

Scholastic Go!

Scholastic Go!, formally Amazing Animals of the World, now acts as a federated search engine of seven different Scholastic encyclopedia databases: Encyclopedia Americana, Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia, The New Book of Knowledge, America the Beautiful, Lands & Peoples, Amazing Animals of the World, and The New Book of Popular Science. The over 115,000 Scholastic Go! articles, which are written by subject experts, are differentiated by reading levels. The database also contains access to a robust atlas, world newspapers, videos, pictures, and more.

Features

- Designed for grades 2-12
- Homepage contains a search bar on top of a full screen photo that changes weekly
 - As well as link to Go Tube collection, which takes users to a browse section for all of the Go Tube collection videos
 - A link to World News, which contains a searchable database of newspapers around the world
 - And link to Go Atlas, which contains more than 1200 maps, hundreds of photos, and thousands of links to related articles within Scholastic Go!
- A link to resources for Teachers/Librarians can be found at the bottom of the Homepage
- Searching a term in the search box takes users to a search results page, where you can further filter your results by media type and Lexile Reading Level
- Advanced search also allows for searching by Lexile Level, full text or titles only, and Boolean Operators
- The blue bar at the top of each article allows for access to search bar, advanced search, a dictionary, Go Tube, World News, and the Atlas
 - The dictionary is a double-click dictionary, allowing users to double click any word within the article and then click the dictionary link to see a definition
- Each article contains a table of contents that allows users to jump to different sections within the article, the standards alignment for that article, an email feature to email the article to a user, and a Read Aloud feature that also has text highlighting for students with tracking issues
 - Citations in MLA, Chicago Manual of Style, and APA are provided at the top and bottom of each article

Tips for Ease of Use

- Every article comes with access to citations and related media, like pictures, videos, tables, charts, graphs, etc. to use for independent inquiry projects
- Always a struggle to find nonfiction content appropriate for younger grades – this can supplement a print collection

- The Go Tube collection provides hundreds of videos that can be used as an introduction to a topic
 - Have the video playing as students enter the classroom
- Having differentiated colour-coded reading levels allows students to easily identify which reading level is appropriate for them
 - Have the reading level colour indicated on the board at the front of the room so students can easily reference which colour they should be using
 - This also allows students to choose whether they want to go up a reading level or down a reading level, allowing them to customize their learning
- Double-click dictionary also allows students to easily and independently find definitions to words they do not know