Britannica Classroom Support

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Introduction

Britannica’s Curriculum Expert Team have put together a series of lesson bundles which include ready made classroom presentations, primary and secondary tasks that involve a range of skills, ready-to-print worksheets for the tasks and differentiated collections of multimedia content related to each topic in Britannica School which is made freely available for the duration of the term to support independent research.

At Britannica we understand that as a teacher you are juggling many things at once, and might not always be able to dedicate enough time to lesson planning as you would like, so we want to help you by planning some ready-to-use lessons that meet curriculum needs and fit around key Global topics.

In each thematic lesson bundle, you will find:

- Classroom ready presentation
- 2/3 primary classroom activities, including printable worksheets
- Primary Britannica School resource pack
- 2/3 secondary classroom activities, including printable worksheets
- Secondary Britannica School resource pack
Go to the lesson.

World Religion Day is on the 19th January, which celebrates the different faiths across the world. This lesson explores the relationship between faith and identity.

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February 21st marks World Languages Day, which promotes linguistic and cultural diversity and multilingualism. This lesson from Britannica encourages independent research and discovery of the world around us.

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Poetry is an oral tradition that has existed for centuries and can be used by diverse cultures to communicate values. This lesson challenges pupils to understand the meaning behind poetry, and write their own.

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Celebrating and honouring the achievements of the environmental movement and raising awareness of its importance is more poignant now than ever before, as pupils everywhere are getting involved with climate change activism. This lesson facilitates discussion around the issues facing the planet, and gets pupils thinking about what action can be taken.
World Religion Day
Understanding faith and cultural identity

Classroom Lesson
Click here

This lesson takes a look at the key aspects of religions from across the world and includes research and discussion tasks for both primary and secondary groups.

Key Vocabulary
- Religion
- Belief
- Pilgrimage
- Values
- Faith
- Prayer
- Identity
- Culture

Learning Outcomes
- Identify the meaning of ‘religion’
- Learn new facts about the different religions around the world
- Understand what ‘identity’ means and the importance of it
Use the resource pack provided to help you place the religious features in the correct columns.

Pupils can use the resource pack provided to fill in the table about the different religions.

Explain to the pupils how we all have different identities, values and beliefs. Ask them what key features make up their identity and fill in the worksheet provided to write down these features.

Pupils are to have a discussion in groups on what the most important aspects to an identity are, reflecting on what they have learnt about different religions so far and explaining their ideas.

Engage students with a collection of leveled Britannica articles, multimedia and primary source documents related to this topic.

Ideal for independent research tasks, inquiry-based learning, and curiosity-led discovery.

Get the primary resource pack

Get the secondary resource pack
Celebration of Languages
Teaching Global awareness

Classroom Lesson
Click here

This lesson explores the different languages spoken all over the world, and uses the World Atlas tool in Britannica School to take pupils on a virtual trip and discover a new country.

Key Vocabulary
- Language
- Communication
- Culture
- Awareness
- Translate

Learning Outcomes

- Recognise how many different languages are spoken around the world
- Research these languages and countries in more detail
- Create a fact file on one specific country and include words/sentences in a foreign language
Primary classroom activities

Continent Map Activity | Click here
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Pupils use the World Atlas to explore one country from each continent. With this tool, they are able to visit landmarks, towns and cities from around the world.

Fact File Activity | Click here
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Pupils create a fact file based on one of the countries that they have researched. Pupils are encouraged to translate the article and note down foreign vocabulary.

Secondary classroom activities

Countries and Capitals Activity | Click here
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Pupils use the World Atlas to explore one country from each continent and capital cities. With this tool, they can visit landmarks, towns and cities from around the world. Fill in the table as they explore the countries.

Fact File Activity | Click here
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Pupils explore one country in more detail and create a fact file about that country. The final two boxes on the worksheet can be for a category of their choice for that country.

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Get the primary resource pack

Get the secondary resource pack

Shared Resource Pack

Celebration of Languages Secondary

Get the resource pack
World Poetry Day
Learn about the ancient art of poetry

Classroom Lesson
This lesson encourages creativity and teaches pupils about the different linguistic tools used in the art of poetry.

Key Vocabulary
- Poetry
- Poet
- Biography
- Simile
- Metaphor
- Personification
- Alliteration
- Adjectives
- Structure

Learning Outcomes
- Research poets from different periods of time
- Recognise a range of descriptive writing techniques
- Write a poem and include a range of descriptive writing techniques
Poet Fact File Activity
Click here
Using the Biographies section on the Britannica School homepage, select any poet, from any era and create a fact file about them.

Descriptive Writing Activity | Click here
Discuss a range of different descriptive techniques and fill in the table provided to think of examples of each. Based on the provided images, pupils can then think of examples of a descriptive technique to suit each.

Animal Research Activity
Click here
Use the Article Browse to research an animal and write a short poem about that animal.

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Earth Day
Engage students with the Environmental Awareness movement

Classroom Lesson
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This lesson teaches the importance of Earth Day and encourages pupils to plan action that contributes to the improvement of the environment.

Key Vocabulary
- Earth Day
- Environment
- Endangered species
- Global warming
- Conservation
- Deforestation
- Recycle
- Pollution

Learning Outcomes
- Identify the importance of Earth Day
- Recognise the current environmental issues the earth is facing
- Understand how we can prevent and resolve these issues
Primary classroom activities

**Timeline Activity**
Click here

Pupils are to read the article in the resource pack titled ‘Earth Day’ and create a timeline of events, filling in the gaps of the worksheet provided and reflecting on the history of Earth Day.

**Environmental Issues Research Activity | Click here**

Pupils will have the chance to look at global warming, pollution and endangered species in more detail using the resource pack. They can make notes on each of these environmental issues and how they can be prevented using the worksheet provided.

**Earth Day Planning Activity**
Click here

Reflecting on what they have learnt about Earth Day and looking at the section titled ‘How is Earth Day celebrated’ in Britannica’s article ‘Earth Day’, pupils can plan their own Earth Day celebrations.

Secondary classroom activities

**Timeline Activity**
Click here

Pupils are to read the article in the resource pack titled ‘Earth Day’ and create a timeline of events, reflecting on the history of Earth Day.

**Environmental Issues Research Activity | Click here**

Pupils will have the chance to look at the environmental issues Earth is facing in more detail using the resource pack. They can make notes on each of these environmental issues and how they can be prevented using the worksheet provided.

**Earth Day Poster Activity**
Click here

Reflecting on what they have learnt about Earth Day, pupils can create a poster informing their peers about Earth Day and the importance of it.

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**Shared Resource Pack**

### Earth Day Secondary

- **Source:** The Spruce - 7 Important Earth Day Facts
- **Source:** The article contains facts about Earth.
- **Source:** The article contains facts about our planet.
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