Britannica School is one of our subscription databases - an extensive, reputable database of up-to-date and accurate articles, including images, weblinks and primary sources. Britannica contains over 80,000 articles, and is constantly being added to and updated. Contributors are highly qualified and experts in their fields. Read-aloud and built-in translation features support students with special needs. Articles are also mapped to Australian Curriculum Standards.

This database can be accessed, along with all our other databases, from the Library eResources page.

Set up an account, then log in as an educator using our BGS School Code: CC91 to access extra teaching resources.

Britannica School is divided into three sections: Primary, Middle and High, with age-appropriate resources in each. Resources and tools include:

- Articles, images and video
- World Atlas
- On This Day
- In Their Words
- Science in Pictures
- Australian in Focus
- Tour Australia
- Compare Countries
- Biography of the Day
- News feeds linked to ABC, Behind the News, BBC, and NY Times
- Primary Sources and eBooks
- Step-by-step research and 'how to' guides
Article Browse
This feature opens a window displaying a broad range of article topics, as well as access to media and biographies. Once you open an article, you will see tabs numbered 1 – 3: these tabs will adjust the article’s content for Primary, Middle or High School.

My Content
Both teachers and students can favourite articles and add to their workspace area. Log in as an educator using our BGS School Code: CC91. This allows access to everything available to students, as well as to resources targeted to educators: Lesson Plan Browser, a variety of Australian Curriculum Standards, tutorials, guides and training.

Additionally, you can create Resource Packs and flipped lessons combining articles and multimedia: add notes to these resources, convert to a lesson plan, then send the link to your students. Watch the instructional video here.

Create a Resource Pack here, then convert it to a lesson plan.

Add questions here to create flipped lessons.
Citation
Sources may be favourited, printed, emailed and cited via a simple drop down menu. This citation can then be copied and pasted into a bibliography. (Don’t forget that APA is our BGS citation format).

Biographies
Britannica includes thousands and thousands of biographies in its list of articles, and these can be filtered by: time period; nationality or cultural association; what the person is known for; and their gender.

According to Britannica’s editor, J.E. Luebering, a particularly good biography needs “a fascinating subject. It needs a sharp contributor. It needs enough words to tell a good story.” See his top eight biography choices here.

Multimedia
Britannica contains over 45,000 images – photos, illustrations and maps – as well as 4,000 animations, audio clips and videos. Find these linked to each article; alternatively, browsing broad topics allows you to drill down to specifics. e.g. Media> History> Ancient World> China, Ancient.

Compare Countries
A simple drop-down alphabetical menu list allows swift comparison of statistical information for two chosen countries, while another tab leads to articles and media related to those chosen countries.

Web’s Best Sites
Over 60,000 web sites, reviewed by Britannica’s editors, extend students’ knowledge of the topic with targeted, reliable information.
World Atlas
An easy-to-navigate Google Map allows users to toggle between map and satellite views, or to zoom in and out, while a drop-down window provides basic information about the selected country as well as the option to search in more detail.

Australia in Focus
Here, broad general topics specifically related to Australia may be drilled down into - e.g. Australia in Focus> Sports and Recreation> Cricket> Ashes

Behind the News
BTN is an accessible way for students to learn about the current issues and events. Each program is built around the major news stories, providing background information not usually given in news bulletins. The Middle School page opens to the BTN page, giving access to the featured story as well as a wide variety of resources. Included are BTN archives back to 2005. The High School page opens to a Britannica article related to the BTN episode.

On this Day in History
Find stories from our past here, complete with a full article, multimedia, and recommended reading lists.
Recommended Primary Sources
This is a list of translated important historical books, letters and documents, ranging from the Magna Carta through to Niccolo Machiavelli’s *The Prince*.

News Feeds

**NEWS FROM ABC**
- Teen sentenced to 10 years jail over Anzac Day terror plot
- ‘Australia should be doing more!’ Climate Change Authority splits
- Turnbull sets sights on post-Brexit British free trade deal
- Boys tightened belts to stop Marist Brother molesting them in class, inquiry hears

**NEWS FROM BBC NEWS**
- Immigration: Points-based system not ‘silver bullet’ - May
- Angela Merkel’s CDU suffers Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania loss blow
- Calais blockade: Protest to target migrant jungle camp
- Brexit: MPs to debate calls for second EU referendum

**NEWS FROM NEW YORK TIMES**
- Young Black Voice Skepticism on Hillary Clinton, Worrying Democrats
- Gun Control Groups Divide Their Loyalties in Senate Races
- Libertarian Gary Johnson Polls at 16 Percent: Who Are His Supporters?
- Muslim Gathering Laments a ‘Normalization of Bigotry’

Link to Image Quest

Some articles will refer students to Britannica Image Quest for more multimedia options. Image Quest has nearly three million rights-cleared images from over 50 of the best collections in the world, so it’s a valuable database.

*However, make sure students access this from our eResources page, as our subscription is IP authenticated.*

Past Library Newsletters

Access these from our Library Homepage> ForTeachers> Past Newsletters

Password = TLC.BGS