

Britannica's Digital Learning Databases preview for Connecticut Library Consortium members (all K12 schools/Public Libraries and Colleges/Universities through May 31st.

Britannica Online School Edition (BOLSE) is the largest collection of K12 databases available today. With over 56 million words of information and more than 130,000 articles, Connecticut students will find exactly what they are looking for when they do research in **BOLSE**. Designed for all levels of learning, **BOLSE** offers students a gateway to the vast resources of Encyclopædia Britannica. **BOLSE** gives teachers and students instant access to four complete encyclopedias that ensure consistency with classroom topics and age-appropriate language. This unique database also offers high-quality online learning materials developed by teachers and curriculum experts, as well as a dictionary, thesaurus, Internet guide, atlas, and more. Users can search all encyclopedias simultaneously, or select a single age-appropriate database.

Britannica Online School Edition contains:

- **NEW! *Britannica Learning Zone*** (PK-2 Interactive Learning Environment)
- ***Britannica Elementary*** (Elementary and lower middle school)
- ***Compton's by Britannica*** (designed for upper elementary, middle, high school and ESL)
- ***Encyclopædia Britannica*** (designed for middle, high school and college students)
- ***Britannica Concise Encyclopedia*** (designed for all grade levels)
 - Britannica Yearbooks
 - Full-text articles from more than 150 EBSCO magazines and journals
 - The Web's Best Sites – directing students to Web Sites that have been reviewed by Britannica's Editors
 - Dynamic content, such as Britannica Spotlights, that is updated continuously to provide the latest information
 - Thousands of videos, photographs, maps and more totaling 27,000 images in all
 - Merriam-Webster's "Double-Click" dictionary, which includes phonetic and audio presentation, and thesaurus
 - A new timeline browseable database of encyclopedia articles
 - Curriculum-based student learning activities and teacher resources available, both online and that can be downloaded, for Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies making it an interdisciplinary curriculum resource.

New and improved for this New School Year! *Britannica Online School Edition* offers curriculum alignment and support! **Britannica Online School Edition** is also the only online database of its kind that actively supports the Connecticut Framework K-12 Curricular Goals and Standards. With just a few clicks of the mouse, this new feature provides educators with quick, easy access to standards and benchmarks linked to

supporting encyclopedia articles. Conveniently organized by topic and grade level, these articles, plus hundreds of printable and online curriculum-based learning activities, are ideal for use in the classroom, media center, or computer lab.

Britannica Online-Academic Version:

Is completely updated for 2008, this award-winning reference site is now faster, easier to use, and full of new content specifically designed to meet the needs of academic libraries. The foundation of Britannica Online is the Encyclopaedia Britannica, the largest, most authoritative encyclopedia in the world. In addition to the encyclopedia, Britannica Online includes:

- *World Data Analyst* – Britannica’s exclusive database of current and past statistics on the countries of the world
- *Gateway to the Classics* – An extensive collection of significant works in literature, philosophy, history, and science
- *Merriam-Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary & Thesaurus* – Completely integrated into the site and easily accessible
- *Merriam-Webster’s Dictionary of Quotations* – A lively collection of more than 4,000 quotations, both contemporary and classic
- Full-text Journal and Magazine articles from *EBSCO* and *Proquest Journals* – more than 700 titles, hand-selected for college needs
- *BBC & New York Times* daily headlines – top stories from two trusted sources
- *The Web’s Best* – a collection of Web sites carefully selected by Britannica’s editorial department
- World Atlas – Access Britannica maps through this interactive resource
- Advanced search capabilities and Britannica’s exclusive “Workspace”, a research organizer.
- Britannica’s newest "Compare Countries" feature makes it easy to compare and contrast different countries (maps, flags, statistics, events and multimedia about any two countries in the world).
- Extensive video collection – over 3,000 videos and video clips that cover a variety of subjects, including History, Science, the Arts, and Social Studies. Video topics include Toulouse-Lautrec, Botticelli, Lewis & Clark, Asia, Ancient Cultures, World Wars, Economics, Native Americans, Insects, the Chaos Theory, and the expanding Universe, among others. Short video clips are 1-5 minutes long and full length extended play videos are between 15 to 45 minutes long. All videos can be played online or downloaded and used in Power Point Presentations.

Britannica Online Public Library Edition:

Because your library serves a community of different ages and different interests, you require one multimedia reference source that meets the needs of all patrons. *Britannica*

Online Public Library Edition delivers two products in one: separate home pages for adults and children allow libraries to tailor the product to their patrons' needs, making it easy-to-use and age-appropriate for everyone.

Britannica Online Public Library Edition includes access to four complete encyclopedias:

- *Encyclopædia Britannica®*
- *Compton's® by Britannica*
- *Britannica Elementary Encyclopædia*
- *Britannica Concise Encyclopædia*
- *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary; Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Thesaurus, and Merriam-Webster's Dictionary of Quotations*
- *Gateway to the Classics*
- The *New York Times*, *BBC News*, and *SBS World News* headlines from around the world
- *Web links selected by Britannica editors*
- *World Atlas Timelines*
- *Spotlights*

Britannica's Supplemental Databases make Britannica Online School Edition, Britannica Online-Academic Version and Britannica Online-Public Library Edition more powerful than ever. We will include them in your preview as well:

- **Annals of American History Online** - Online access to over 2,000 Original Source Documents in U.S. History.
- **World Data Analyst Online** - A flexible and in-depth comparison of the Nations of the world.
- **Webster's Dictionary Online** - The most comprehensive American Dictionary available.
- Spanish language databases, **PlanetaSaber and Enciclopedia Juvenil**. Two Spanish-language databases that offer age-appropriate content for everyone.
- **Britannica's Original Sources** - A compilation of more than 350,000 documents, complete books, and authentic images available to students and teachers. *Available for post-secondary institutions only.*
- **New! Global Reference Center** - Includes foreign language content in Spanish, Japanese, Korean, simplified Chinese, and French.

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To see all of this content, please visit Britannica's Digital Learning Databases from the URL's below and simply type in the username and password (**clc08**). Your preview is valid through 5/31/08.

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Britannica Online-Academic Version at <http://search.eb.com>
Britannica Online-Public Library Edition at <http://library.eb.com>
Annals of American History Online at <http://america.eb.com>
World Data Analyst Online at <http://world.eb.com>
Webster's Dictionary Online at <http://mwu.eb.com>
PlanetaSaber and Enciclopedia Juvenil at <http://spanish.eb.com>
Britannica's Original Sources at <http://sources.eb.com>
Global Reference Center at <http://global.eb.com>

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