Britannica LaunchPacks™

Guided Tour

Your guide to getting started with Britannica® LaunchPacks™ : Social Studies

Britannica Digital Learning

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Welcome

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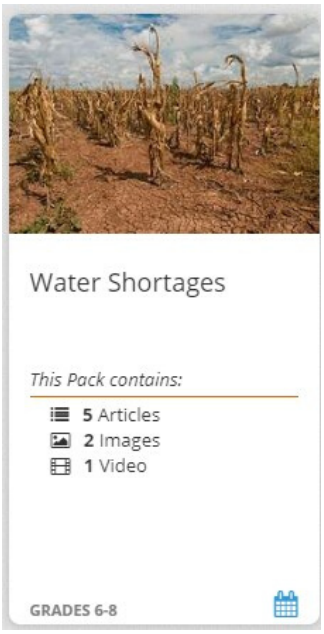
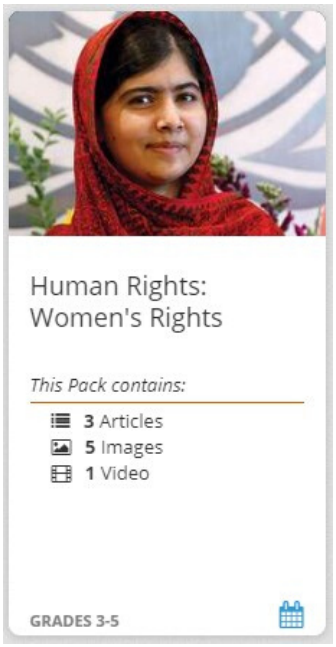


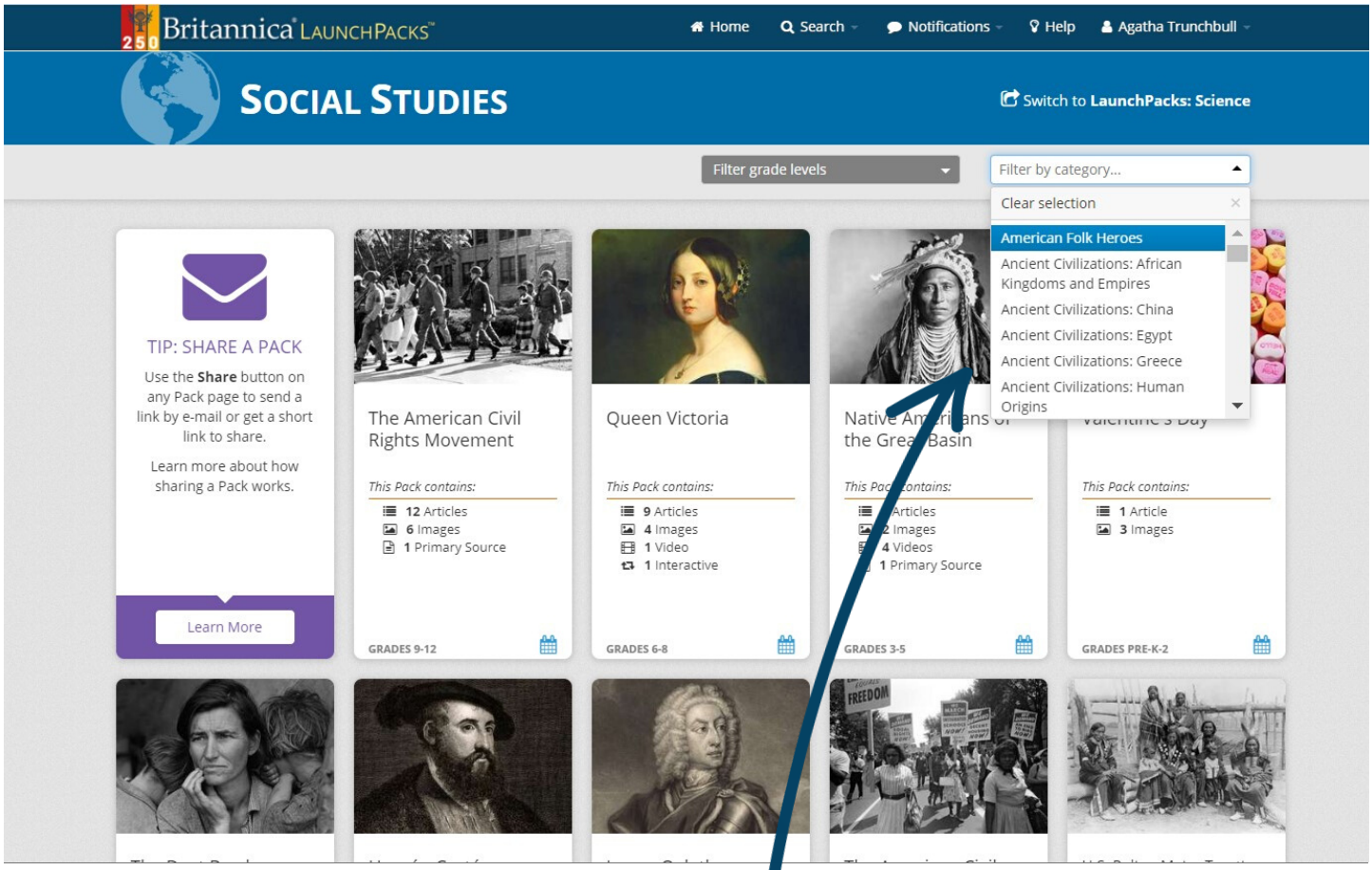


Welcome to Britannica LaunchPacks: Social Studies!

You now have access to thousands of individually curated, ready-to-use content sets covering a wide variety of topics. Whether it's World History, Geography, Economics, or U.S. History, it's time to start exploring with your class!

LaunchPacks saves planning time and builds active engagement with tools such as activities, annotations, and customization!

Home Page

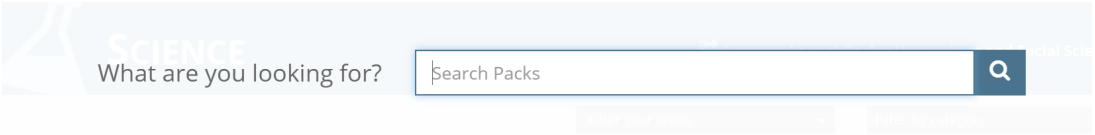


LaunchPacks

Each LaunchPack contains a variety of content including Articles, Images, Videos, Primary Sources, and Websites.

Search and Filter

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



Inside a Pack

Customize Content

Click the Customize tab to edit a LaunchPack's contents. Find out more information on page 10.

Activities

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

Assign

Assign a LaunchPack with reading and skill-based activities to your students.

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, Google Classroom, or Microsoft Teams. Click the Favorite star to save a LaunchPack.

Schedule

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

Articles

Table of Contents

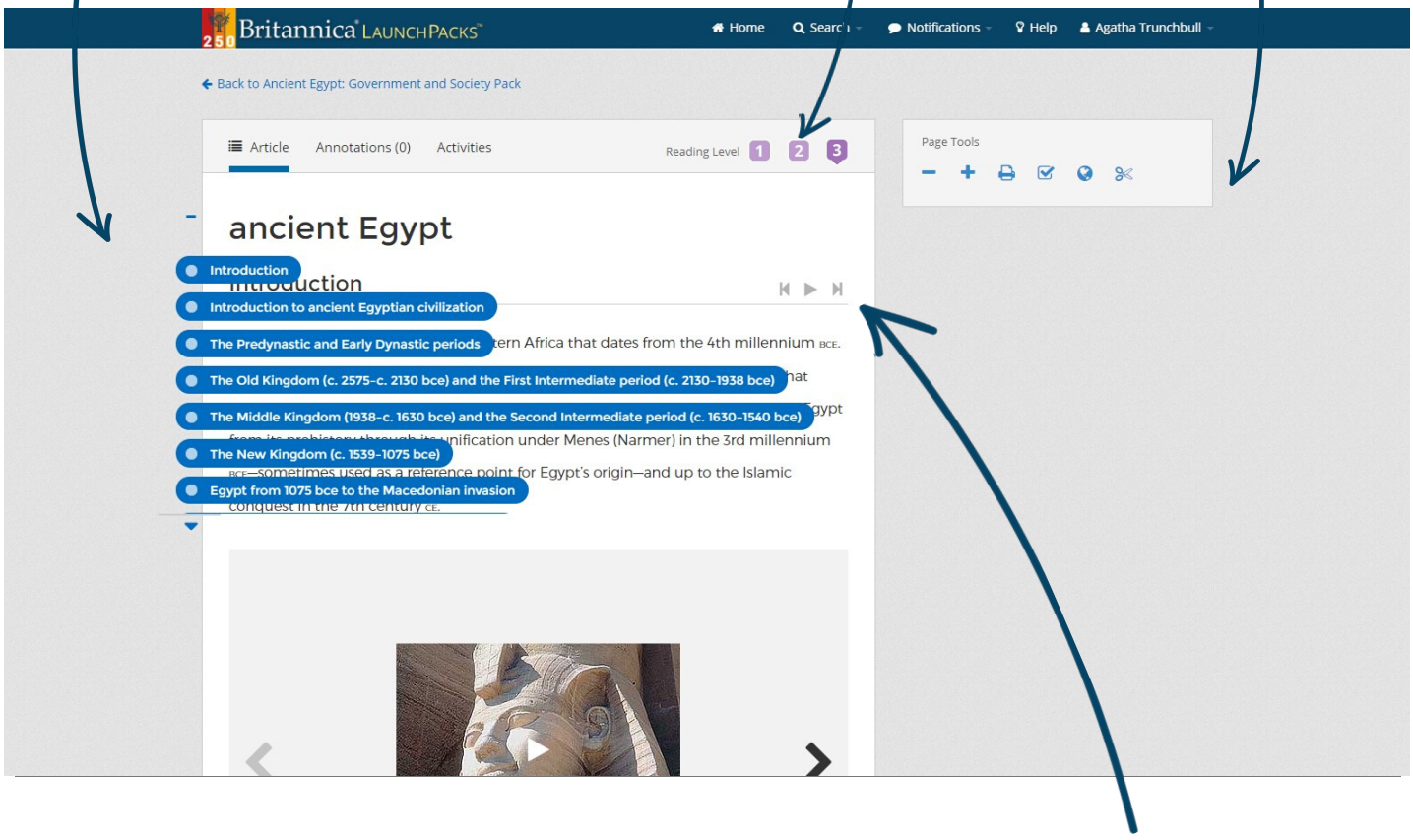
Expand or collapse the table of contents using the + or - symbols. Click on a section title to navigate to that section of the article.

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 Tools 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. Students can also listen to the pronunciation of the word by clicking on the audio box.

Read Aloud

Click the play icon to hear the article read aloud.

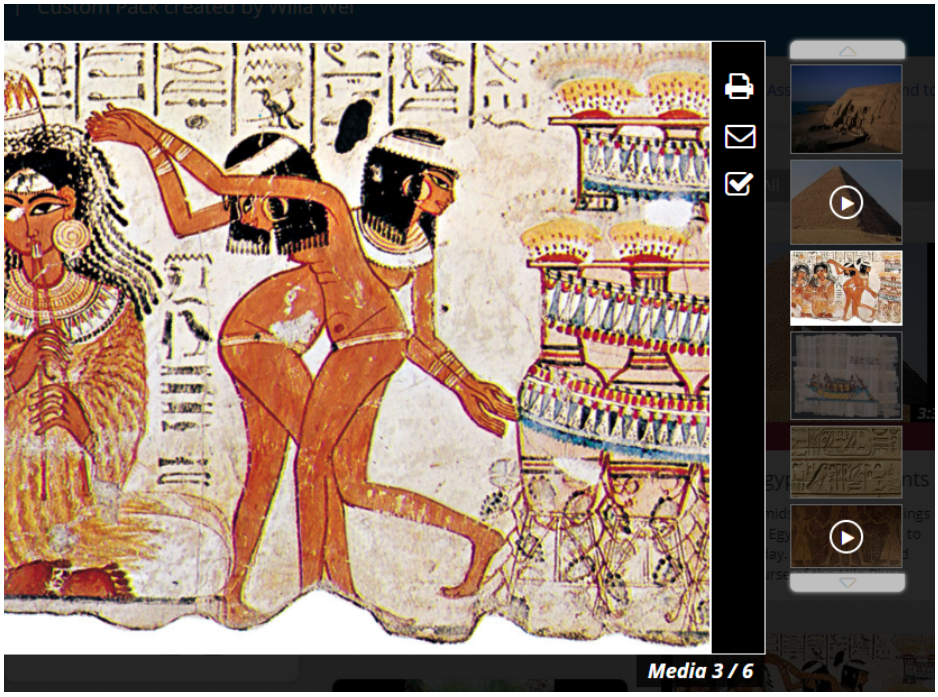
Media Tools: Images & Videos

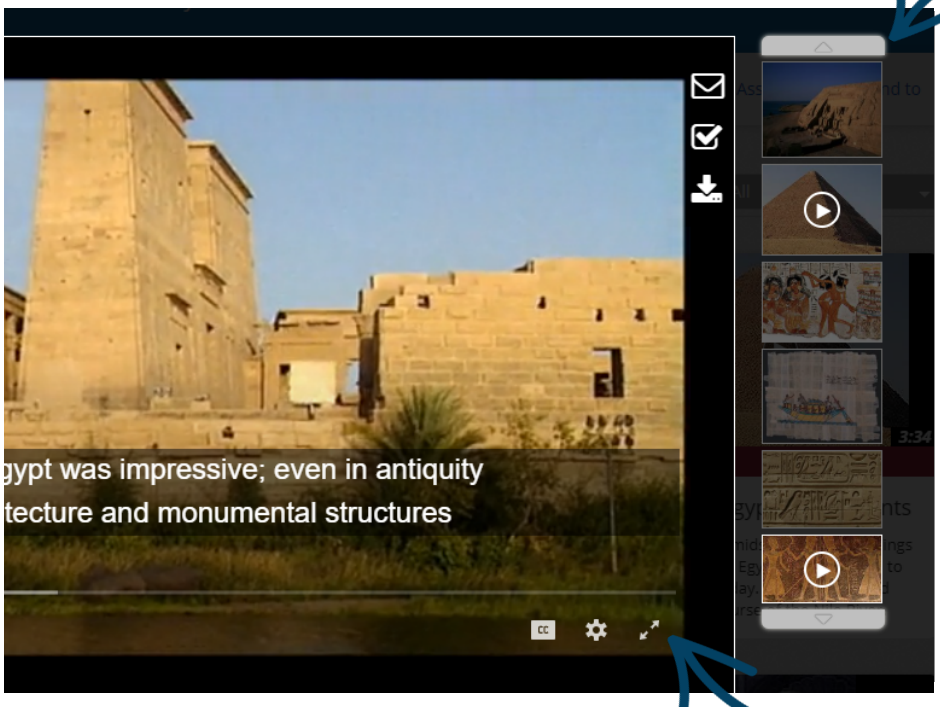
Media Sharing

Share the media using e-mail, download a video, or print an image.

Generate Citations

Click the check mark to generate a citation for the media.





Media Slider

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

Media Player Tools

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

Annotations

Annotation Mode

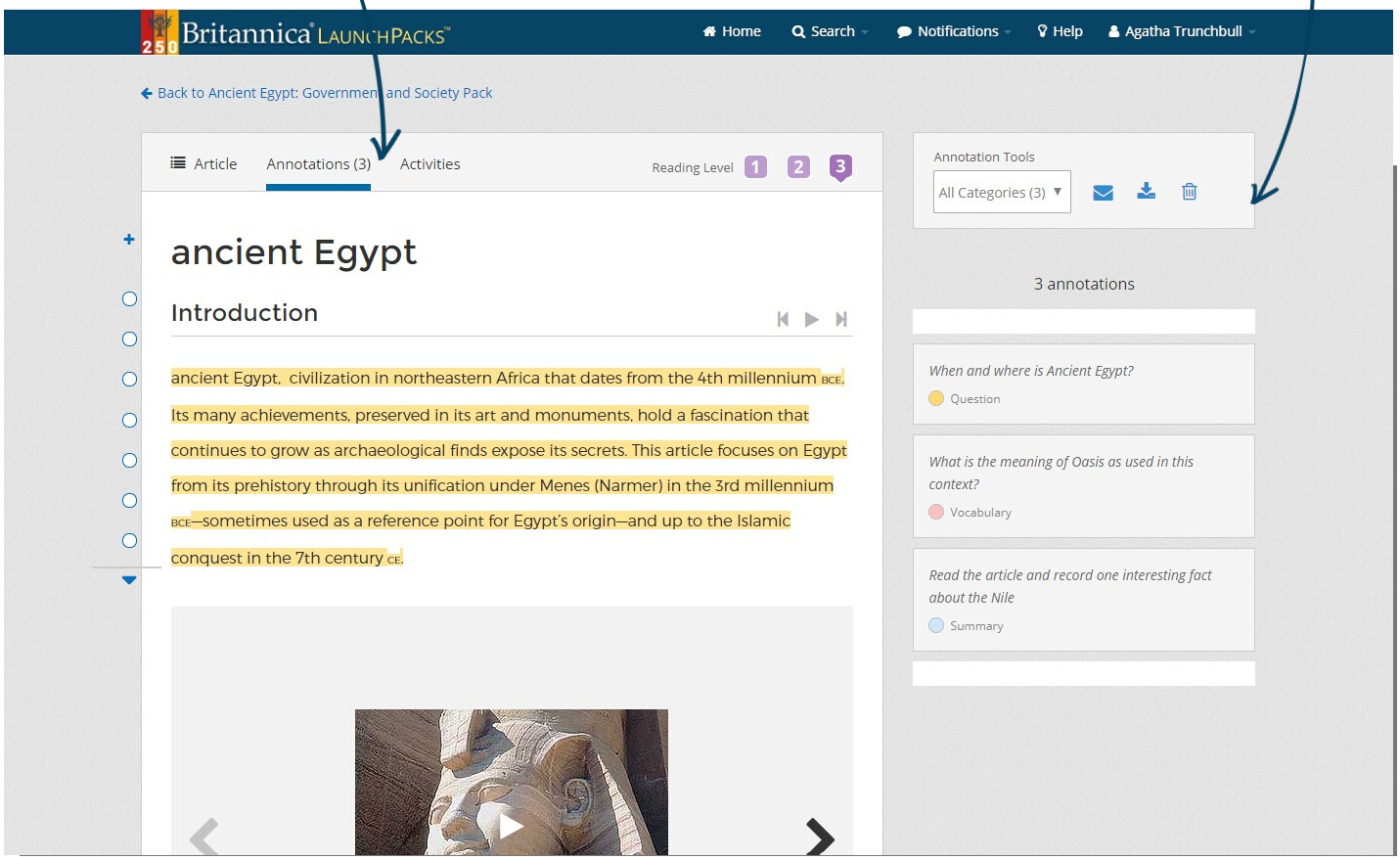
Click "Annotations" to begin annotating an article.

Highlight and Annotate

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

Categorize Annotations

Organize your annotations by color. Categorize your annotations using the drop box under Annotation Tools.



Sharing Annotations

Click the envelope icon under Annotation Tools to share your annotations via e-mail.

Download Annotations

Download your annotations as a formatted Word or PDF document.

Customize

Editing the Title

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

Custom Content

Add your own custom document by choosing Upload a Document or add an External Link to the LaunchPack.

Graphic Organizers

Add pre-created Graphic Organizers to scaffold student work.

KAHOOT! Quiz

Insert your own KAHOOT! Quiz to assess student knowledge.

Pear Deck

Use Britannica-created Pear Deck presentations or create your own to engage students.

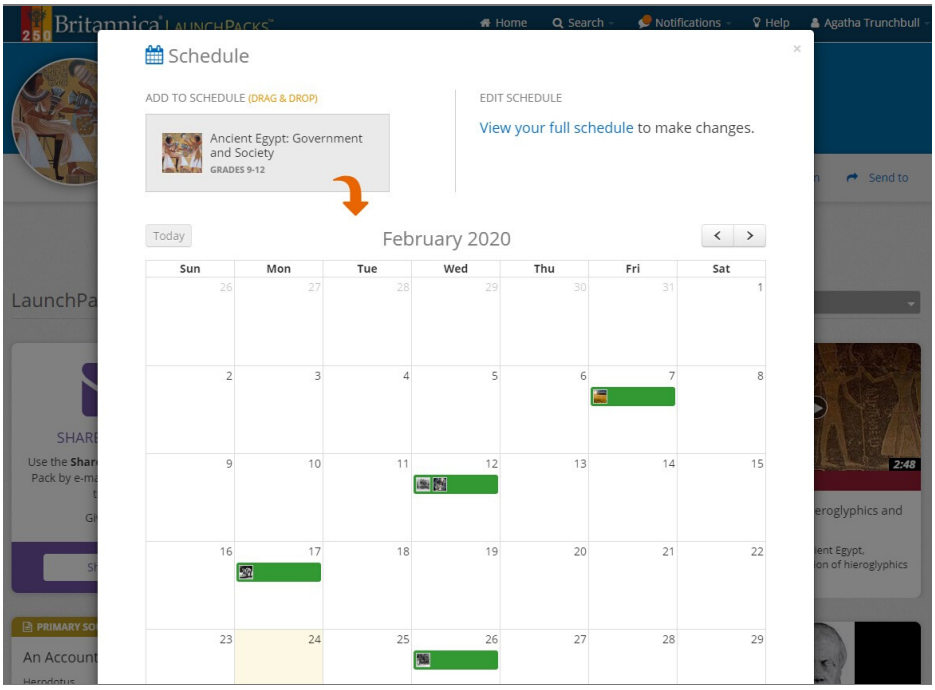
Schedule a Pack

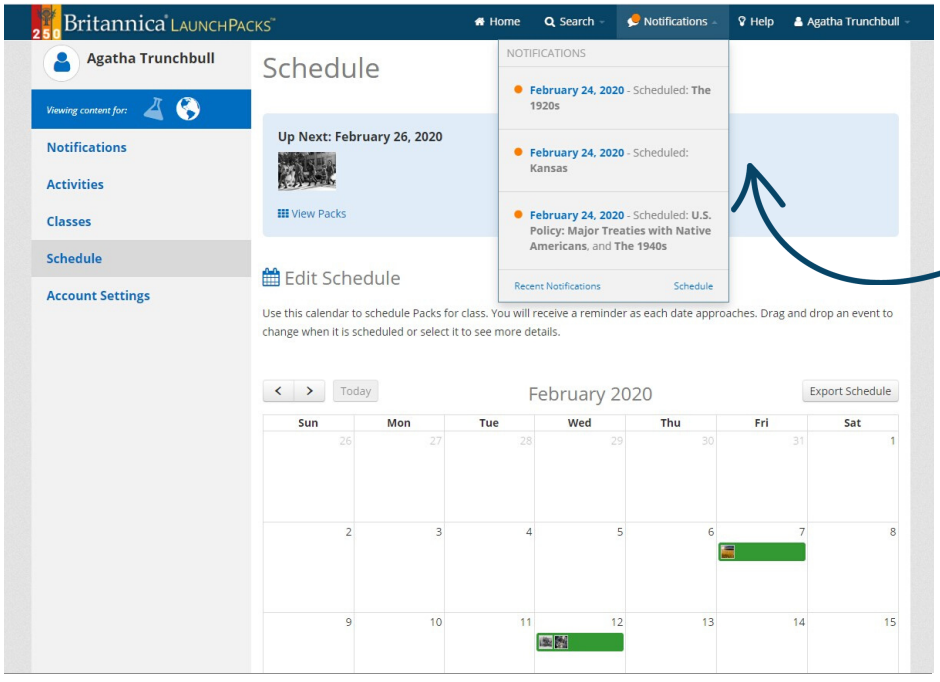
Schedule a LaunchPack

Schedule a LaunchPack to your Personal Calendar using the "Send to" drop-down button.

Collection of LaunchPacks

Drag & drop a LaunchPack to a date to receive notifications as the date approaches. Create a Collection when you add 2 or more LaunchPacks to the same date.





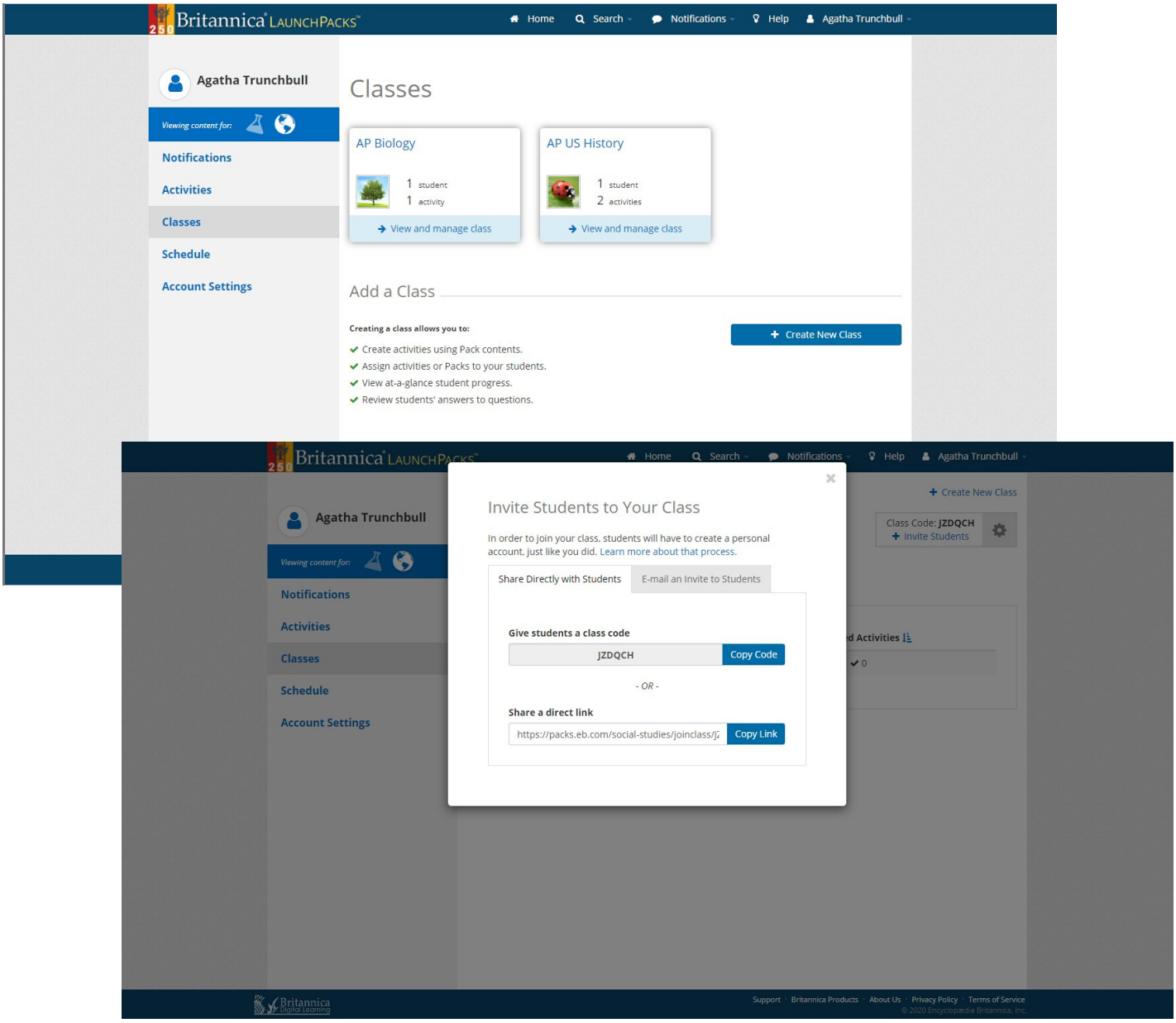
Schedule Dashboard

Your Schedule Dashboard will appear as a notification or in your personal account.

Export Your Schedule

Export your LaunchPacks 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 create a class for each group of learners with similar learning needs and styles.

Import from Google

Import existing class rosters from your Google Classroom account.

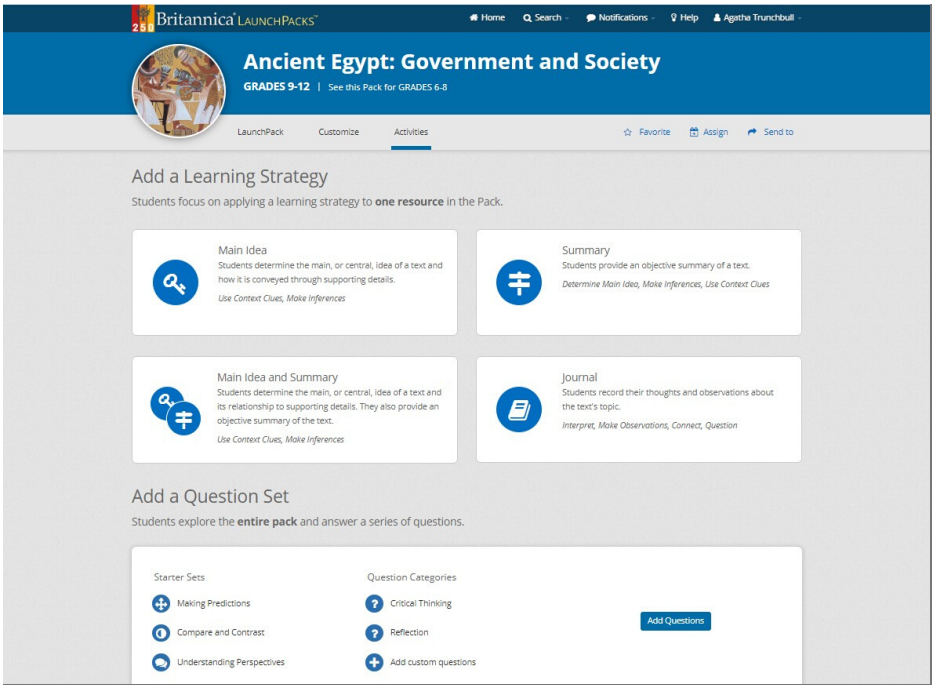
Invite Students

Invite students to join the class using a Class Code, an e-mail, or a direct class link.

Activities: Learning Strategies

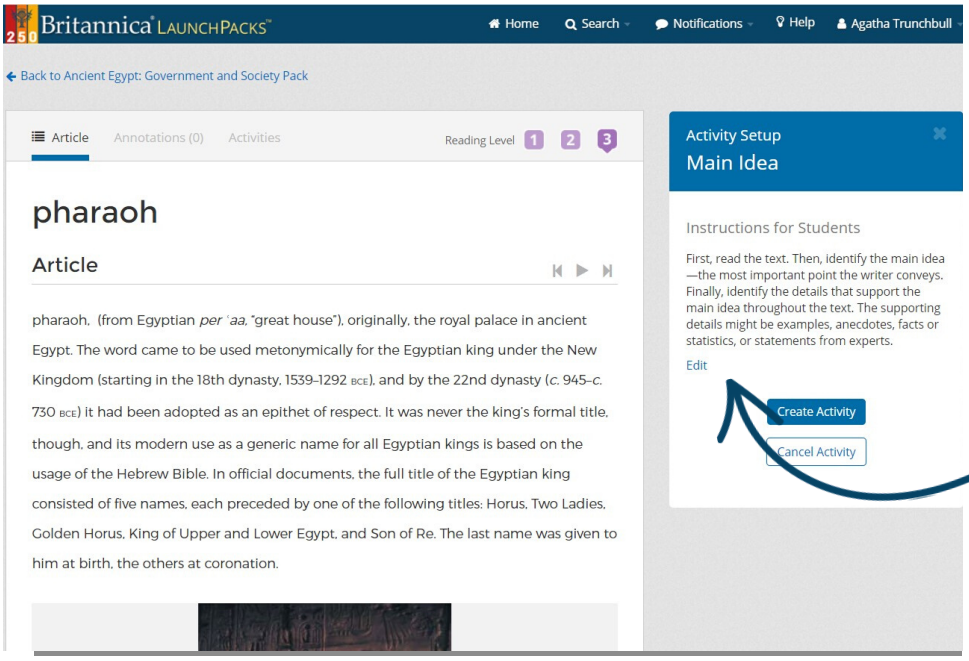
Learning Strategies

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 and Summary, and Journal.



Choose a Resource

Select an article to apply the Learning Strategy. You can choose to assign an excerpt or the full text of the article.

Edit the Instructions

Edit or save the default instructions. Don't forget, you can assign multiple Learning Strategies to a single resource.

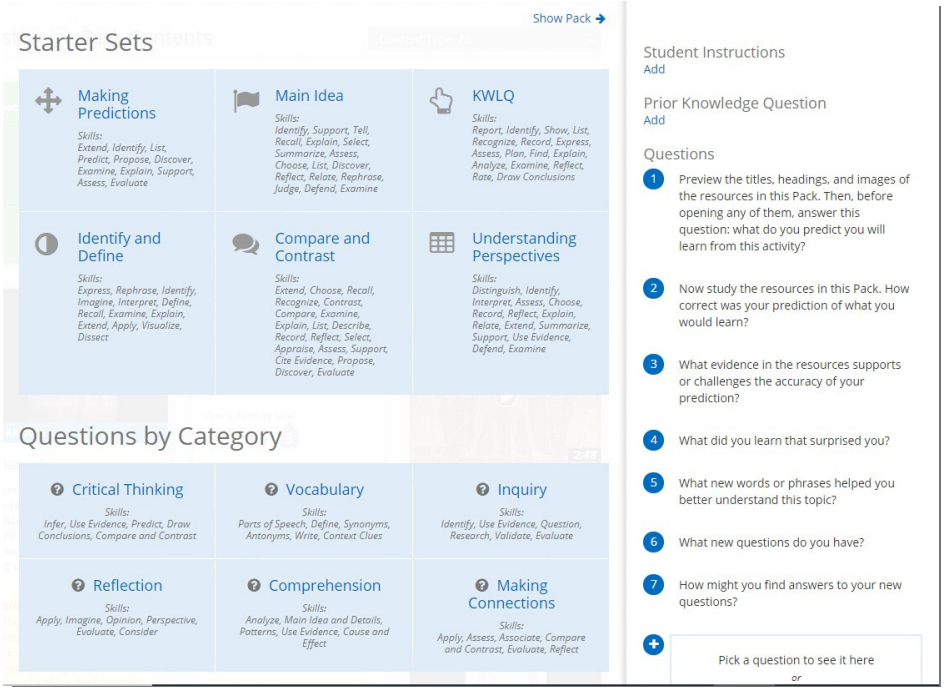
Activities: Question Sets

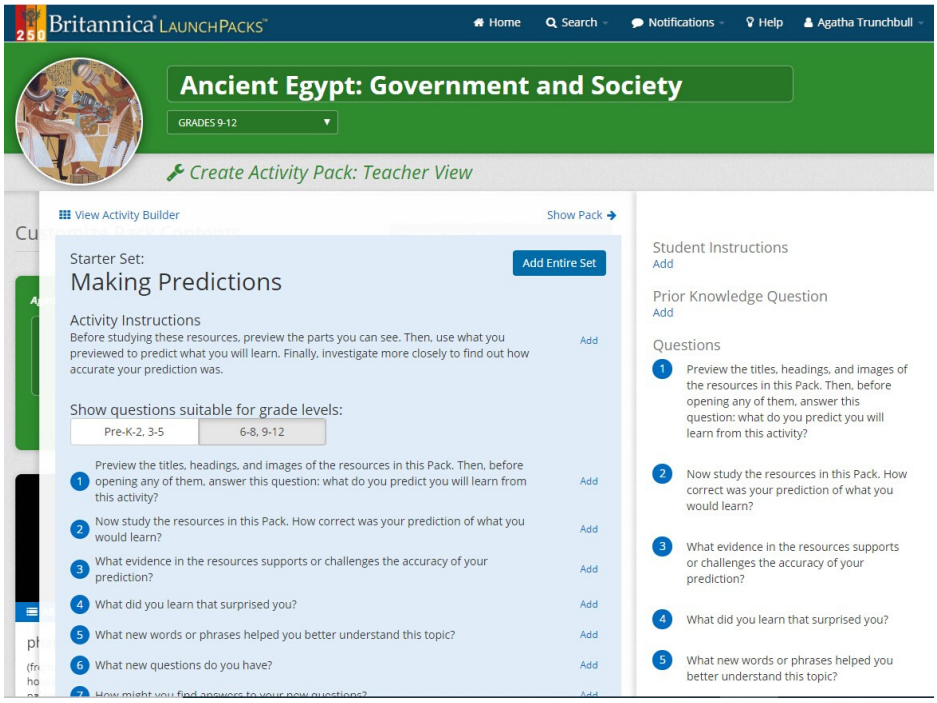
Question Sets

Question Sets challenge students to explore the contents of a LaunchPack and apply their learning.

Starter Sets

Created by Britannica experts, these open-ended questions can be applied to many topics. Choose to use a whole set or select your preferred questions.





Questions by Category

Add individual questions by category to build your own activity.

Activity Builder

Browse and change pre-set questions per Grade Level. Customize the questions by editing the question content, and add custom questions.

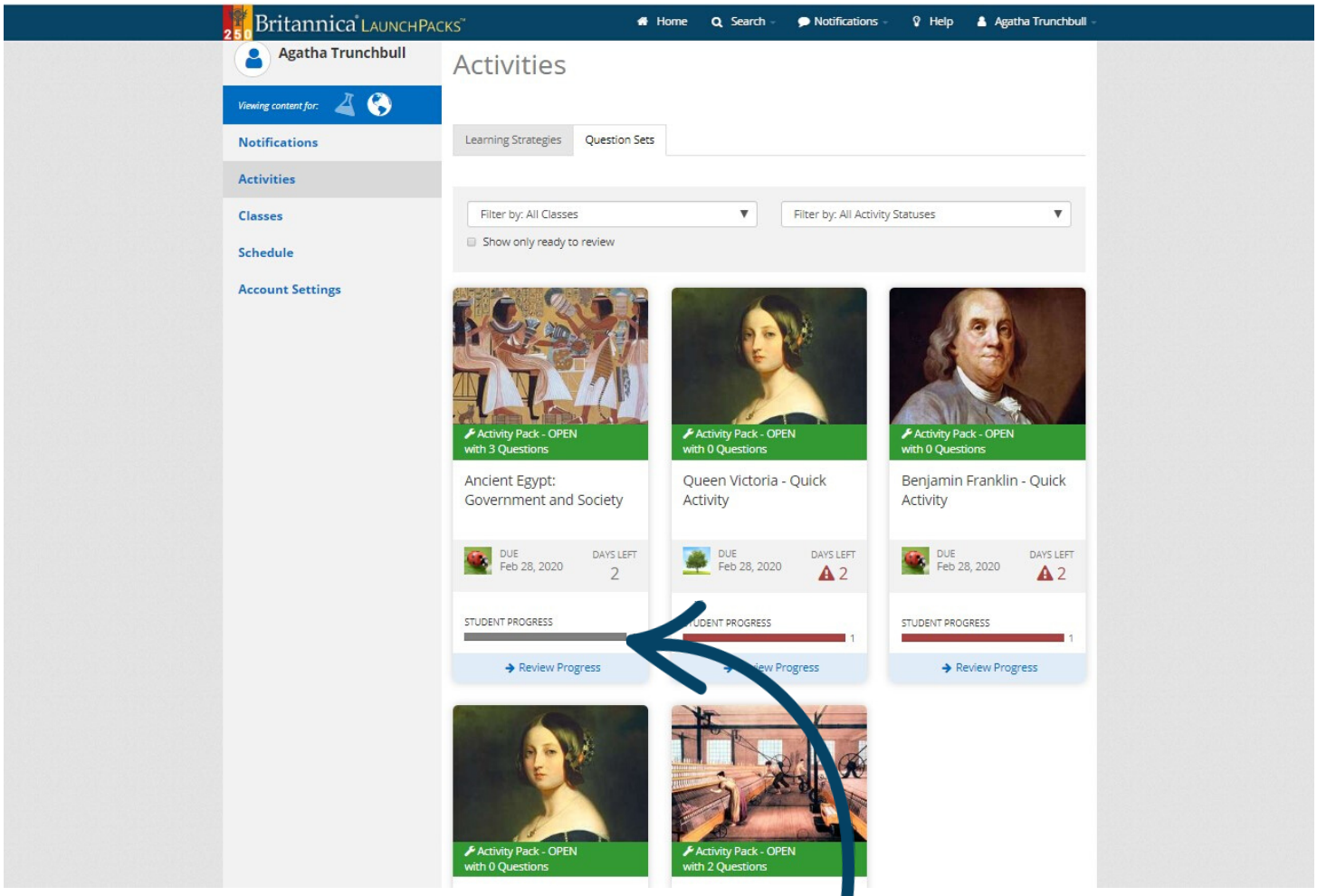
Activities: Save, Preview, & Assign

Preview
Prior to saving your activity, preview the LaunchPack from student preview.

Save
Remember to save your new activity! Easily duplicate the activity you created upon saving.

Assign or Schedule
Assign your finished LaunchPack 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 Dashboard.

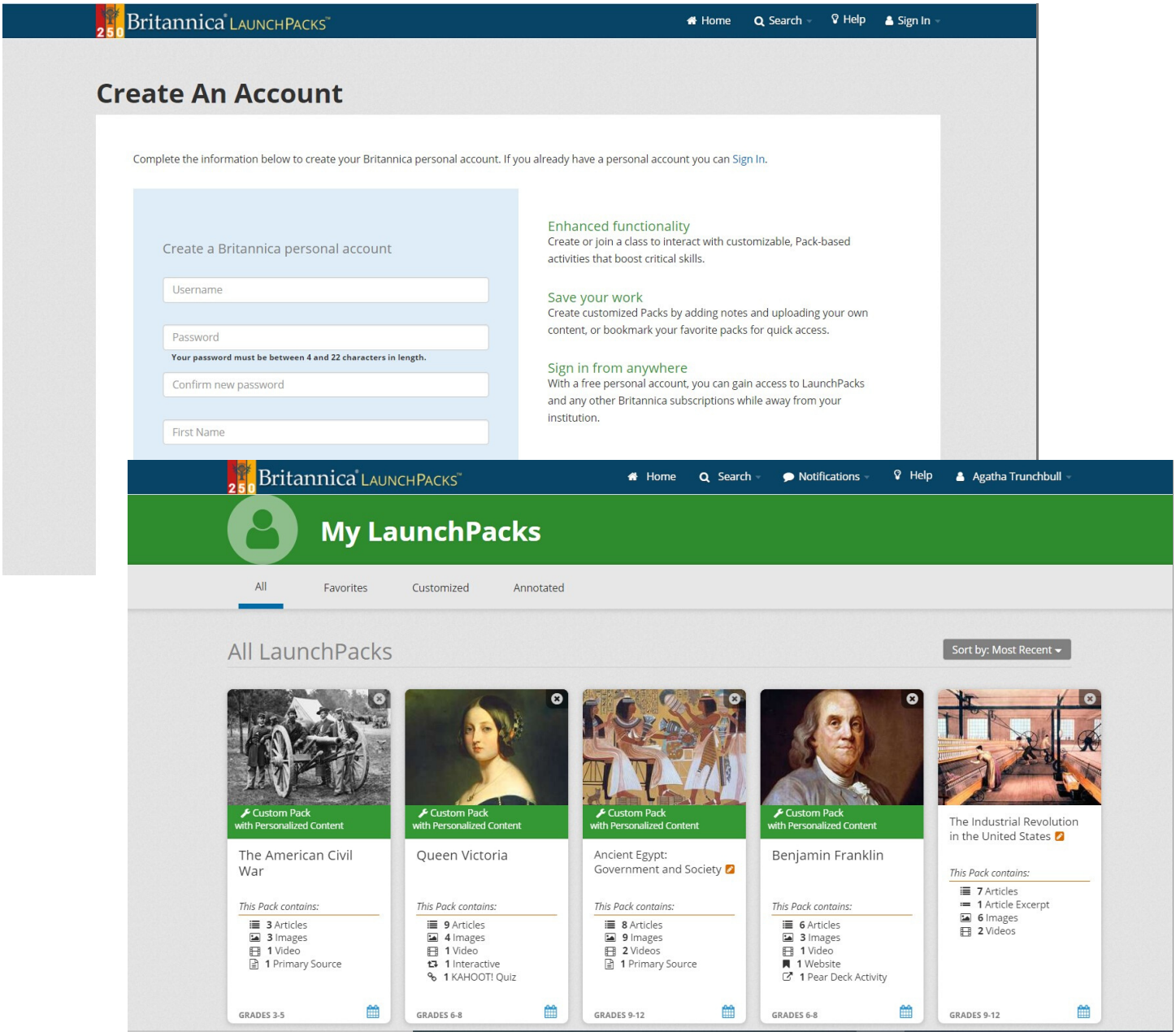
Progress Bar

The Progress Bar shows a real-time summary of class completion progress.

Review Responses

Click "Review Progress" to monitor student responses by individual 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 or Microsoft 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.

Tools for English-Language Learners

Dictionary

Double-click any word within an article or primary source to see a Quick-Click dictionary definition. Students can also listen to the pronunciation of the word by clicking the audio box.

Adjustable Reading Levels

Articles have up to 3 different reading levels. Individuals can read articles at different levels by selecting the level appropriate for them.

Read Aloud

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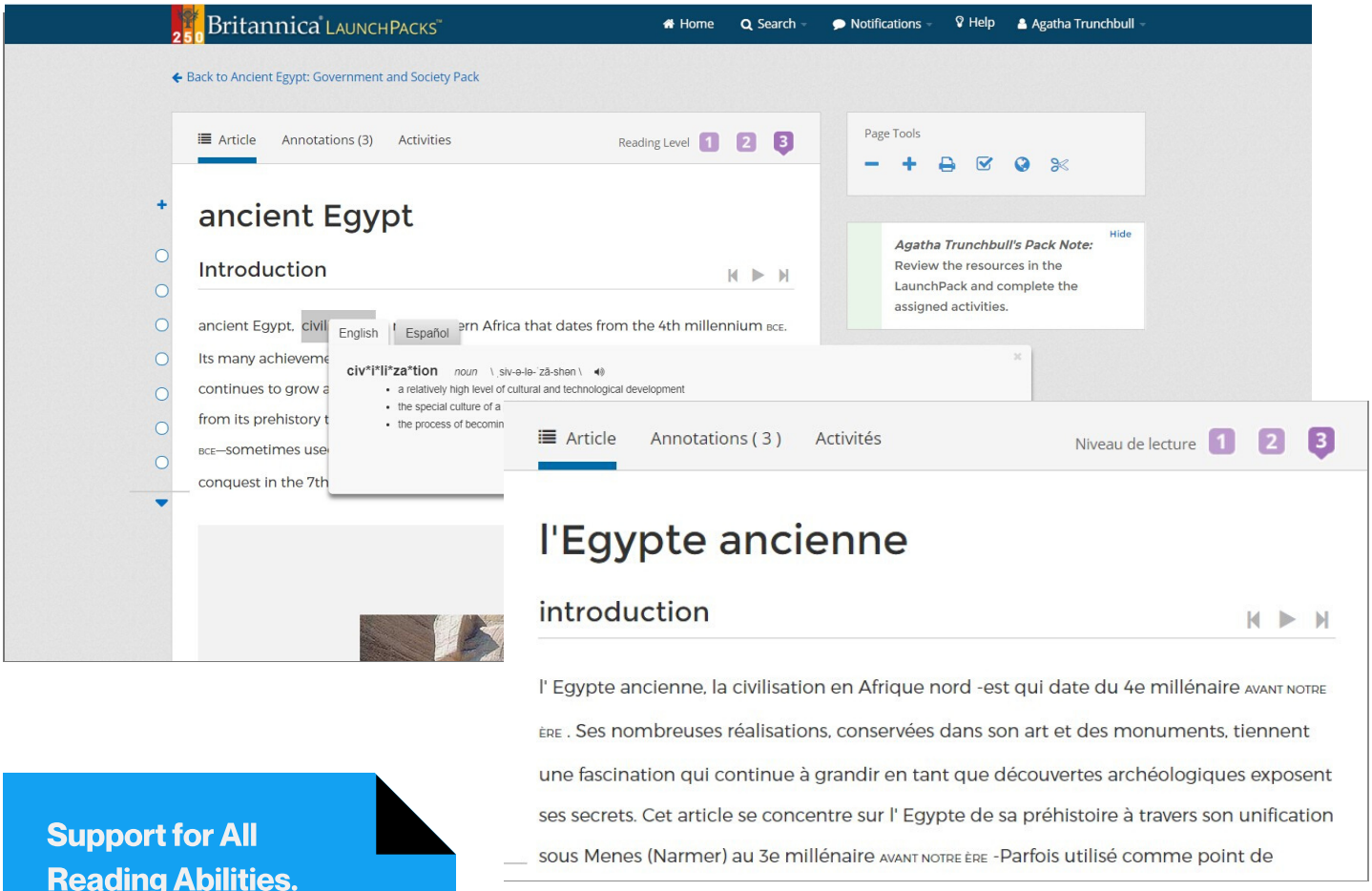

Support for All Reading Abilities.

Britannica LaunchPacks has a range of embedded tools to support English-Language Learners.

Content Translator

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

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Passcode _____

Username _____

Password _____