

Britannica School: Middle and High

This multidisciplinary database is new to the 2016/2017 collection. It replaced World Book Kids, World Book Student and World Book Advanced. Britannica ImageQuest is embedded in this resource so that when users perform searches related images also appear. This is a great starting point for research as it provides small chunks of information on a broad range of topics.

Features

- Three levels within one interface (elementary, middle and high)
- Middle version recommended for students in grades 6-8
- High version recommended for students in grades 9-12
- Canada In Focus section devoted to articles about significant Canadian people, places and history
- Click-Friendly interface to help student locate information
 - Research shows that students are click driven in their searching – they like to click around, see visual cues to find what they are looking for
 - Less text and more images support student search techniques
- Related content provided for every article
 - Research shows that students are very “shallow” searchers – they locate one article and think they are done
 - Providing related content within the article helps students move forward to find other information and also teaches additional search terms
- In Middle and High interfaces there are two to three reading levels that can be changed while in the same interface
- More sophisticated computer generated read aloud feature with embedded font adjustment
- Text translation to 50 languages
- Access on tablet, smartphone, laptop or desktop

Tips for Ease of Use

- In the top right-hand corner in the “Educators” section includes teaching tools, allows educators to explore articles and access Curriculum Standards (Alberta curriculum included)
- Teachers can create a personal account to save content and create their own lessons plans.
 - Teachers need a special access code to create an account – Contact the ORC Coordinator to get more information about the access codes