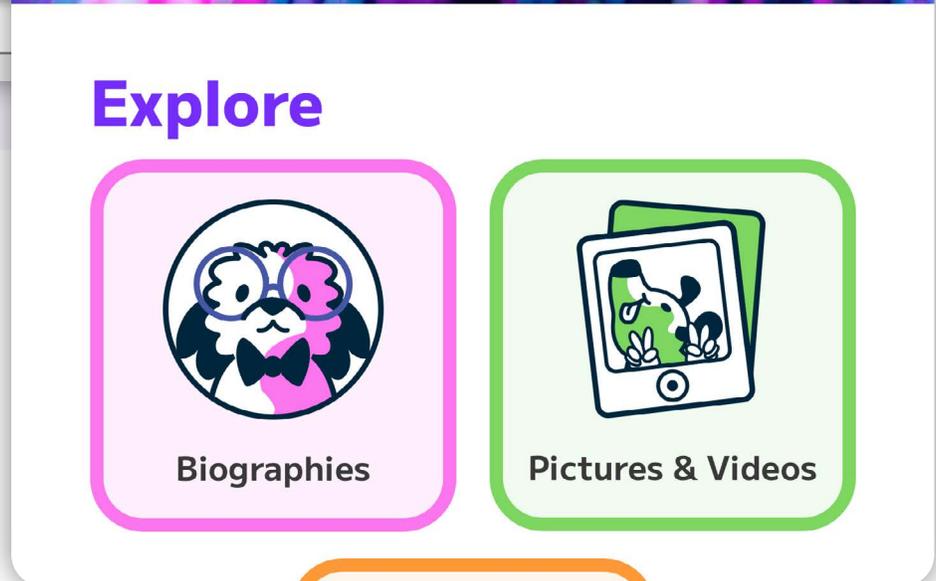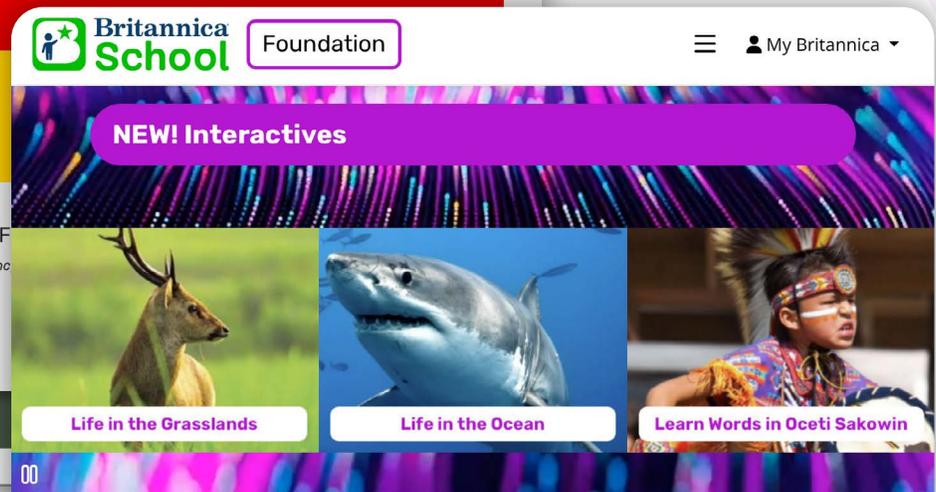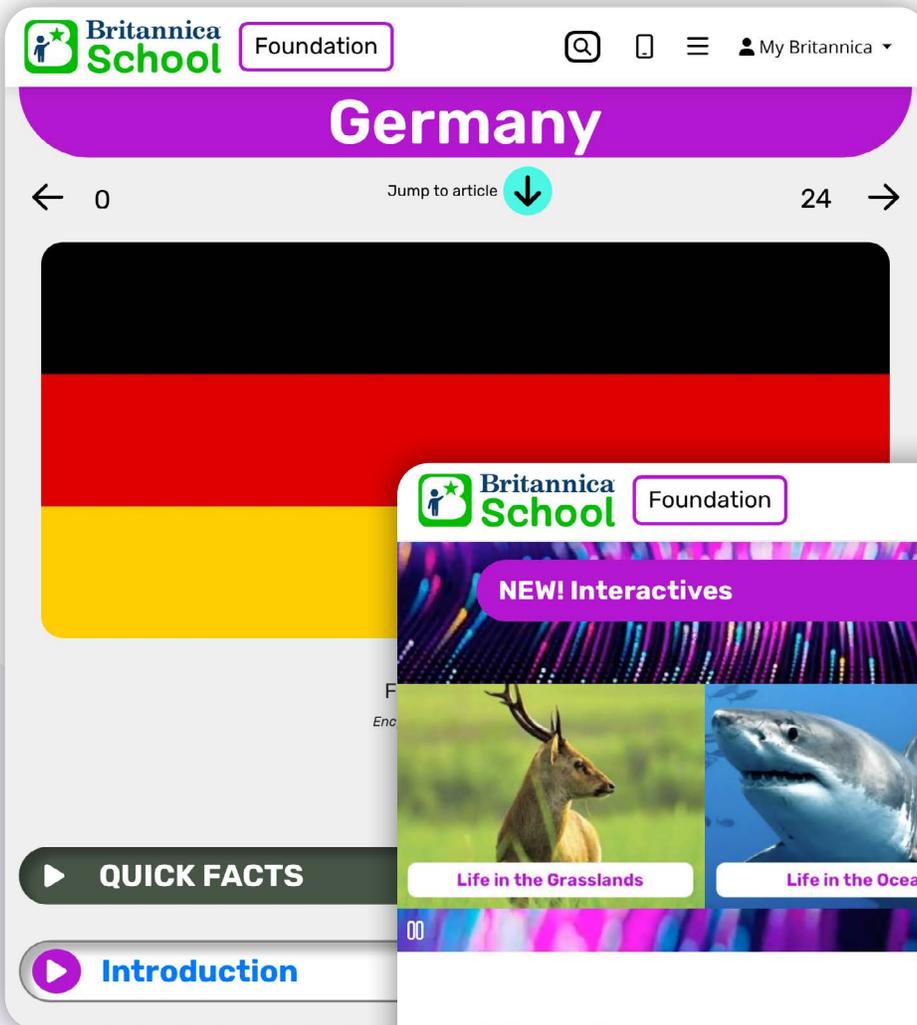
Explore

Biographies

Pictures & Videos

Explore Tools

Use the **World Atlas** to explore global geography, dive into the **Animal Kingdom** by group or habitat, and **uncover historical landmarks** to enrich lessons. Quick links to biographies, pictures, videos, and articles make accessing a world of learning easy and immediate.

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.
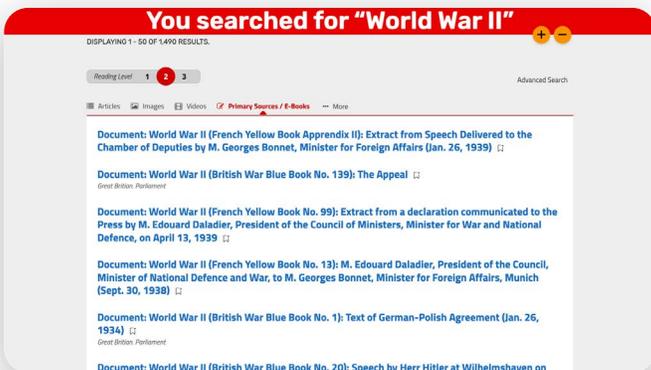

Interactive Media

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.

Britannica Fundamentals

Read, Explore, Play, and Create to build foundational skills! Learners can express their creativity and interact with animated e-books, world biomes, and fun maths and literacy games.

Intermediate

Engage intermediate level learners 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.
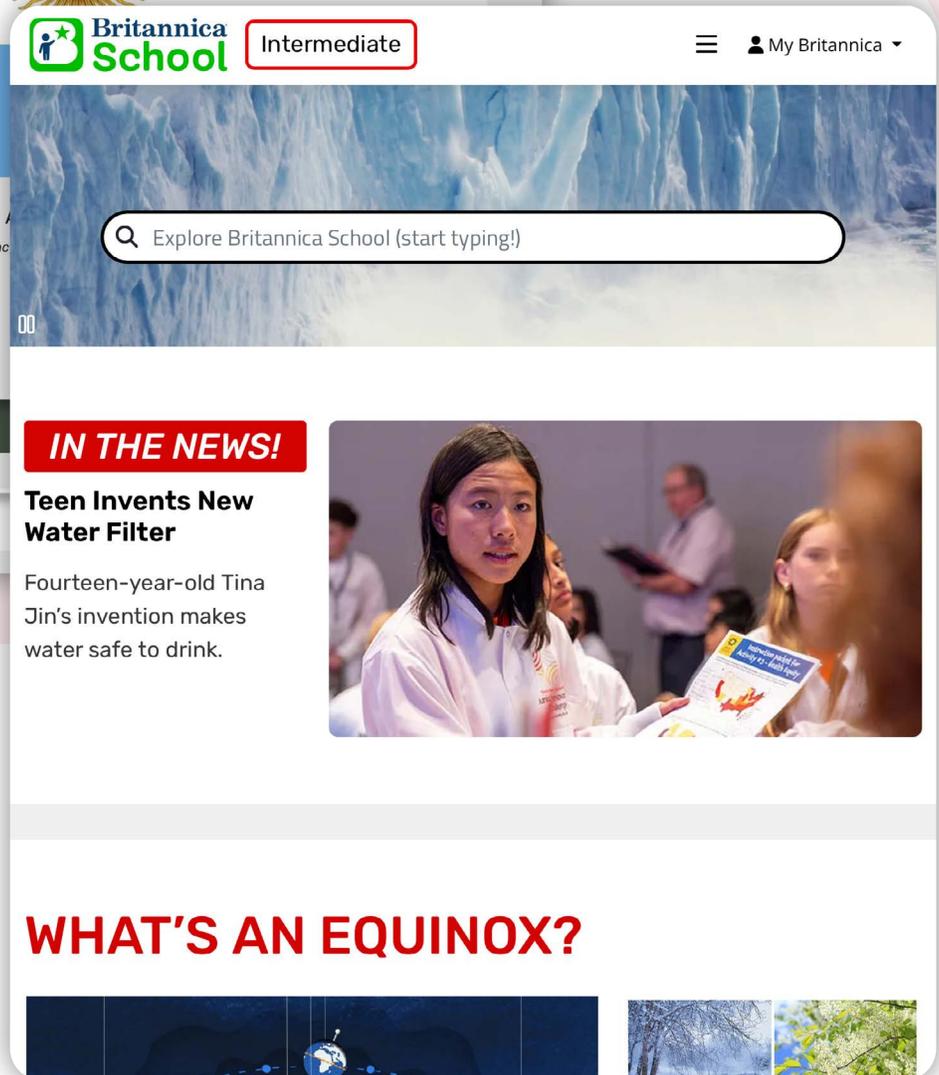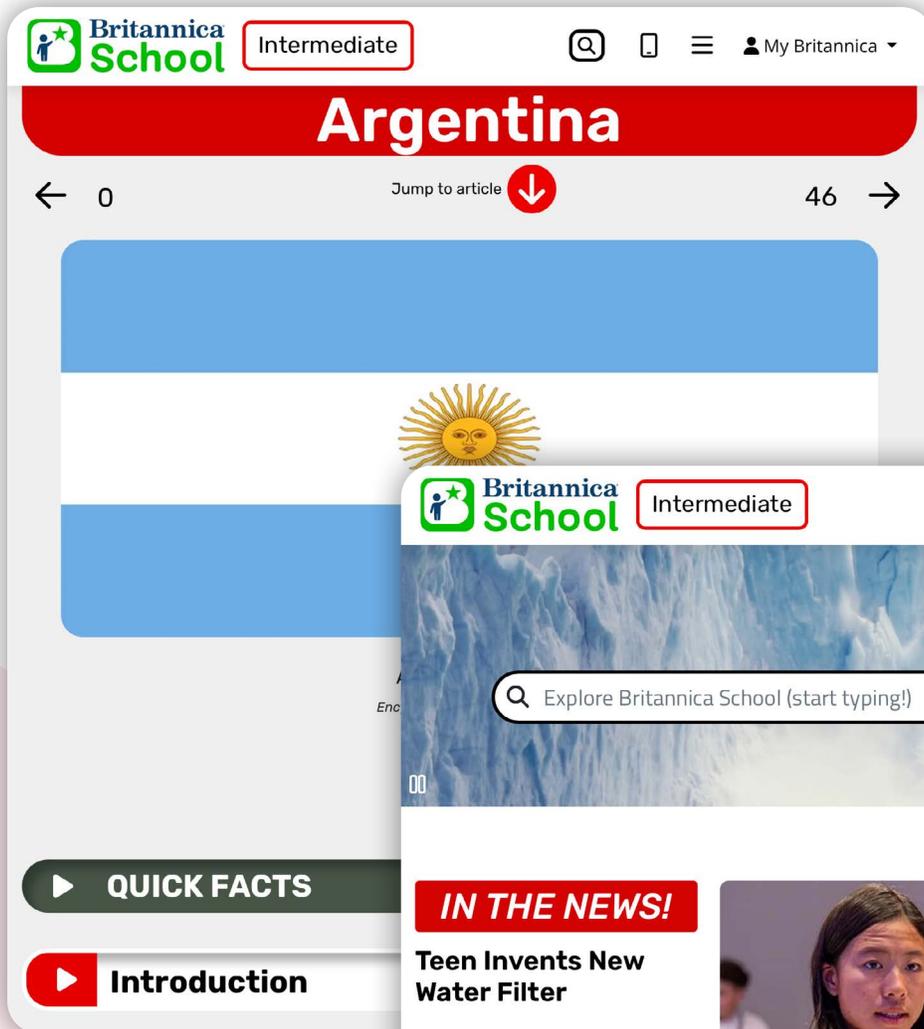
In the News!

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.

News and Important Events

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EARTH

FACTOPIA:
Earth isn't perfectly round. It bulges very slightly around the Equator. This shape is called an oblate spheroid.

Earth size comparison

Click to rotate the planet

MERCURY   VENUS   EARTH   MARS   JUPITER   SATURN   URANUS   NEPTUNE

Not to true scale

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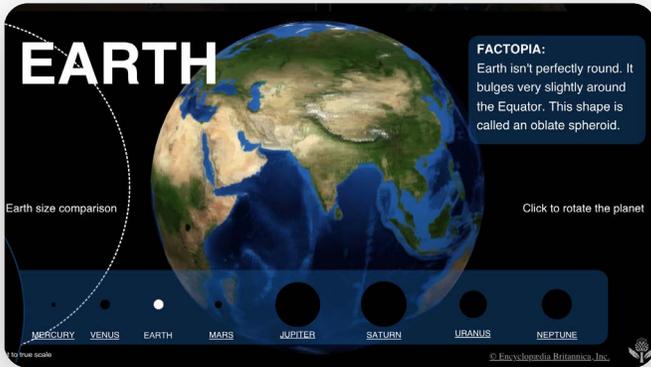
Interactive Media

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

COLLECTIONS
DINOSAURS AT A GLANCE

Feathered friends? Lately, scientists have been discovering a few dozen new dinosaur species

Collections and Countries

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

You searched for "World War II"

DISPLAYING 1 – 50 OF 1,490 RESULTS.

Reading Level   1   2   3   Advanced Search

Articles   Images   Videos   Primary Sources / E-Books   ••• More

Document: World War II (French Yellow Book Apprendix II): Extract from Speech Delivered to the Chamber of Deputies by M. Georges Bonnet, Minister for Foreign Affairs (Jan. 26, 1939)

Document: World War II (British War Blue Book No. 139): The Appeal
Great Britian. Parliment

Document: World War II (French Yellow Book No. 99): Extract from a declaration communicated to the Press by M. Edouard Daladier, President of the Council of Ministers, Minister for War and National Defence, on April 13, 1939

Document: World War II (French Yellow Book No. 13): M. Edouard Daladier, President of the Council, Minister of National Defence and War, to M. Georges Bonnet, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Munich (Sept. 30, 1938)

Document: World War II (British War Blue Book No. 1): Text of German-Polish Agreement (Jan. 26, 1934)
Great Britian. Parliment

Document: World War II (British War Blue Book No. 20): Speech by Herr Hitler at Wilhelmshaven on

Primary Sources

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

Advanced

Provide advanced level learners with resources that support in-depth research, critical thinking, and preparation for college and careers.
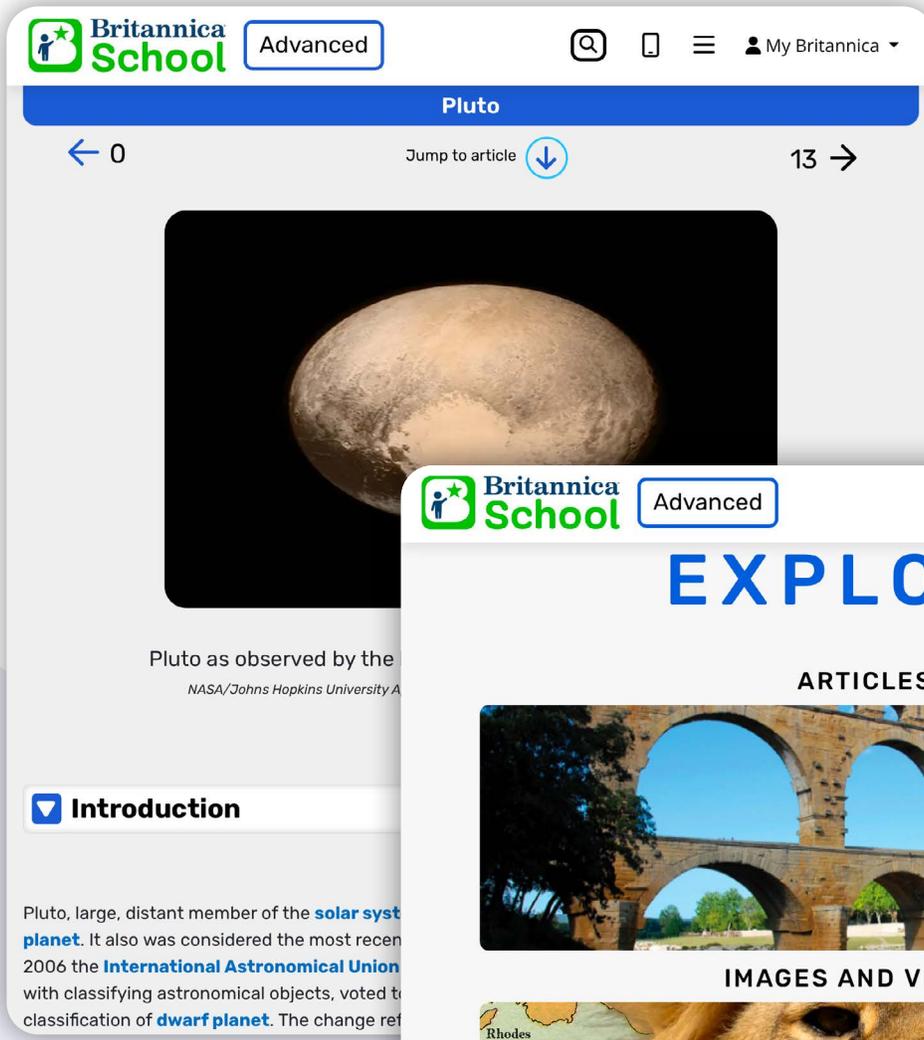
Pluto as observed by the NASA/Johns Hopkins University A...

Introduction

Pluto, large, distant member of the **solar syst...** **planet**. It also was considered the most recen... 2006 the **International Astronomical Union ...** with classifying astronomical objects, voted t... classification of **dwarf planet**. The change ref...

EXPLORE

ARTICLES

IMAGES AND VIDEOS

BIOGRAPHIES

Responsible AI You Can Trust

ASK Britannica is our **new AI-powered search assist tool** currently only available in the advanced level of Britannica School. Ask natural-language questions and instantly receive reliable answers sourced from Britannica's content.

Interactive Learning

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

Research Tools

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

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.

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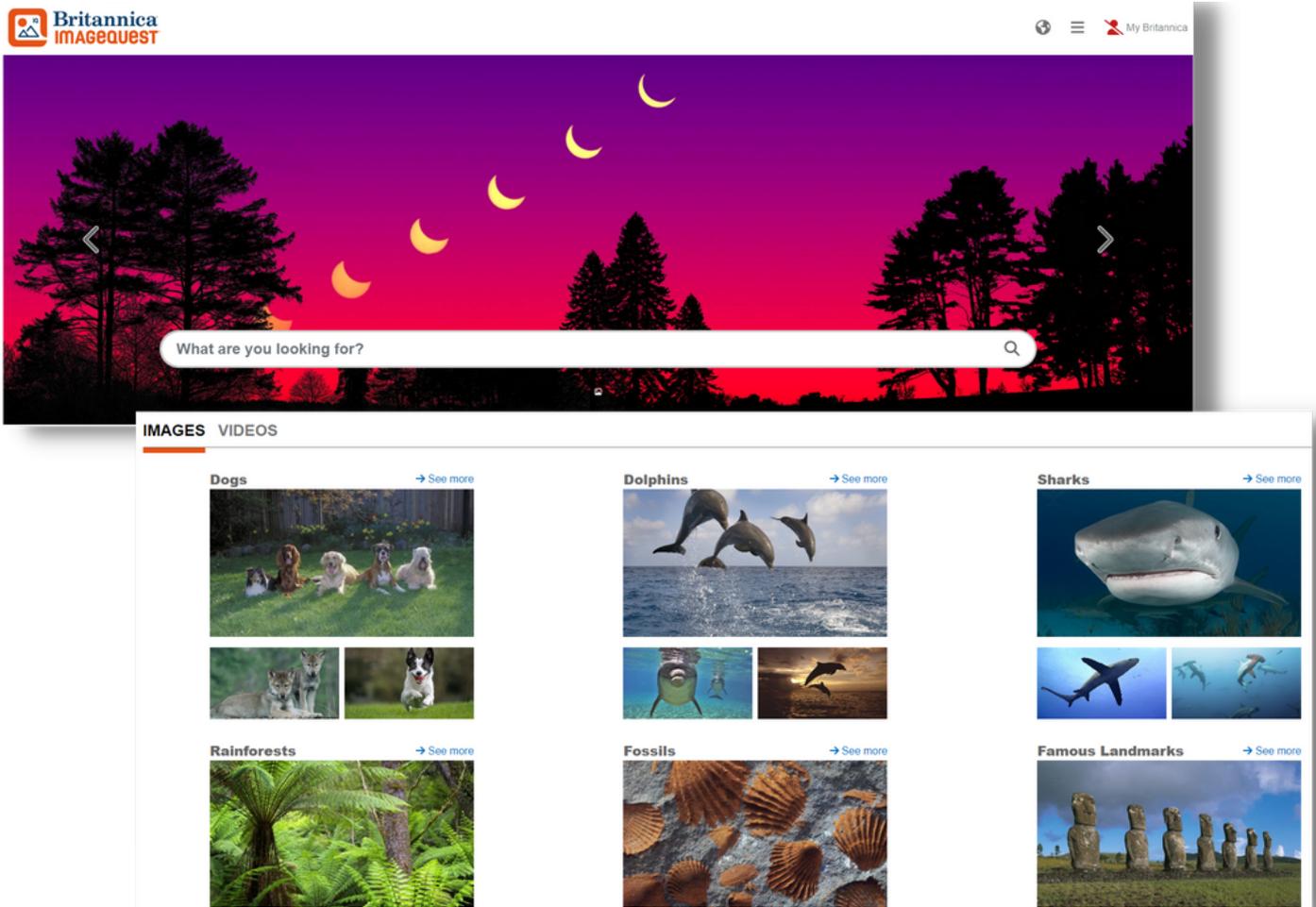
One resource, many uses!

Britannica ImageQuest brings lesson plans, assignments, and projects to life with more than 3 million images and 11, 000 videos from over 60 leading collections...and growing!

The Bridgeman Art Gallery, the Science Photo Library, Ingram Publishing, the National Geographic Society, and other trusted media sources have joined with Britannica to provide the best and broadest offering of curriculum-relevant imagery, videos, and clip art-materials (infographics, signs and symbols, graphic concepts and cool vector illustrations), all rights-cleared for educational, non-commercial use.

Galleries

On the ImageQuest home page you'll find carefully curated galleries of images and videos to explore! Browse the best quality images and videos of our most popular searches to easily find the content you're looking for. Spark student curiosity with these easy-to-explore collections!
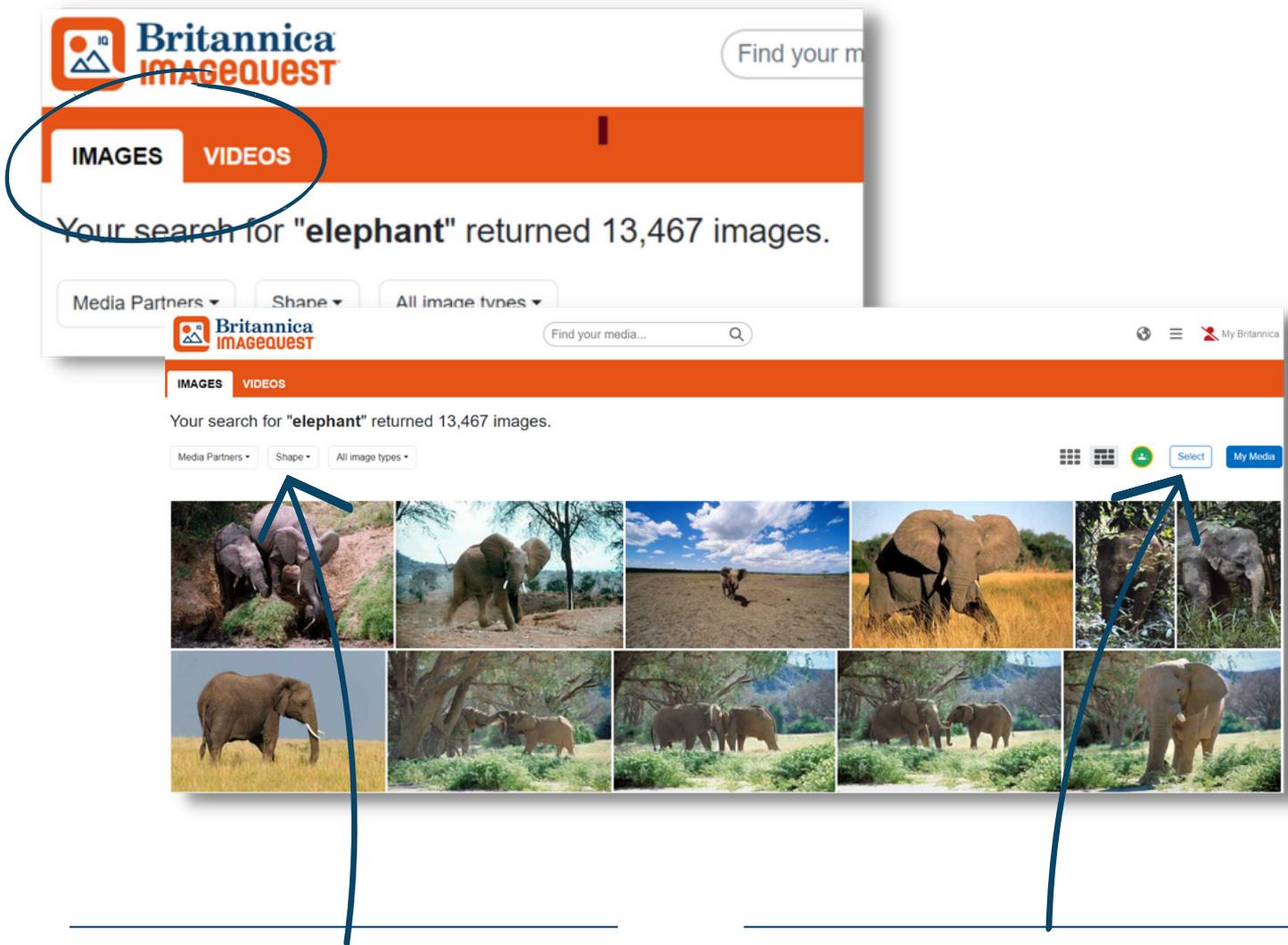
Search Results

Easily search the millions of images and videos available on ImageQuest through the search bar. You can select either images or videos to see all results and easily find the perfect media piece for your lesson, project, or presentation!

Filter Results

With access to millions of high-quality images and videos you can refine your search by using the search filter tools. Filter images by your favourite media partners, search images by orientation, or access millions of clip art images! With videos, filter by media partner or by whether or not they have sound.

Multiple Images and Videos

Engage with multiple images or videos at one time by clicking on the "Select" button. Select multiple images or videos at once to download, share, print, and save to your My Media!

Media Details

Students and educators can use images and videos in many ways to support classroom instruction! Include media in lessons and activities to increase media literacy and support visual learning.


Media Tools

Select an image or video of your choice to save, share, and cite. All images and videos come with citations in all four formatting styles. Save media to your personal My Britannica account, download directly to your computer, or print images instantly!

Sharing

Share your search results by downloading media files directly to your computer. Email images and videos to other Britannica users. Print images or share media to Google Drive, Google Classroom, or Microsoft Teams!

My Media

Set yourself up with a personal My Britannica account and save images and videos! Here, both educators and students are able to view their favourited media and to organise images and videos into albums. The notes section allows for simple communication between educators and students, making My Media a great tool for digital learning!
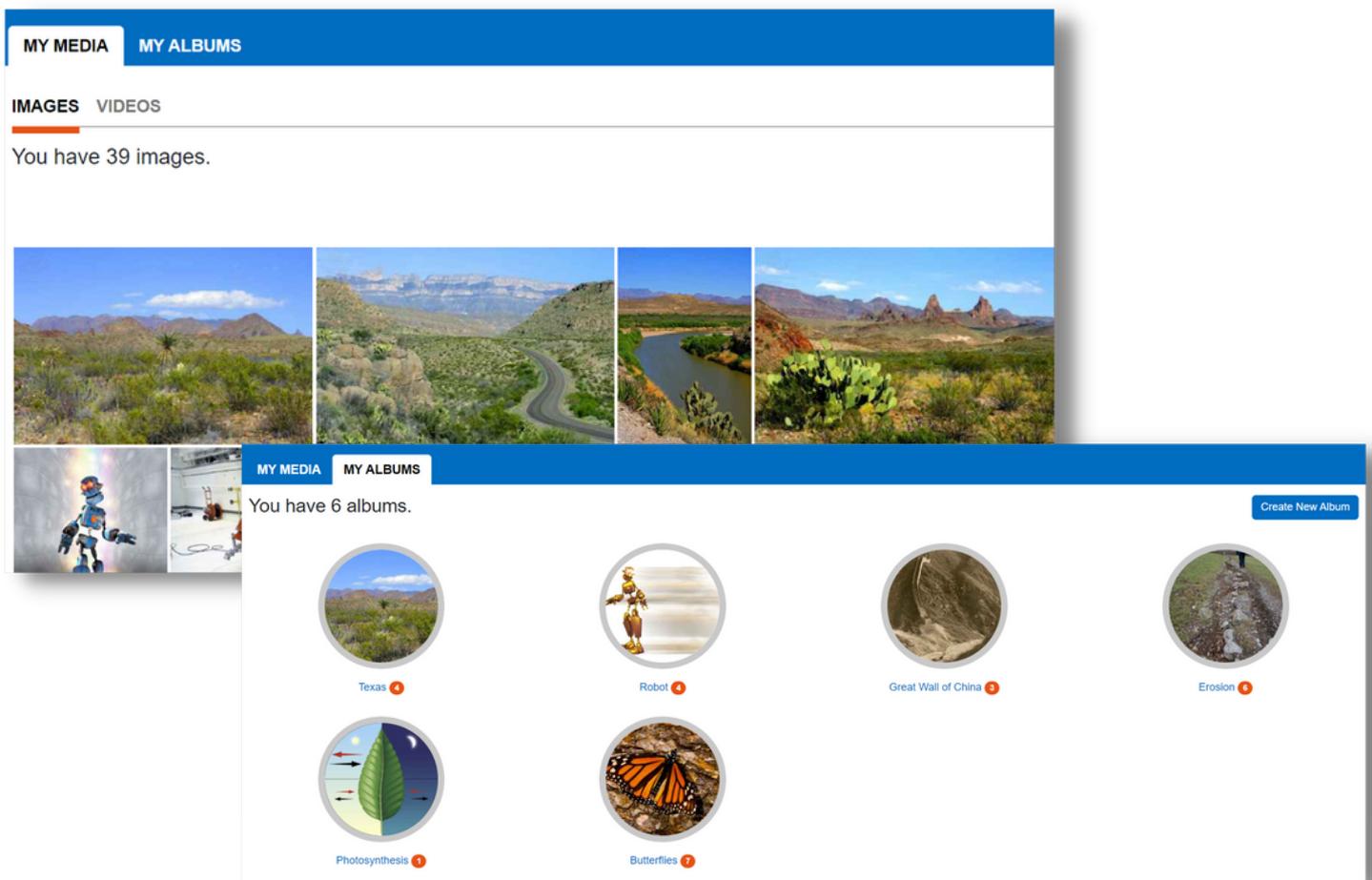
How should teachers use My Media?

My Media provides the perfect area for teachers to collect and organise all relevant images and videos for a specific unit of work. Use the notes section for forward planning. You can also share the album. Students are able to view the album without having a My Britannica account.

How should students use My Media?

Students can keep track of the content they have found as they research by organising it into an album. They can use the notes section to write summaries of key points and other notes they collect as they research.

Project Ideas

Image Story

Combine the power of images and storytelling to enhance media literacy! Use Image Story to inform others about a research topic using the sequencing of images and text.

Image Dictionary

Enhance vocabulary acquisition of domain and content-specific words. Relate visual images to to specific definitions.

Image Story

Use the powers of storytelling and imagery to inform others about a research topic.

See more about this idea →

Image Dictionary

Match images to word definitions to strengthen vocabulary.

See more about this idea →

Best in Search

Develop better search strategies by comparing search terms and results.

See more about this idea →

Unit Wrap-up

Wrap up a unit by relating newly learned concepts to an image.

See more about this idea →

Best in Search

Teach learners to refine their search results using Best in Search. Enhance students' searching strategies by comparing search terms, keywords, and results.

Unit Wrap-up

Synthesize learning with Unit Wrap-up. Encourage students to relate concepts learned throughout to relevant images.

Teach Britannica: Resources for Educators

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

Accessing Teach Britannica

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

Lesson Minis

Personalise learning and boost engagement using these modular minis—ideal for **lesson planning, sub plans, and real-world extension activities.**

Instructional Strategies

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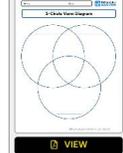
Graphic Organisers

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

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