

Social Studies Guided Tour



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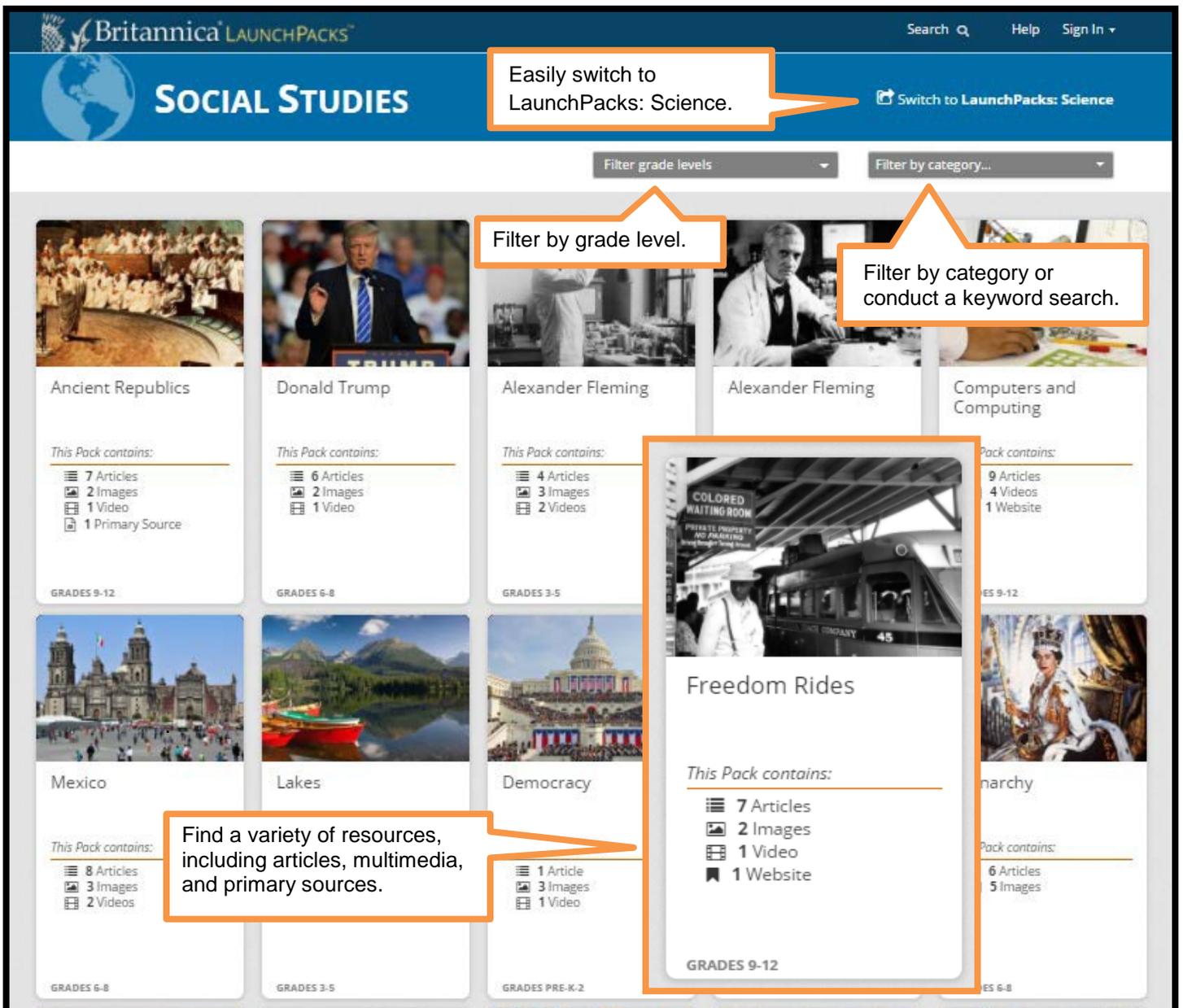
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Welcome to Britannica LaunchPacks: Social Studies

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Save planning time and make instruction more productive with these ready-to-use content sets that are curated and compiled to match your PreK-12 curriculum. One convenient interface streamlines searching among 2,000+ current, trustworthy, and relevant LaunchPacks. Each Britannica LaunchPack is dedicated to a specific topic and features a variety of content types, ideal for lessons, classroom activities, projects, and assignments.

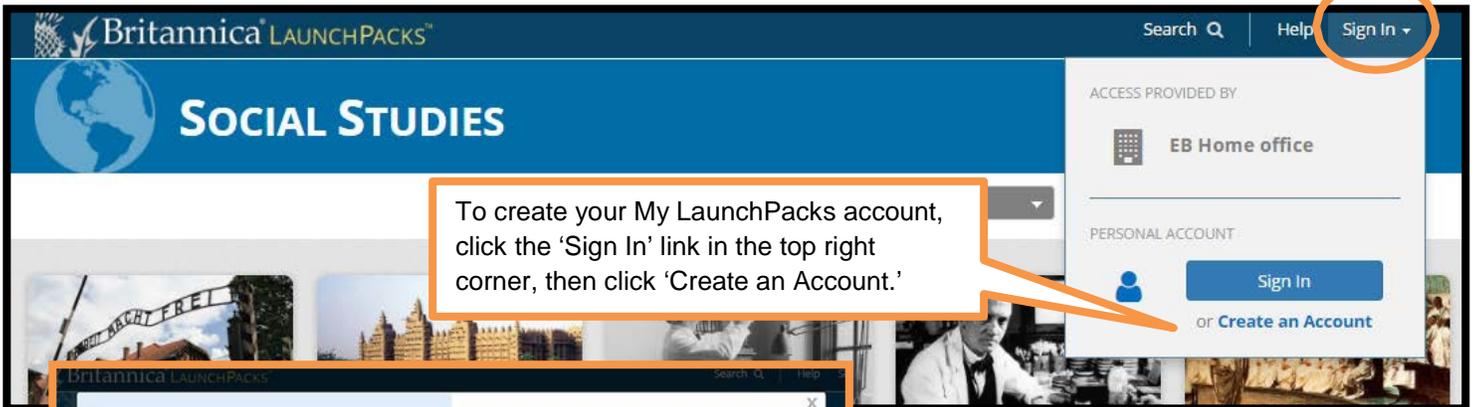


The screenshot shows the Britannica LaunchPacks: Social Studies website interface. At the top, there is a search bar and navigation links for 'Help' and 'Sign In'. The main header is blue with the 'SOCIAL STUDIES' title and a globe icon. Below the header, there are two filter dropdown menus: 'Filter grade levels' and 'Filter by category...'. A 'Switch to LaunchPacks: Science' button is also visible. The main content area displays a grid of LaunchPacks, each with a title, a list of content types (Articles, Images, Videos, Primary Sources), and a grade level. Callout boxes highlight the following features:

- Easily switch to LaunchPacks: Science.** (Points to the 'Switch to LaunchPacks: Science' button)
- Filter by grade level.** (Points to the 'Filter grade levels' dropdown)
- Filter by category or conduct a keyword search.** (Points to the 'Filter by category...' dropdown and the search bar)
- Find a variety of resources, including articles, multimedia, and primary sources.** (Points to the content list for the 'Freedom Rides' LaunchPack)

Visible LaunchPacks include: Ancient Republics (7 Articles, 2 Images, 1 Video, 1 Primary Source, GRADES 9-12), Donald Trump (6 Articles, 2 Images, 1 Video, GRADES 6-8), Alexander Fleming (4 Articles, 3 Images, 2 Videos, GRADES 3-5), Computers and Computing (9 Articles, 4 Videos, 1 Website, GRADES 9-12), Mexico (8 Articles, 3 Images, 2 Videos, GRADES 6-8), Lakes (1 Article, 3 Images, 1 Video, GRADES 3-5), Democracy (1 Article, 3 Images, 1 Video, GRADES PRE-K-2), and Freedom Rides (7 Articles, 2 Images, 1 Video, 1 Website, GRADES 9-12).

Create My LaunchPacks



To create your My LaunchPacks account, click the 'Sign In' link in the top right corner, then click 'Create an Account.'

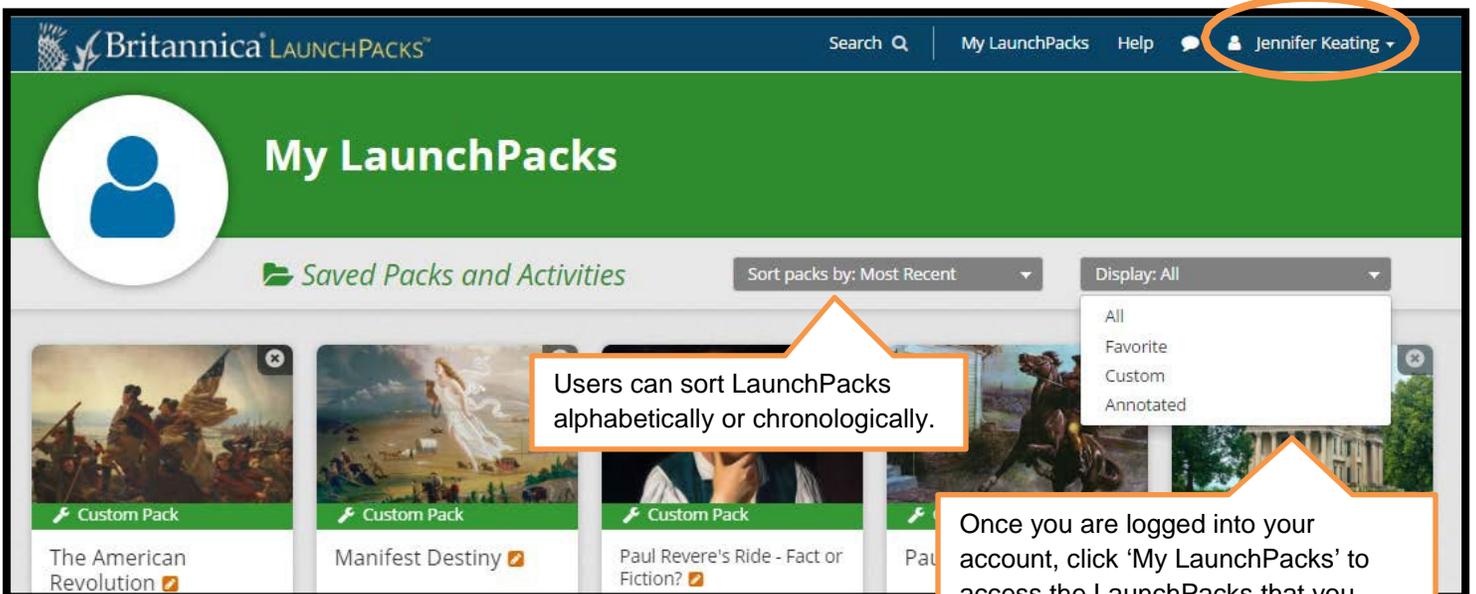
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PERSONAL ACCOUNT

 [Sign In](#)
or [Create an Account](#)

The screenshot shows the 'Create a personal account' form. It includes fields for First Name, Last Name, Username, Password, and E-mail (optional for students). There are radio buttons for 'I am a(n): Student' and 'Educator'. A 'Create Account' button is at the bottom. A callout box points to the form.

Fill out the form with the requested information. Select Student or Teacher at the bottom, and then click on Create Account. Now you are ready to collect and customize any of the LaunchPacks!



Users can sort LaunchPacks alphabetically or chronologically.

Once you are logged into your account, click 'My LaunchPacks' to access the LaunchPacks that you have customized or saved.

Customize LaunchPacks

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The American Revolution

GRADES 3-5 | See this Pack for GRADES 6-8 or GRADES 9-12

Filter by: All

☆ Favorite Schedule Customize Share

PRIMARY SOURCE

Users can customize each LaunchPack. (Users must be logged into their personal LaunchPack account to customize LaunchPacks.)

Click on the star in the header to 'favorite' a LaunchPack to return to later.

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The American Revolution

GRADES 3-5

Customize Pack Contents

Discard Changes Save Changes

Jennifer Keating's Note: Remove Note

Add Custom Content: Upload a Document Add an External Link

American Revolution

The American Revolution was the war in which Great Britain's 13 American colonies won their independence. The colonies became a new country, the United States. The revolution...

Add a note

Article Reading Level 1 2 3

Britannica Note: The Treaty of Paris ended the American Revolution. Add a note

Pitcher, Molly

A drawing shows the heroine Molly Pitcher. She is said to have helped the colonial troops during the American Revolution. According to one story, in the Battle of Monmouth she stepped in after...

Add a note

Remove any resources that you don't need.

Save or Discard changes you make to your LaunchPack.

Customize your LaunchPack by uploading your own documents or

Add notes for each component of your LaunchPack.

Annotate LaunchPacks

Users can annotate Britannica articles for questions, vocabulary, evidence / argument building, and a variety of other purposes. Simply highlight the text you want to annotate, and select the annotation style from the drop-down menu on the right. Users can also add in comments, delete annotations, and download the annotated article. Check out the image below for more details!

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← Back to The American Revolution Pack

READ ANNOTATE (4)

Annotation Tools All Categories (4)

American Revolution 4 annotations

Alternate titles: American Revolutionary War, United States War of Independence, War of Independence, Revolutionary War

Introduction

American Revolution, also called United States War of Independence or American Revolutionary War, (1775–83), **insurrection** by which 13 of Great Britain's North American colonies won political independence and went on to form the United States of America. **The war followed more than a decade of growing estrangement between the British crown and a large and influential segment of its North American colonies that was caused by British attempts to assert greater control over colonial affairs after having long adhered to a policy of salutary neglect. Until early in 1778 the conflict was a civil war within the British Empire, but afterward it became an international war as France (in 1778), Spain (in 1779), and the Netherlands (in 1780) joined the colonies against Britain. From the**

What does "insurrection" mean?
Vocabulary

How long did the American Revolution last?
Question

The colonies did not fight alone. Who helped them?
Evidence

Each annotation is color coded, making it easy to quickly find what you are looking for fast.

Switch toggle from 'Read' to 'Annotate.'

Click here to download the annotated article to your device.

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READ ANNOTATE (5)

American Revolution 5 annotations

Alternate titles: American Revolutionary War, United States War of Independence, War of Independence, Revolutionary War

Introduction

American Revolution, also called United States War of Independence or American Revolutionary War, (1775–83), **insurrection** by which 13 of Great Britain's North American colonies won political independence and went on to form the United States of America.

To color code your annotation, simply highlight the text you want, click on the pencil icon, select the annotation type from the drop-down menu, and enter in any notes you may have.

What does "insurrection" mean?
Vocabulary

How long did the American Revolution last?
Question

The colonies did not fight alone. Who helped them?
Evidence

Find the color coded annotations on the right side of the screen.

Schedule LaunchPacks

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The American Revolution

GRADES 3-5 | See this Pack for GRADES 6-8 or GRADES 9-12

Users can schedule their LaunchPacks! Start by clicking on the 'Schedule' icon in each LaunchPack to start.

Schedule Customize Share

Document: Treaty of Paris -

Schedule

ADD TO SCHEDULE (DRAG & DROP)

The American Revolution GRADES 3-5

EDIT SCHEDULE

View your full schedule to make changes.

Today June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
		6	7			

Want to remind yourself to use a specific LaunchPack at a later date? Simply drag and drop the LaunchPack onto the date that you want, and later you'll be reminded about the LaunchPack.

This Pack was added to June 1, 2017.

We'll send you a reminder, but you can visit your Schedule to make changes or to see what's coming up.

Continue browsing

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The American Revolution

GRADES 3-5 | Custom Pack created by Jennifer Keating

Filter by: All

NOTIFICATIONS

- May 11 - Scheduled: Paul Revere
- April 18 - Scheduled: Paul Revere's Ride - Fact or Fiction?
- April 17 - Scheduled: Paul Revere's Ride - Fact or Fiction?

Recent Notifications Schedule

Educator Tools

With an educator My LaunchPacks account, teachers can create classes and invite students to join. Teachers can quickly assign a pack to their class or have students interact with resources to answer open-ended questions in a custom Activity Pack.

Add Classes

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar with 'Home', 'Search', 'Notifications', and the user 'darcylcarlson'. Below the navigation is a blue banner for 'SOCIAL STUDIES'. A user menu is open on the right, showing options: 'Personal Account', 'darcylcarlson', 'My LaunchPacks', 'Activities', 'Classes', 'Schedule', 'Help', and 'Sign Out'. A callout box points to the 'Classes' link in the menu.

Choose 'Classes' link from your 'My LaunchPacks' drop-down menu.

The screenshot shows the 'Classes' page with a '+ Add Class' button circled in orange. Below it is the 'Add New Class' form. The form has fields for 'Name' and 'Description', both with a 60-character limit. There is a 'Select an avatar image for this class' section with a grid of image options. A 'Submit' button is at the bottom right. Callout boxes provide instructions for each step.

Click 'Add Class' button.

Add a class name and optional description.

Select an avatar image and click 'Submit.'

Invite Students to Join a Class

There are three ways to invite students to join a class. In order to join your class, students will need to create a personal account.

Option #3: E-mail an invite to Students.

Option #1: Share class code with students.

Option #2: Share direct link with students.

The screenshot shows the user 'darcylcarlson' in the 'Economics' class (9th Period). The 'Invite Students to Join a Class' section offers three options: 'Share Directly with Students', 'E-mail an Invite to Students', and 'Share a Direct Link'. The 'Share Directly with Students' option shows a class code 'GKBDXH' and a 'Copy Code' button. The 'Share a Direct Link' option shows a URL 'https://packs.eb.com/social-studies/joi' and a 'Copy Link' button. The 'E-mail an Invite to Students' option is also visible.

Quick Assign a Pack

Click 'Quick Assign' in any pack.

Choose to rename the activity, edit or provide instructions, select a due date and classroom. Next, click 'Assign.'

The screenshot shows the 'Quick Activity Assignment' dialog box. The 'Name' field contains 'Pollution - Quick Activity'. The 'Instructions' field contains 'Review all resources in this Pack by the listed due date.' The 'Start Date' is '12/12/2017' and the 'Due Date' is empty. The 'Classroom' dropdown is set to 'Select classroom'. The 'Assign' button is highlighted.

Create an Activity Pack

Have students interact with resources to answer open-ended questions in a custom Activity Pack. Optional things you can do to further customize an Activity Pack include:

- Asking a prior knowledge question to activate and assess students' existing knowledge base.
- Editing any of the pre-written questions to meet your specific objectives.
- Customizing contents: upload document files of your own, add external links, or remove individual content items from your Activity Pack.

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar with 'Home', 'Search', 'Notifications', and a user profile 'darcylcarlson'. Below is a blue header for 'Space Exploration' with 'GRADES 6-8' and a link to 'See this Pack for GRADES 3-5'. A circular image of an astronaut is on the left. A 'Filter by: All' dropdown is visible. On the right, there are icons for 'Quick Assign', 'Create Activity' (circled in orange), and other utility icons. A callout box points to the 'Create Activity' icon with the text: 'Click 'Create Activity' in any pack.'

Starter Activities are differentiated, ready to use sets of instruction and questions designed to foster specific skills such as reading comprehension, making predictions, and understanding perspectives.

Two screenshots are shown. The first, labeled '1', shows a list of skills: 'Main Idea', 'Making Predictions', 'Identify and Define', 'Compare and Contrast', 'Understanding Perspectives', and 'KWLQ'. A callout box says 'Choose a skill from the list.' The second, labeled '2', shows a 'Starter Activity' for 'Compare and Contrast' with a grid of grade bands (Pre-K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12) and 'Add' buttons for each. A callout box says 'Add Entire Activity or add individual questions.' Another callout box says 'Find questions suitable for different grade bands.'

Questions by Category offer individual questions targeting skill building in areas like critical thinking, inquiry, vocabulary, and reflection. Use them as add-ons or mix and match to make an activity.

Two screenshots are shown. The first, labeled '1', shows a list of categories: 'Critical Thinking, Vocabulary, Inquiry, Reflection, Comprehension, Making Connections'. A callout box says 'Click on a category.' The second, labeled '2', shows a list of questions under the 'Inquiry' category with 'Add' buttons. A callout box says 'Click 'Add' add individual questions.'

The screenshot shows the 'Activity Builder' interface. It includes sections for 'Student Instructions', 'Prior Knowledge', and 'Questions'. The 'Questions' section has three numbered items. A callout box says 'Review and edit questions.' At the bottom, there is an 'Add a Custom Question' button with a callout box saying 'Add a custom question.' Below that are 'Save and Review' and 'Cancel Activity' buttons. At the very bottom, there is a 'Preview Student Activity Pack' button with a callout box saying 'Preview student view.'

Review Student Progress

Click 'Activities' from your personal account drop-down menu.

1 Click 'Review Progress.'

2 Click any question to view student responses.

Review student responses by question or by student.

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What do you already know about the Civilizations of China in the Middle Ages?

Mark as reviewed for all questions

Fozzie Bear Not Started
(no response)

Kermit the Frog In Progress
Not much!

Miss Piggy Not Started
(no response)