Guided Tour

Your guide to getting started with
Britannica® LaunchPacks™ : Science

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Dinosaurs: Duck-Billed Dinosaurs and Their Relatives

This Pack contains:

- 5 Articles
- 3 Images
- 1 Video

GRADES 6-8

The Nervous System

This Pack contains:

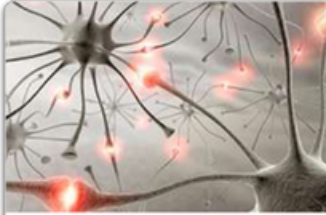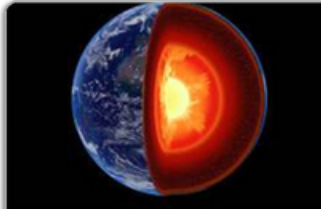- 7 Articles
- 3 Images
- 2 Videos

GRADES 9-12

Earth's Layers

This Pack contains:

- 5 Articles
- 4 Images
- 1 Video

GRADES 9-12

Lighting Systems

This Pack contains:

- 1 Article
- 5 Images
- 2 Interactives

GRADES PRE-K-2

Welcome to Britannica LaunchPacks: Science!

You now have access to thousands of individually curated, ready-to-use content sets covering topics from your curriculum. Whether it's Earth Science, Life Science, Physical Science or Space Science - it's time to start exploring with your class!

LaunchPacks save planning time and build active engagement with tools such as activities, annotation and customization!
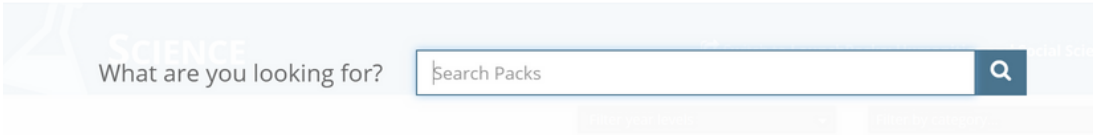
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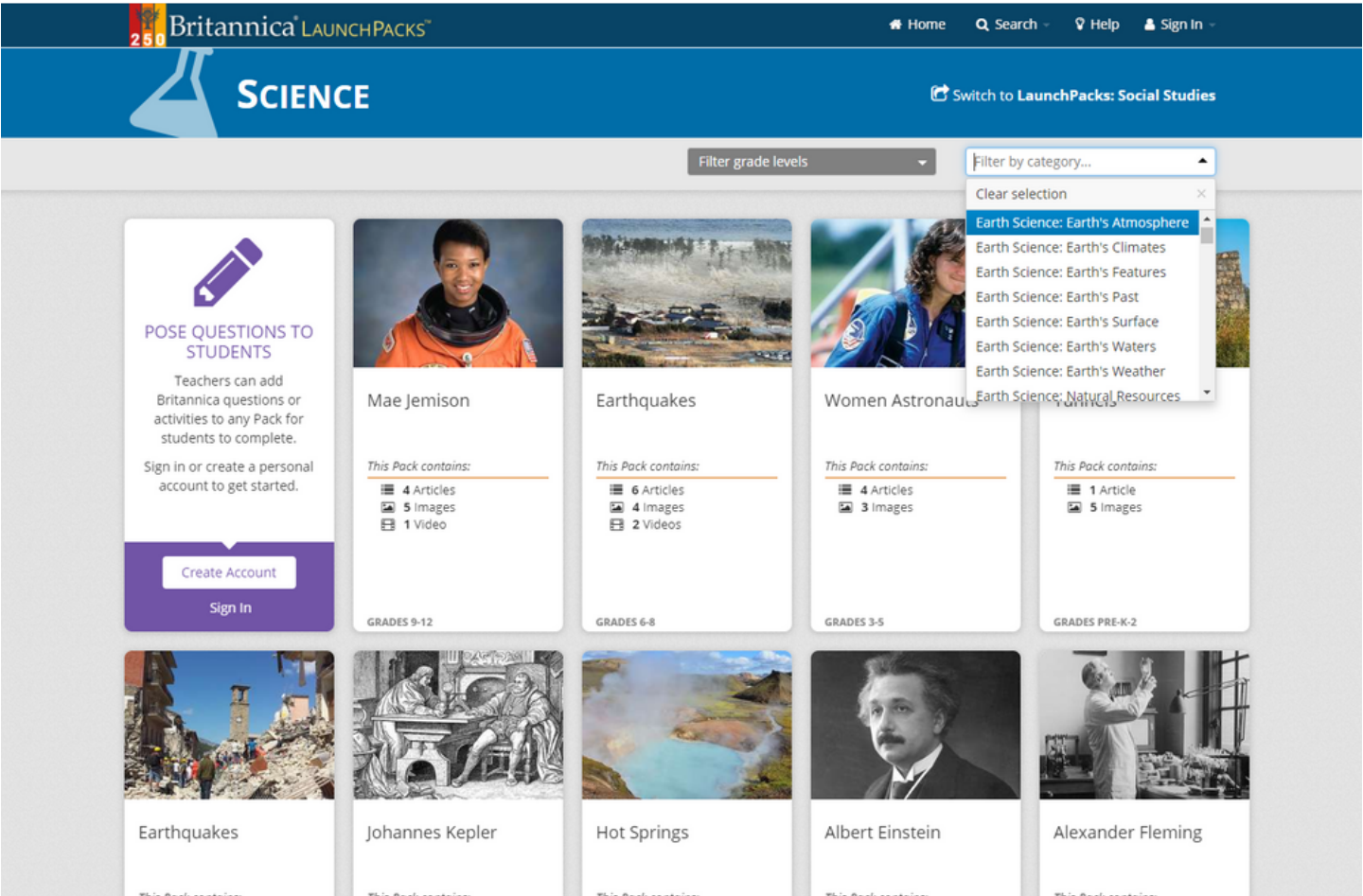
LaunchPacks
Each LaunchPack contains a variety of content types including Articles, Images, Videos, Primary Sources and Websites.

Search and Filter
You can filter Packs in 4 levels: Grade Pre-K-2, Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8 and Grades 9-12 or by Category. Search for a particular Pack using keywords or phrases.

Inside a Pack

Customize Content

Customize to edit a pack's contents. More information on Page 10.

Activities

Build critical thinking and inquiry skills by adding Activities to a Pack.

Curriculum Standards

View Curriculum Standards related to this Pack.

Assign

Assign a Pack to task your students with reading or pre-work activities.

Multimedia Content

Find level-appropriate articles, images, videos, primary sources or websites related to the topic.

Share or Save Content

Share content via E-mail or Google Classroom. Click the Favorite Star to save a Pack.

Schedule

Schedule a Pack to your personal calendar and receive reminders closer to the due date.

Curriculum Standards

View Curriculum Standards Related to a Specific Pack

View related Curriculum Standards for each specific Pack, filter via Subject, Standards Framework or Grade Range.

View Packs Related to Specific Curriculum Standards

You can also view Packs related to specific curriculum standards. Filter via Subject, Standards Framework or Grade.

Articles

Table of Contents

Expand or collapse the table of contents using the + or - symbols.

Article Reading Level

Articles have multiple Reading Levels. Individuals can use the level labels to switch to content most suited to their ability.

Page Tools

Use Page Tool controls to reduce or enlarge text size, print the full article, generate a citation, translate the article or create an article excerpt.

Dictionary

Double-click any word to see a Quick-Click dictionary definition! Powered by Merriam-Webster.

Read Aloud

Click play to hear the article read aloud.

Annotating an Article

Annotation Mode

Click to switch to Annotation mode within an article.

Highlight and Annotate

Highlight any text and click the Pencil icon that appears. Type your annotation and click Save.

Categorize Annotations

Organize and color-code your annotations by selecting a Category. E.g. Question or Vocabulary.

Sharing Annotations

Click the envelope icon under Annotations Tools to share your annotations via Email.

Download Annotations

You can also download your annotations as a formatted Word or PDF document.

Media Tools: Images & Videos

Media Sharing

Share the media using Email. Download a video or Print an image.

Generate Citation

Click to generate a Citation for the media.
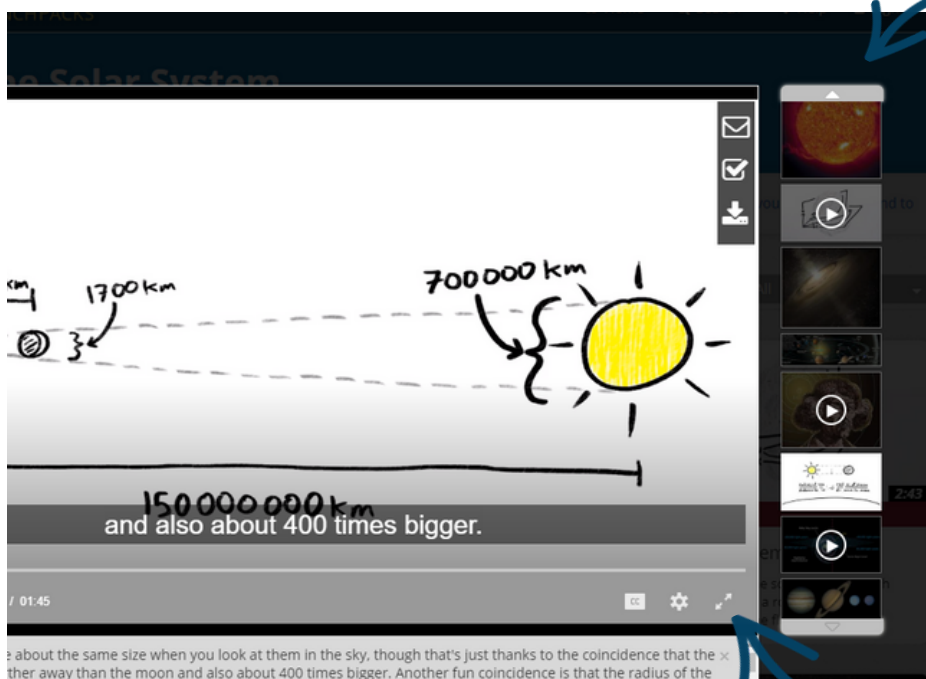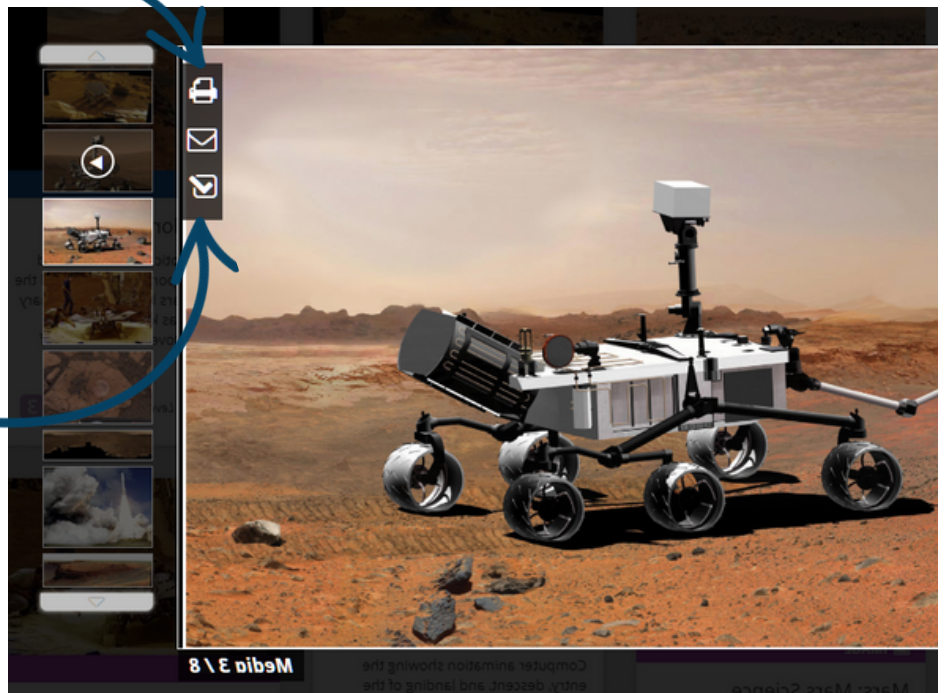
Media Slider

Scroll through the slider to view other media files from the same Pack.

Media Player Tools

Use the video controls to play a video with Closed Captions (CC) or watch videos in full screen.

Customizing a Pack

Editing the Title

Update the title of the Pack and add notes or instructions.

Custom Content

Add your own Custom Document or Web Link to the Pack.

Graphic Organizers

Add pre-created Graphic Organizers to scaffold student work.

KAHOOT! Quiz

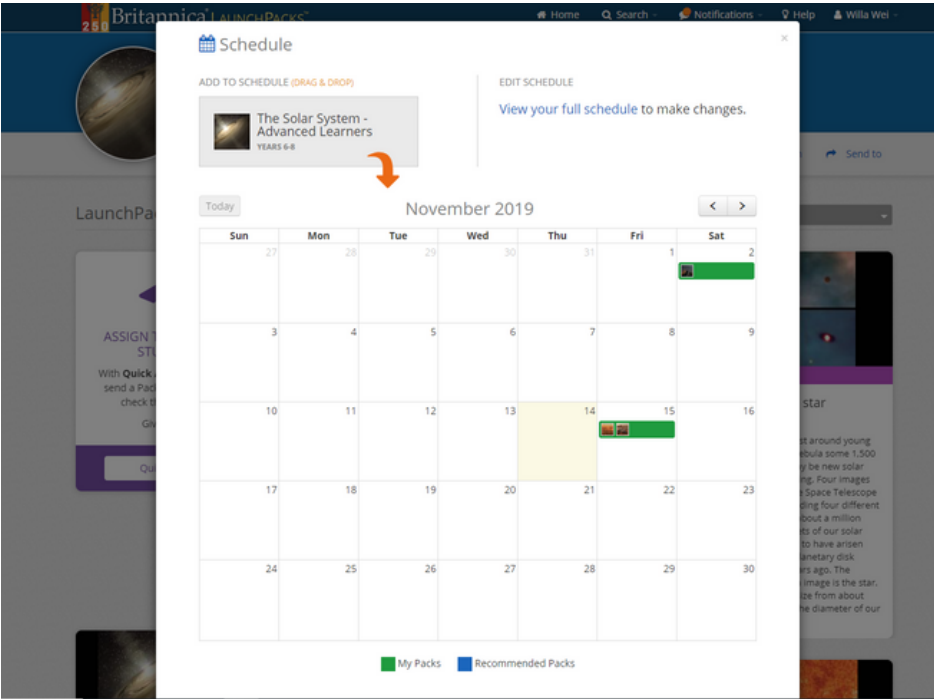Insert your own KAHOOT! Quiz to assess student knowledge.

Schedule a Pack

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Schedule a Pack to your Personal Calendar using the Send to drop-down.

Collection of Packs

Drag and drop a Pack to any date to receive notifications as the date approaches. Create a Collection when you add 2 or more Packs to a date.
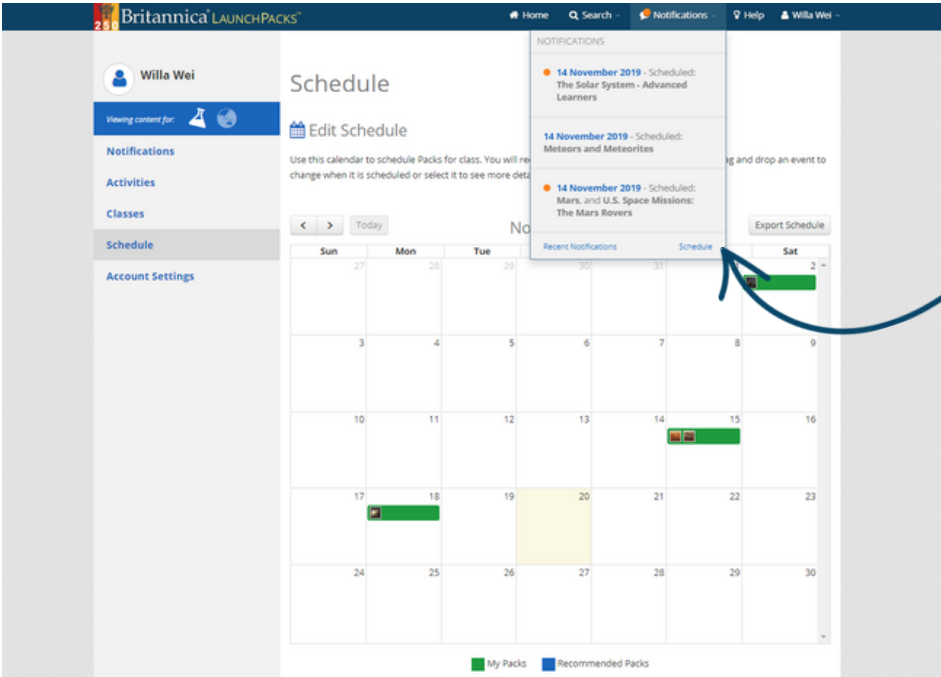
Schedule Dashboard

Visit your Schedule Dashboard via your Account or a Notification.

Export your Schedule

Export your Packs calendar in ICS format to add to your preferred personal calendar.

Classes
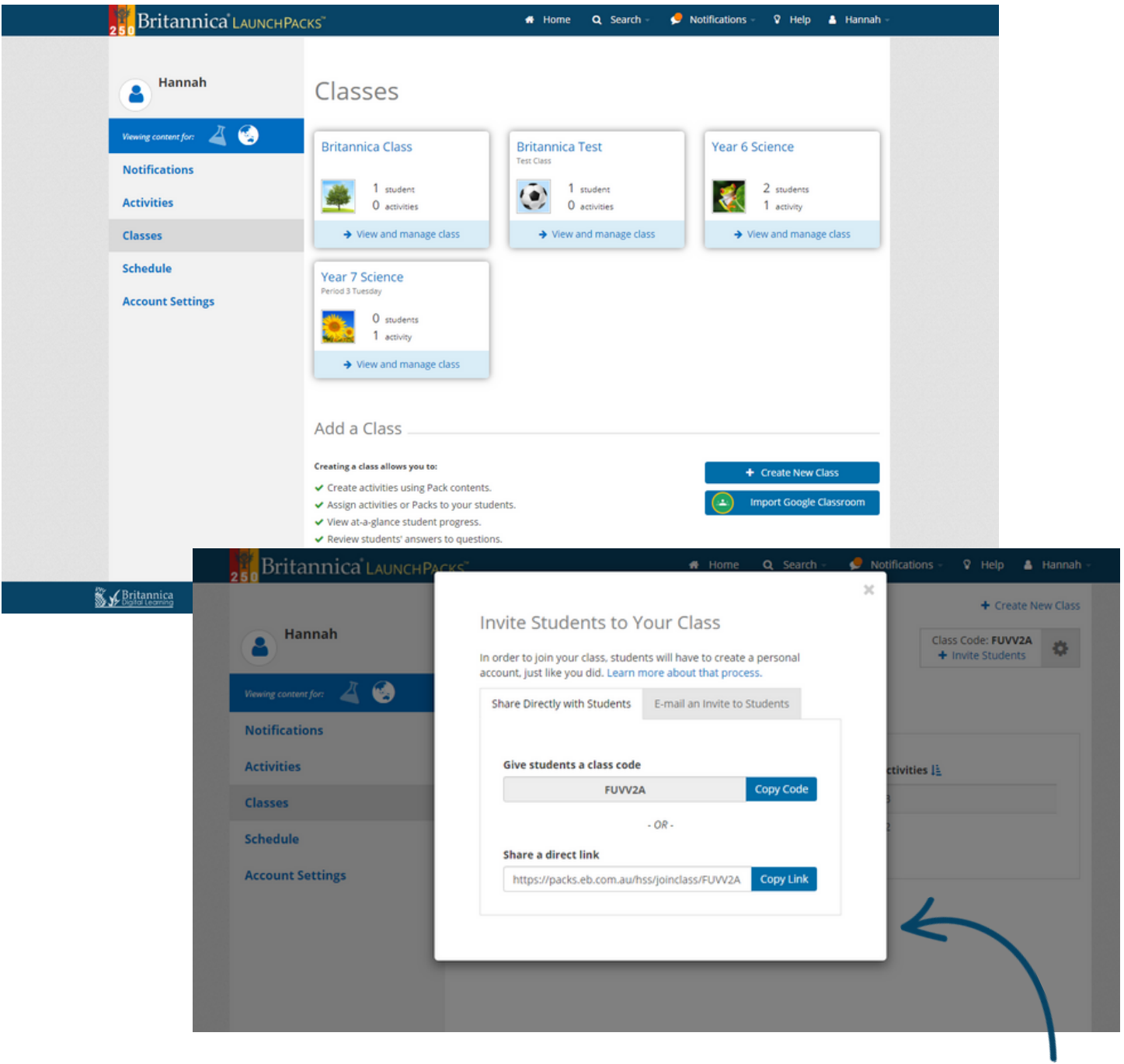
Create a Class

Create a class for each group of students you teach or group learners with similar learning needs and styles.

Import from Google

Import existing classes from your Google Classroom account.

Invite Students

Invite students to join the class using a Class Code, Email or Direct Class Link.

Activities: Learning Strategies

Learning Strategies
Learning Strategies are skill-building exercises that develop subject area literacy.

Types of Strategies
Click "Activities" to select from 4 Learning Strategies: Main Idea, Summary, Main Idea & Summary and Journal.
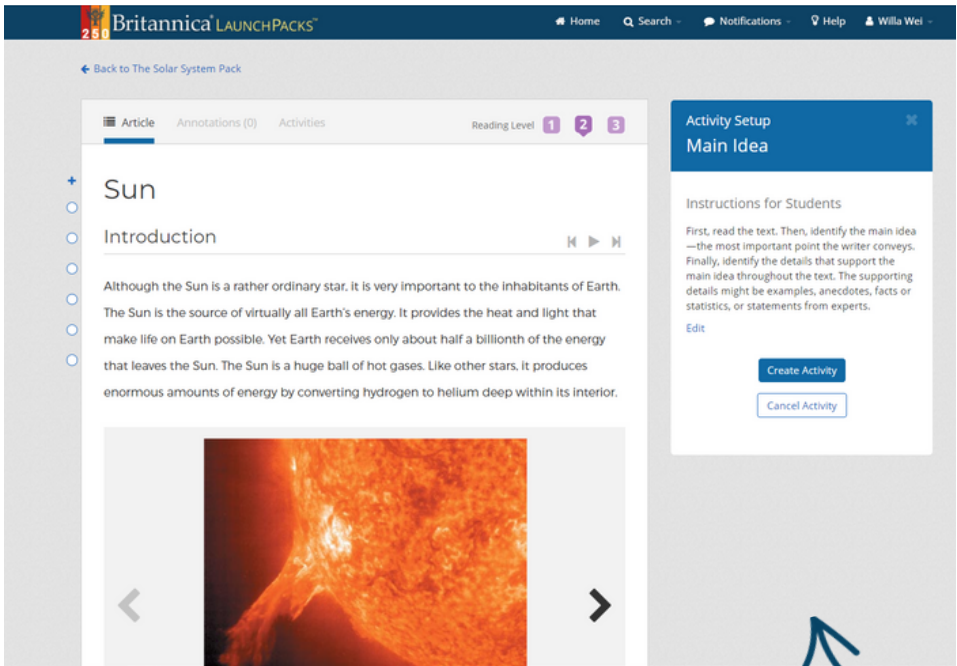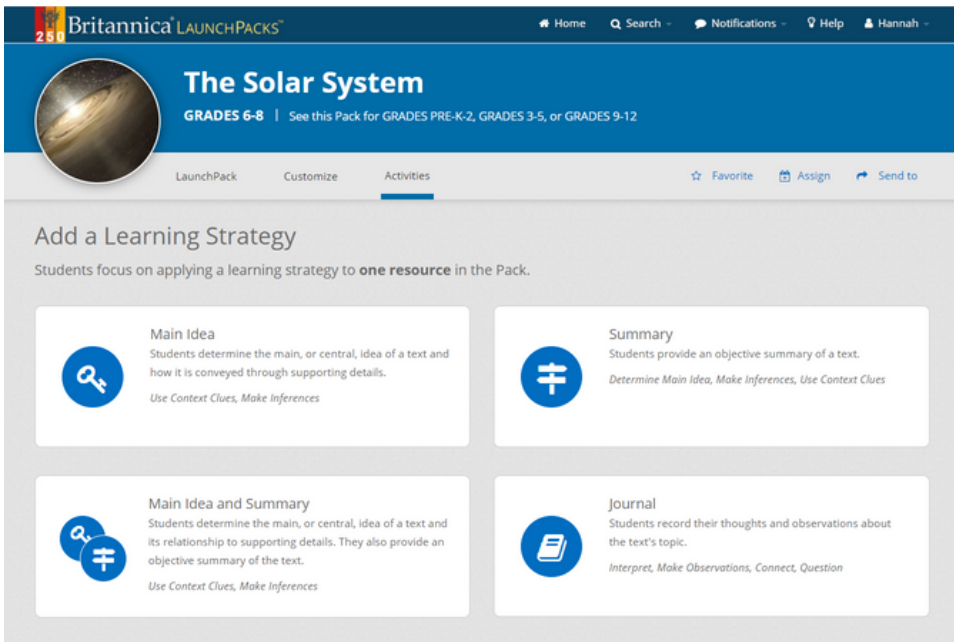
Choose a Resource
Select a focus resource for the Learning Strategy: you can use an excerpt or the full text.

Edit the Instructions
Edit or save the default instructions. You can assign multiple Learning Strategies to a single resource.

Activities: Question Sets

Question Sets
Question Sets challenge students to explore the contents of a Pack and find answers.

Starter Sets
Created by Britannica experts, these open-ended questions can apply to many topics. Use a whole set or pick the ones you like.

Questions by Category
Add individual Questions by Category to build your own activity.

Activity Builder
Edit question content. Browse and change pre-set question per Grade Level. Add Custom Questions.

Activities: Save, Preview & Assign

Save

Save and Preview your Activity. Save As New Activity to easily duplicate the Activity you have just created.

Preview

View what the student would see using Student Preview.

Assign or Schedule

Assign your finished Pack to a Class immediately or Schedule for a later date.

Activities: Review Student Progress

Activities Dashboard

Access all your drafted, scheduled and open Activities from the Activities Page.

Progress Bar

The Progress Bar on an Open Activity Pack shows a real-time summary of class completion progress.

Review Responses

Click Review Progress to monitor student responses by student or by question.

My LaunchPacks

Create your Account

Create a My LaunchPacks Account using Britannica credentials. You can also Sign In with your Google account.

My LaunchPacks

Inside My LaunchPacks you can view, edit and schedule all your Favorite, Customized and Annotated Packs.

Access

Access My LaunchPacks anytime from your Account drop-down menu.

English as a Second Language

Dictionary

Double-click any word within an article or primary source to see a Quick-Click dictionary definition.

Adjustable Reading Levels

Articles have up to 3 different reading levels. Individuals can read within their comfort zone by selecting the level most suited to them.

Read Aloud

Click the play icon to listen to an audio version of an article.

Support for all English Abilities.

Britannica LaunchPacks has a range of inbuilt tools to support students learning English as a second language.

🌐 Content Translator

Translate an entire article into over 100 languages. Click the globe icon in Page Tools.

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