

The World Almanac® for Kids Online

User Tutorial and Tour



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What is *The World Almanac® for Kids Online*?

The World Almanac® for Kids Online enables users to explore **grade-appropriate topics** in a fun format while developing **on-line research skills** with a trusted source.

The World Almanac® for Kids Online erases the line between **homework aid** and fun reading, providing resources for homework, reports, and projects that **complement the curriculum**.

Double Award Winner!



BESSIES

(Best Educational Software Award)



EDDIES

(Education Software Review Award),

“Middle School Database Website” category (The ComputED Gazette)



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What you will find:

- A variety of engaging subject areas
- Fun Facts
- Interactive games and quizzes
- Homework Help tools
- Search Assist technology and kid-friendly search results
- Images and iPad/mobile-friendly videos
- Maps and flags
- Content supporting Common Core, state, and national standards
- Google Translate for every article, with 53 languages to choose from
- Persistent record links
- Dynamic citations in MLA and *Chicago Manual of Style* formats.



Use this tutorial to learn about:

- The Home Page
- Searching Basics
- Advanced Search
- Browsing Basics
- Page Features
- Creating and Using Folders
- Fun Facts
- Videos and Interactives
- Classroom Support Materials
- Contact Us

System Requirements:

The World Almanac® for Kids Online supports Internet Explorer 8.0 or higher, Firefox 10.0 or higher, and Safari 5.1 or higher. For viewing PDFs, we support Adobe Reader 9.0 or higher. For viewing videos on PCs and on Macintosh computers, we support Adobe Flash Player 11.0 or higher. For best results, we recommend that you use the most current version of your Web browser, Adobe Reader, and Adobe Flash Player, which are available as free downloads. The database and its videos can also be viewed on an Internet-connected iPad.



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The Home Page

The starting point for all research, the Home Page allows for easy **searching** and **browsing**, plus quick access to Classroom Support.

The Home Page includes dynamic content and a timely, editorially selected, feature that changes daily.

The screenshot shows the home page of 'THE WORLD ALMANAC KIDS'. At the top, there is a search bar with a magnifying glass icon and the text 'Advanced Search'. To the right of the search bar are links for 'Sign In' and 'Saved Items'. Below the search bar, the page is organized into a grid of topic tiles. Each tile features an image and a title: 'Animals' (lion), 'Space & Astronomy' (astronaut), 'Our Planet Earth' (globe), 'U.S. Presidents' (Obama), 'American History' (American flag), 'World History' (statue), 'The 50 States' (map), 'Countries of the World' (flags), 'Famous People' (celebrity), 'Reader's Corner' (child reading), and 'Career Ideas' (students). To the right of the grid is a 'Today's Feature' section titled 'Royal Children Who Changed History' with a small image and a paragraph of text. Below that is a 'This Day in...' section for 'Jan. 24' with tabs for 'Birthdays', 'History', and 'Sports'. The 'History' tab is active, showing a list of historical figures: Pierre de Beaumarchais (1732-1799), playwright; Edith Wharton (1862-1937), novelist; Oral Roberts (1918-2009), evangelist; Neil Diamond (1941-), singer/songwriter; John Belushi (1949-1982), comic actor; and Naftali Kinski (1961), athlete. At the bottom of the page, there is a 'Classroom Support' banner with the text 'Homework Help, Science Diagrams, Science Projects and more...Go >' and a small flask icon.

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The Home Page continued

Link to Home Page
The logo links back to the Home Page.

Keyword Search Box
with link to Advanced Search

Sign In and Saved Items Links

Browse by Subject Areas
New subjects added regularly.

Link to Classroom Support Section

The screenshot shows the home page layout with the following elements and annotations:

- Header:** Logo for 'THE WORLD ALMANAC KIDS' with a link to the home page. A search bar with a magnifying glass icon and a link to 'Advanced Search'. Links for 'Sign In' and 'Saved Items'.
- Subject Areas:** A grid of 12 subject categories, each with a representative image:
 - Animals (lion)
 - Space & Astronomy (astronaut)
 - Our Planet Earth (globe)
 - U.S. Presidents (Barack Obama)
 - American History (American flag)
 - World History (Statue of Liberty)
 - The 50 States (map of the USA)
 - Countries of the World (world flags)
 - Famous People (celebrity)
 - Reader's Corner (child reading)
 - Career Ideas (students in lab)
 - Holidays & Celebrations (fireworks)
- Today's Feature:** A highlighted section for 'Margaret Thatcher' with a brief biography and a 'Go >' link.
- This Day in...:** An interactive calendar for 'Apr. 17' with tabs for 'Birthdays', 'History', and 'Sports'. It lists historical events like 'Nikita Khrushchev (1894-1971), Soviet political leader'.
- Classroom Support:** A banner at the bottom with the text 'Classroom Support: Homework Help, Science Diagrams, Science Projects and more...Go >' and a flask icon.

Today's Feature is an editorially selected feature that encourages research on a timely or popular topic.

This Day in... Feature Use the **interactive calendar** to select any day of the year and then see key Birthdays, History, and Sports highlights for that day. The current day is the default day.

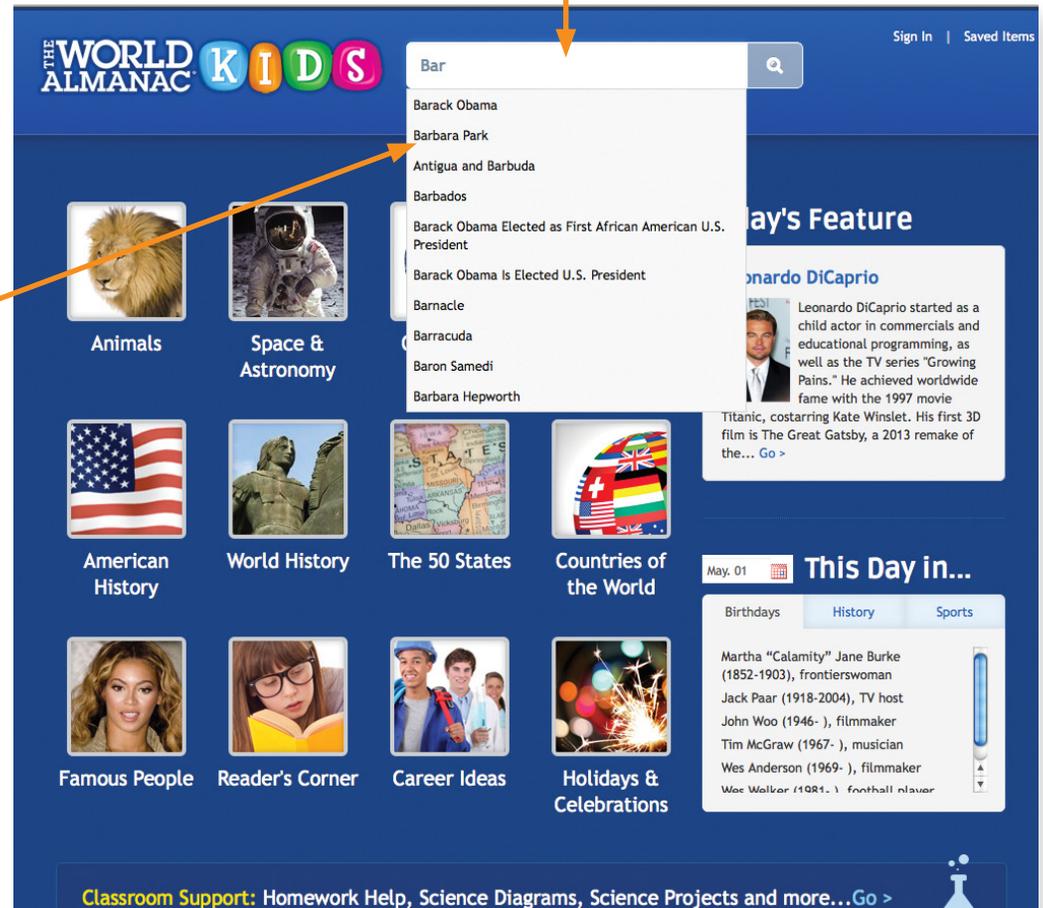
Interactive Calendar

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Searching Basics

The **keyword search box** appears at the top of every page.

When you start typing into the keyword search box, a menu using **Search Assist technology** appears with suggested search terms to help find results quickly.



Searching Basics continued

Kid-Friendly Search Results

show an **easy-to-read numbered list** with the name of the entry and a thumbnail image.

Narrow Results by Subject

Use the left-hand menu list to see how many results are in each subject for a helpful way to narrow your search. The default is "All Subject Results."

The screenshot shows search results for "Barack Obama" with several annotations:

- Left-hand menu:** A list of subject categories with counts: All Subject Results (46), American History (13), Career Ideas (1), Countries of the World (3), Famous People (12), Holidays & Celebrations (1), The 50 States (6), U.S. Presidents (8), and World History (2).
- Search Results for: Barack Obama:** A list of four results:
 - Barack Obama:** Barack Hussein Obama (1961-), 44th president, Democrat, was born August 4, 1961, in Honolulu, Hawaii. His father, Barack Obama Sr. was a black Kenyan, and his mother, Stanley Ann Dunham, was ...
 - Michelle Obama:** Born Michelle LaVaughn Robinson in Chicago, Illinois on January 17, 1964. Graduated with a B.A. in sociology from Princeton University. Earned a J.D. from Harvard Law School. Worked as an assoc...
 - Barack Obama [Image]:** Barack Obama
 - Barack Obama Is Elected U.S. President:** In a historic victory, Barack Obama became the first African American elected to the highest office in the United States on November 4, 2008. After a close campaign against Mitt Romney, Clinton...
- Sort and Filter Results:** A box highlights the "Sort by: Relevance" and "Filter by: All Results" dropdown menus.
- Filter results by Type:** A box shows the "Filter by" dropdown menu open, with options: All Results, Articles, and Images.
- Sort results by Relevance or Title:** A box shows the "Sort by" dropdown menu open, with options: Relevance and Title.

Searching Basics continued

Home > U.S. Presidents > Barack Obama

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Barack Obama

Email Print Save

BORN: August 4, 1961, in Honolulu, Hawaii
PARTY: Democratic Party
DATES SERVED: 2009-
MARRIED: Michelle Robinson (b. 1964); 2 daughters
VICE PRESIDENT(S): Joe Biden

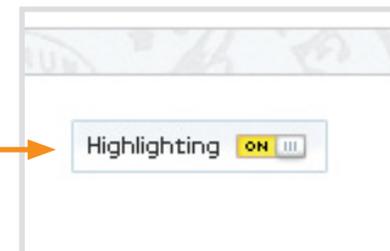
Barack Hussein Obama (1961-), 44th president, Democrat, was born August 4, 1961, in Honolulu, Hawaii. His father, **Barack Obama Sr.**, was a black Kenyan, and his mother, Stanley Ann Dunham, was a white American from Kansas. By the time **Obama** was 6, his parents had divorced and his mother had married an Indonesian man and moved to Indonesia. Returning to Hawaii, he lived with his grandparents while attending high school. He received a bachelor's degree (1983) from Columbia University, worked from the mid-1980s as a community organizer in impoverished areas of Chicago's South Side, and earned a law degree (1991) from Harvard University, where he was elected the first African-American president of the law review. He then practiced civil rights law in Chicago and taught at the Univ. of Chicago Law School. In 1992, he married attorney and later hospital administrator Michelle Robinson (1964-). They have 2 daughters, Malia (1998-) and Natasha (Sasha) (2001-).

Obama won election to the Illinois state senate in 1996 and was twice reelected. He failed to capture the Democratic nomination for a U.S. House seat in 2000, but won the party's nomination for a U.S. Senate seat in a March 2004 primary. Already known to many through his 1995 memoir, *Dreams From My Father: A Story of Race and Inheritance*, he gained

Highlighted Search Terms

Users can choose to have search terms highlighted throughout an article for ease in finding specific information. If highlighting is not needed, it can be turned off in the upper right-hand corner. The default is "Highlighting On."

Easily turn **Highlighting On or Off.**



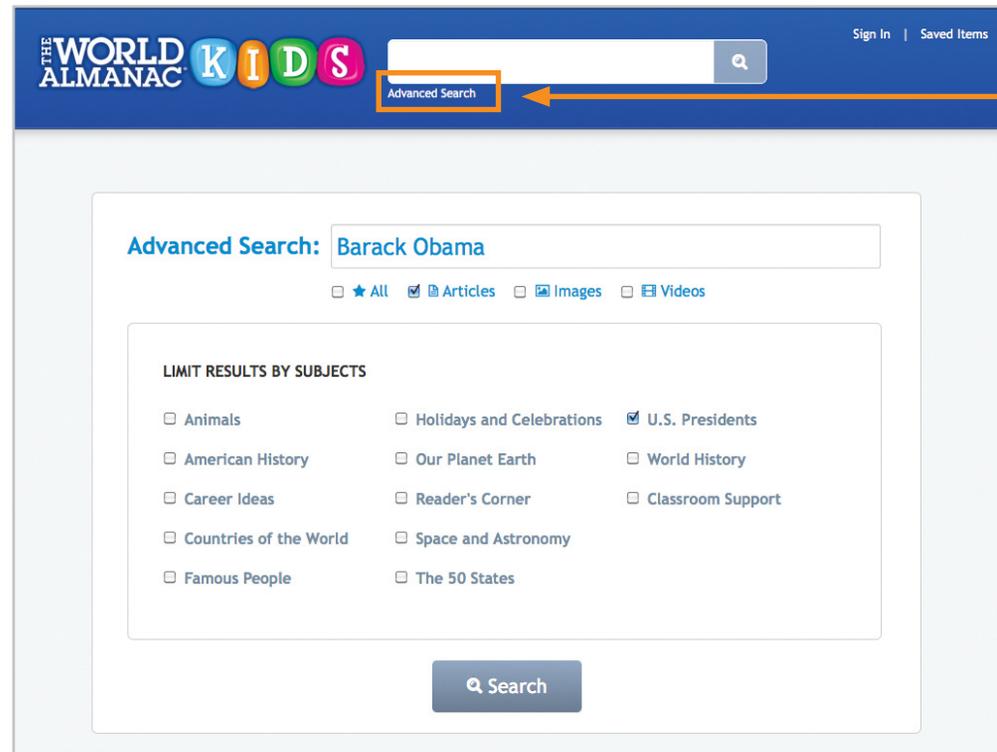
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Advanced Search

Advanced Search allows you to limit your search in advance by content type(s) and by subject(s).

Enter a search term in the search box, select desired filter(s), and then press Enter or click the Search button → 

Aside from the filtering options, the Advanced Search box handles search terms and Boolean searches in the same way as the basic search.



Advanced Search is accessible by clicking the link below the regular search box at the top of each page.

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Browsing Basics

An alternative to searching is **browsing by subject**, which also allows you to narrow by interest.

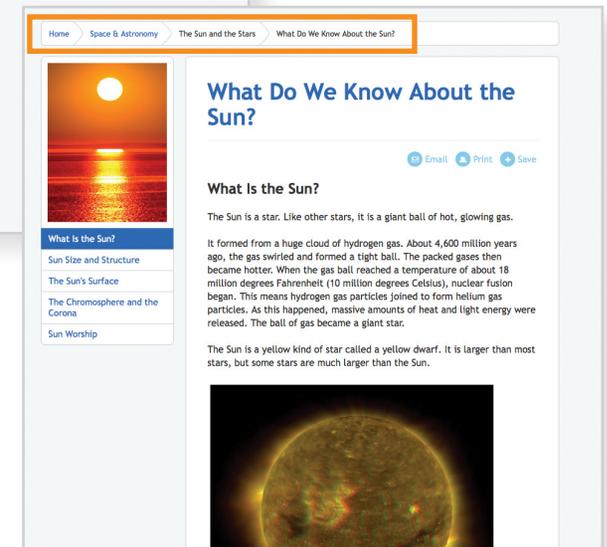
The World Almanac® for Kids Online includes a variety of high-interest topics for browsing.

Start browsing on the Home Page.



Each subject area on the Home Page brings you to a Landing Page.

Each page includes clear navigation at the top.



Page Features

Helpful Features on **Every Page**



Navigating Pages

Clear navigation at the top allows users to easily move back and forth through each section.

Page Tools

Email, Print, and Save tools are located at the top right of each content page.

To Email

Clicking the “Email” icon opens a window where you can type a recipient’s email address and an optional personal message. A URL to the current page along with your message will be sent to that address.

To Print

Clicking the “Print” icon opens a printable version of the page being viewed and will automatically open a print settings window.

To Save

See “Creating and Using Folders.”

Navigating Articles and Content

Use the left-hand menu to navigate through consecutive articles.

Page Features continued

Helpful Features on **Every Page**

Colonial America: 1543-1763

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Overview of 1543-1763

From the final decades of the 1500s through the mid-1700s, the North American continent was the site of a whirlwind of competition and colonization. European countries worked to establish their place in the northern parts of the New World.

England, France, Holland, Spain, and other countries benefited from strong-willed people seeking everything from religious freedom to gold and glory in the New World. These adventurous men and women served in roles as conquerors and colonists, explorers and evangelists, promoters and profiteers, farmers and freemen, Puritans and planters, and sovereigns and servants. Each person made his or her contribution by starting colonies in North America. They also created new possibilities for themselves, their families and their descendants in this growing New World.

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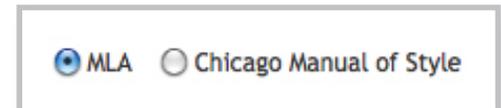
Citation Information MLA Chicago Manual of Style

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Dynamic Citations

Choose between Modern Language Association (MLA) and *Chicago Manual of Style* (CMS) formats, depending on the requirements of your assignment, by clicking either button.



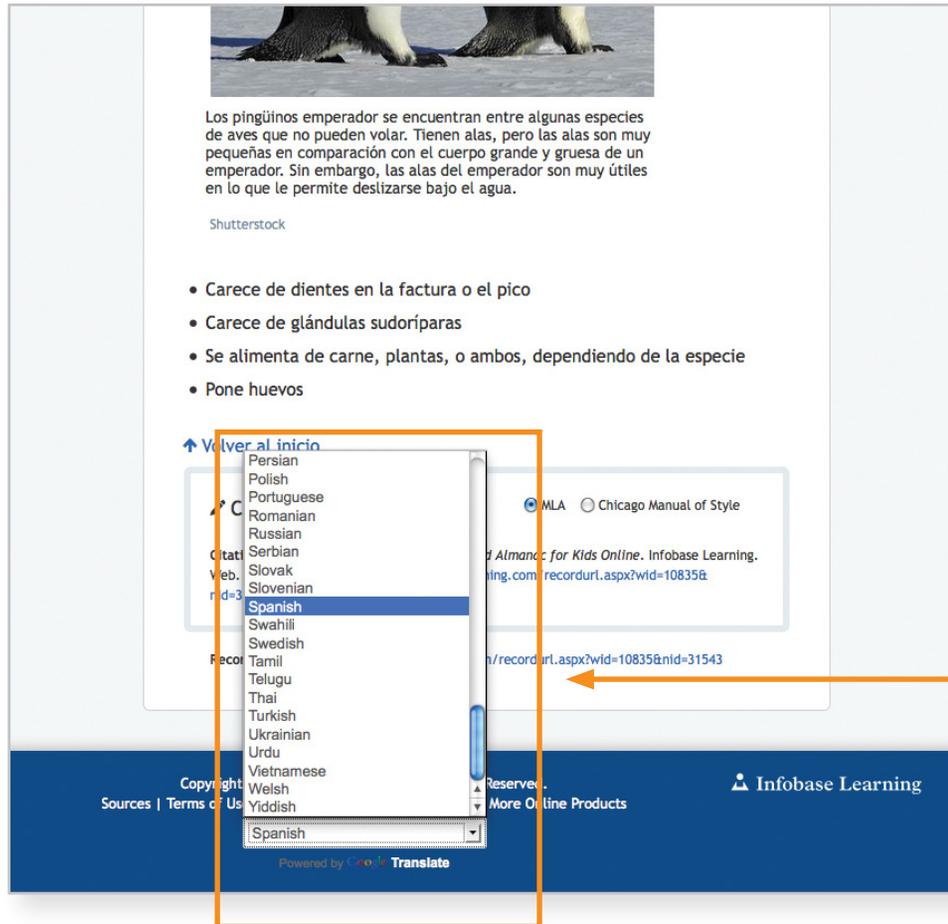
Record URL

A record URL is a **persistent link** to a specific content page. Use this link to bookmark a page or to email to a friend. (NOTE: Only those who are authorized to access *The World Almanac® for Kids Online* will be able to enter through the persistent record URL.)

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Page Features continued

Helpful Features on **Every Article Page**



Google Translate

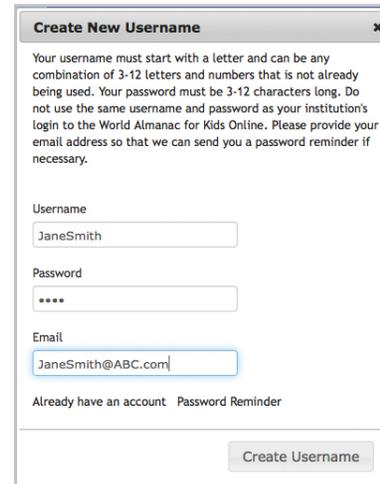
53 languages to choose from!

The Google Translate tool is located at the bottom of each page. To translate an article page, select a language from the Google Translate drop-down menu. As you navigate to other *World Almanac® for Kids Online* pages, the language setting will be retained. Each page will initially load in English but will then be translated automatically to the selected language. (NOTE: This feature is available only on article pages.)

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Creating and Using Folders

The World Almanac® for Kids Online offers Save to Folder tools that allow users to save content to a personalized folder for later retrieval.



Create a Folder

To create a personal folder, click the “Sign In” link at the top-right corner of any page. A pop-up window will display. Click on the “Create New Username” link.

Your username must start with a letter and can be any combination of 3–12 letters and numbers that is not already being used. Your password must be 3–12 characters long. Do not use the same username and password as your institution’s login to *The World Almanac® for Kids Online*. Please provide your email address so that we can send you a password reminder if necessary.

Creating and Using Folders continued

Sign In to Use Folder

Create a new folder or sign in to a previously created folder by clicking the "Sign In" link at the top-right corner of any page. After you have signed in, that link will change to a "Sign Out" link.



Save Link

Use the "Save" link on any content page to save that page to your folder.

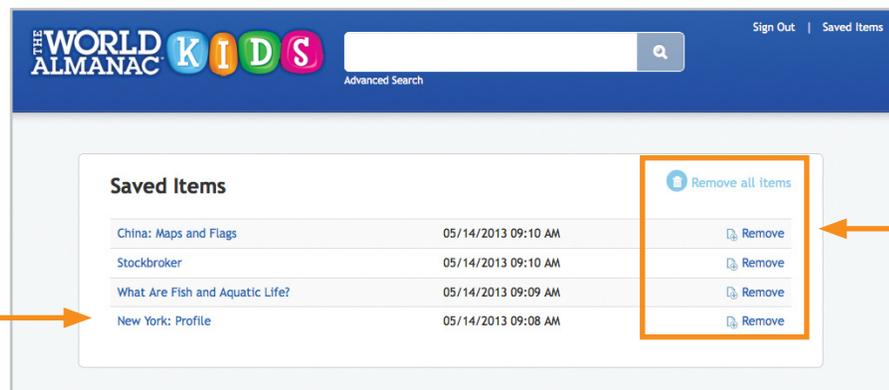
After you have saved the page to your folder, the link will change to "Saved" to indicate you already have that page in your folder.



Accessing Your Saved Items Folder

Use the "Saved Items" link at the top-right corner of any page to access your saved items from any current or previous session.

Click on the page name to go to that page.



You can remove any or all of the pages using the links on the right-hand side.

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Fun Facts

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Fun Facts call out interesting information on most subjects. Formats include lists, articles, images, videos, and more.

Language	Key Places Where Spoken	Number of Native Speakers
Mandarin	China, Taiwan	1,213 million
Spanish	Latin America, Spain	329 million
English	U.S., Canada, Britain, Australia	328 million
Nepal's Unusual Flag		
Arabic	Egypt, Iraq	221 million
Hindi	India	182 million
Bengali	Bangladesh, India	181 million
Portuguese	Portugal, Brazil	178 million
Russian	Russia	144 million
Japanese	Japan	122 million

Most **Fun Facts** menus can be accessed from Subject Landing Pages.

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Videos and Interactives

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Videos and Interactives can be found on Subject Landing Pages, below the Fun Facts section.

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Classroom Support Materials

The World Almanac® for Kids Online includes helpful resources teachers can use in the classroom or for homework assignments, such as diagrams and projects, as well as student-friendly Homework Help.

Access **Classroom Support** via the link at the bottom of the Home Page.



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Classroom Support Materials continued

Homework Help

Homework Help tools give tips on how to write better papers, prepare for tests, use a dictionary and thesaurus, read maps and timelines, and more.

Why I like the Internet
friends who have Internet connections

Classroom Handouts and Support

Time-tested curricular handouts and teacher support include projects, diagrams, videos, and helpful articles.

Experiments and diagrams can easily be downloaded as PDFs.

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Contact Us We're Here to Help

We welcome your questions.

Our Technical Support Team and Sales Representatives are available to answer your questions Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (EST).

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