

Social Studies Guided Tour



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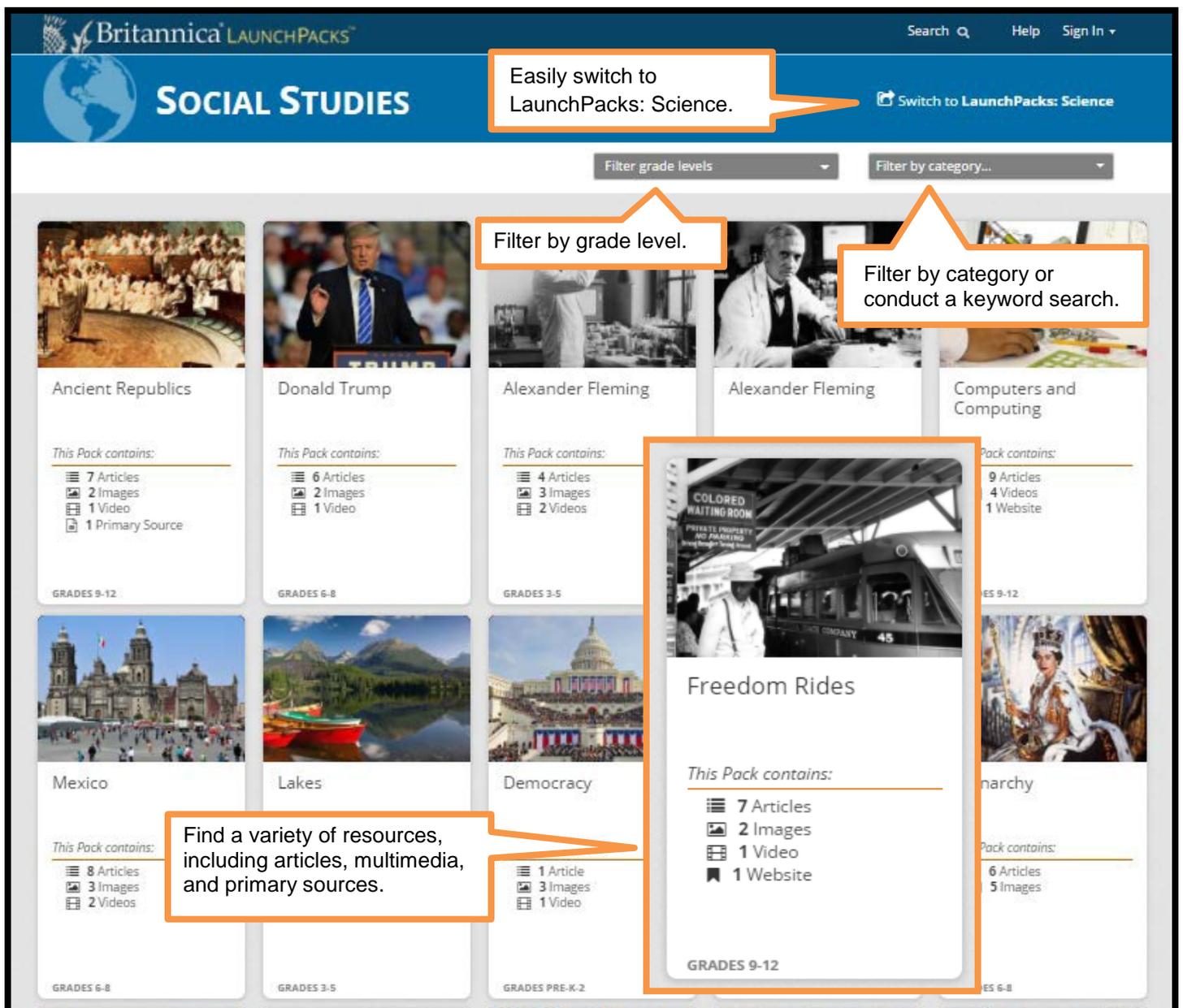
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Welcome to Britannica LaunchPacks: Social Studies

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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 contents (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 of 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).

Inside LaunchPacks

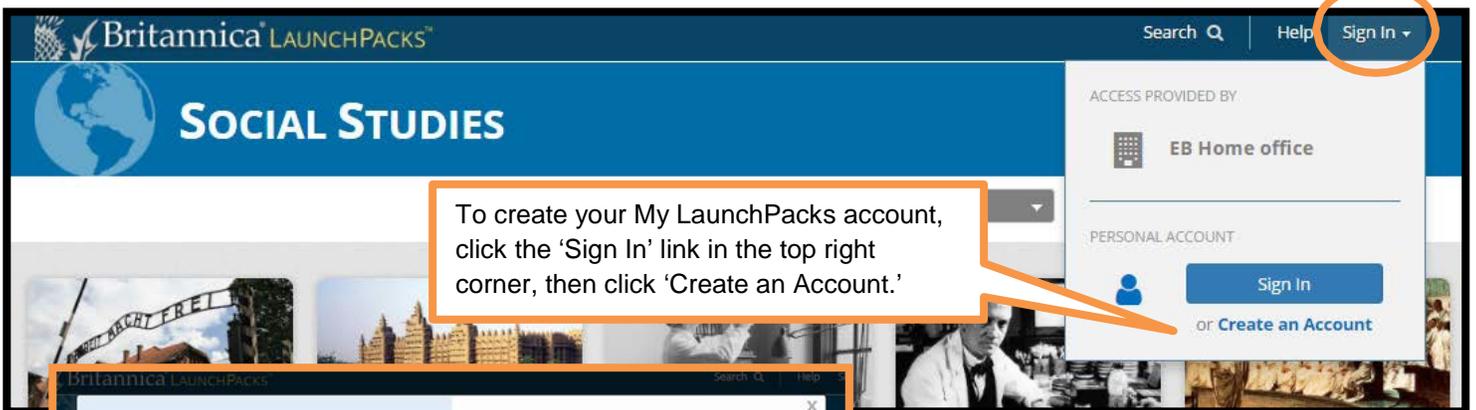
The screenshot shows the Britannica LaunchPacks interface for "The American Revolution". At the top, the title "The American Revolution" is displayed in white on a blue background, with "GRADES 3-5" and a link to "See this Pack for GRADES 6-8 or GRADES 9-12". A callout bubble points to this link, stating: "Change the grade level materials within each LaunchPack." Below the title, there are navigation options: "Filter by: All", "Favorite", "Customize", and "Share".

The main content area features several cards:

- Article Card:** "American Revolution" with a map of the United States. A callout bubble points to the "Article Reading Level" indicator (1, 2, 3), stating: "Adjust the reading level of any article." Below the title, there is a brief description and a reading level indicator.
- Image Card:** "Pitcher, Molly" with a historical illustration. A brief description follows.
- Primary Source Card:** "Document: Treaty of Paris - Proclamation of Congress January 14, 1784".
- Video Card:** "Revere, Paul" with a video player showing a historical scene.

A "Share" button is located in the top right corner. A callout bubble points to it, stating: "Share LaunchPacks by sharing link or by e-mail." A modal window is open over the "Share" button, titled "Copy the link to this LaunchPack". It contains a text input field with the URL "http://eb.com/83293" and a "Copy Link" button. Below this, it says "Copy this link to paste into your own message or save for later use." There is an "or" separator. Underneath, there is a section titled "Send an e-mail with a link to this LaunchPack" with fields for "To" (E-mail), "From" (Name), and "E-mail". "Cancel" and "Send" buttons are at the bottom of the modal.

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

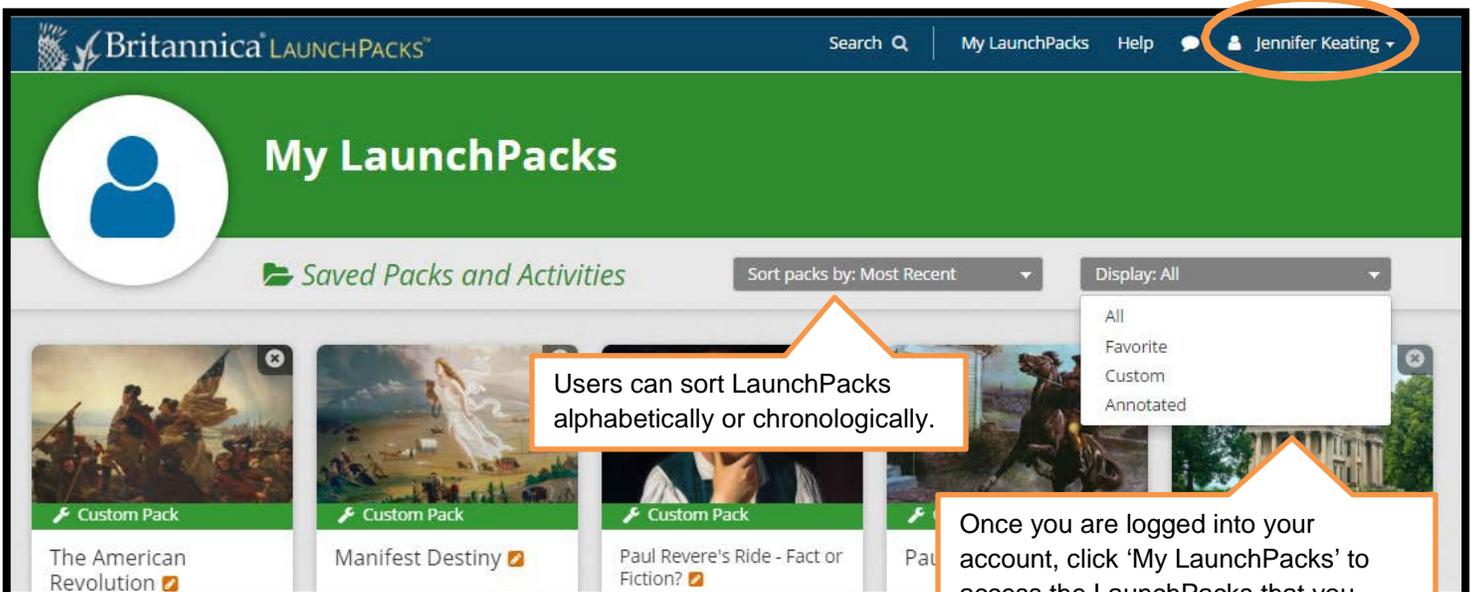


Sign In

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. To the right, a 'Benefits of a personal account' section lists: 'Save your work' (Create customized Packs by adding notes and uploading your own content, or bookmark your favorite packs for quick access.), 'Sign in from anywhere' (With a personal account, you can gain access to LaunchPacks and any other Britannica subscriptions while away from your institution.), and 'It's totally free' (Personal accounts come free with your institution's subscription.). A 'Create Account' button is also present at the bottom of 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.

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.

Click here to download the annotated article to your device.

Switch toggle from 'Read' to 'Annotate.'

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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 'SOCIAL STUDIES' header with a globe icon. A dropdown menu for the user is open, showing options: 'Personal Account', 'darcylcarlson' (with a settings gear), 'My LaunchPacks', 'Activities', 'Classes' (highlighted with an orange box and a callout), and 'Schedule'. Below the menu are 'Help' and 'Sign Out' links. The main content area shows a grid of four images: a brick building, a statue, a mountain landscape, and the pyramids of Giza.

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

The screenshot shows the 'Classes' page with a '+ Add Class' button circled in orange. A callout points to it with the text 'Click 'Add Class' button.' Below is the 'Add New Class' form. It has a 'Name' field with the placeholder 'A name to help you identify this class' and a 'Description' field with the placeholder 'You may indicate the day, time, etc. here'. Both fields have a '(0 / 60)' character count. To the right is a section 'Select an avatar image for this class' with a grid of six image options: a ladybug, a tree, a dog, a sunflower, a soccer ball, and a cat. A callout points to the 'Submit' button with the text 'Select an avatar image and click 'Submit.''. The footer contains 'Britannica Digital Learning' and 'Support · Britannica Products · About Us · Privacy Policy · Terms of Use © 2017 Encyclopaedia Britannica, Inc.'

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' dialog is open, with the 'E-mail an Invite to Students' tab selected. Below the tabs, there are three options: 'Give students a class code' (code: GKBDXH), 'Share a direct link' (link: https://packs.eb.com/social-studies/joi), and 'E-mail an Invite to Students'. Callouts point to each of these options.

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. Callouts point to the 'Quick Assign' button in the background and the 'Assign' button in the dialog.

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. Below is a header for 'Space Exploration' with 'GRADES 6-8' and a link to 'See this Pack for GRADES 3-5'. A 'Filter by: All' dropdown is visible. In the bottom right, there are buttons for 'Quick Assign' and 'Create Activity', with the latter circled in orange. A callout bubble points to the 'Create Activity' button 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 bubble points to this list with the text 'Choose a skill from the list.' The second screenshot, labeled '2', shows a 'Starter Activity' titled 'Compare and Contrast' with a list of questions and 'Add' buttons. A callout bubble points to the 'Add Entire Activity' button with the text 'Add Entire Activity or add individual questions.'

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 bubble points to this list with the text 'Click on a category.' The second screenshot, labeled '2', shows a 'Questions by Category' interface for 'Inquiry' with a list of questions and 'Add' buttons. A callout bubble points to the 'Add' buttons with the text 'Click 'Add' add individual questions.'

The screenshot shows the 'Activity Builder' interface. It includes sections for 'Student Instructions', 'Prior Knowledge', and 'Questions'. A callout bubble points to the 'Questions' section with the text 'Review and edit questions.' At the bottom, there is a 'Preview Student Activity Pack' button. A callout bubble points to the 'Add a Custom Question' button with the text 'Add a custom question.'

Preview student view.

Review Student Progress

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

Personal Account
darcylcarlson
My LaunchPacks
Activities
Classes
Schedule
Help
Sign Out
Access Provided By
EB Home office

Activity Pack
The Middle Ages: Civilizations of China
DUE Nov 21, 2017
DAYS LEFT 0
STUDENT PROGRESS
Review Progress

Back to Activities
The Middle Ages: Civilizations of China
Mark Complete
Delete Activity
View Activity Pack
Student Responses
By Question By Student
Student Submissions: In Progress
Responses as of: 12/18/2017, 10:59:40 AM
Filter by: Filter by: All
Expand All
P What do you already know about the Civilizations of China in the Middle Ages?
1 Choose two resources to compare. Which two resources will you use?
2 Closely examine the two resources you picked. Find two to three details in them that illustrate how these resources are similar to each other. Describe these similarities.
3 Now review the resources again. Find two to three details in them that illustrate how these resources are different from one another. Describe these differences.
4 Are these two resources more alike or more different? Why?
5 Is there a third resource in the Pack that could be compared to the first two? Which resource is it?
6 Reflect on the process of comparing and contrasting. Did you learn

Mark as reviewed for all questions

Student	Response	Status
Fozzie Bear	(no response)	Not Started
Kermit the Frog	Not much!	In Progress
Miss Piggy	(no response)	Not Started