Introduction

Our Curriculum Expert Team has put together a series of lessons, articles, activities, and supporting resources from Britannica School to support lessons around key topics and themes. Within Britannica School Resource Packs, educators can find multimedia content curated for each lesson bundle.

At Britannica we understand that as a teacher you are always pushed for time, and might not always be able to dedicate enough time to lesson planning.

Don’t worry, we’ve got you covered!

Here is what you will find in each thematic lesson bundle:

- **Lesson Plan**
  - Activity 1
  - Activity 2
  - Activity 3
  - Primary Resource Pack
  - Secondary Resource Pack
Go to the lesson.
Celebrate Children’s Literature by exploring authors, genres and encouraging classroom creativity. Perfect in September for International Literacy Day on the 9th.

Go to the lesson.
Use this resource in October for World Mental Health Day, to educate about the ever-growing concerns among students and help them to understand the issues and solutions.

Go to the lesson.
It's always relevant to educate students about the environment. Use this in November to teach about the major environmental problems facing our planet and what can be done.

Go to the lesson.
10th December is Human Rights Day. United Nations? Martin Luther King? Feminism? Use these resources to teach your students about key figures, themes and movements.
International Literacy Day
Developing a love of reading

Classroom Lesson
Click here

This lesson will allow you to teach on the theme of literacy, and has options for both primary and secondary. Take a look right now and save yourself some planning time!

International Literacy Day
Classroom Lesson

Vocabulary
- Literate
- Illiterate
- Genre
- Adjective
- Adverb
- Simile
- Metaphor
- Alliteration
- Onomatopoeia

Learning Outcomes

Understand what the term ‘literacy’ means and why it is important.
Research effectively to gain knowledge about different authors and genres.
Effectively plan a story, reflecting on specific genre features you found in your research.
Story Planner Activity
Click here
Use the story planning mountain to help students plan their own story in a specific genre that they discovered throughout the research tasks they completed.

Genre Research Activity
Click here
Horror, romance, thriller? Use this activity to encourage students to look at themes, facts and examples of different genres to easily understand different styles.

Author Research Activity
Click here
It is important for students to be able to research and understand different authors. Our research activity will help them to discover different writers.

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
Consider how to improve your own mental health, as well as others. Identify the meaning of ‘mental health.’ Understand the importance of mental health in society and why we must raise awareness. Consider how to improve your own mental health, as well as others.
Mood Reflection Activity
Click here
Ideal for Primary School students, this exercise encourages them to discuss how they feel today, what a bad day looks like and what makes them happier.

Leaflet Creation Activity
Click here
This creative exercise for secondary school students asks them to design a leaflet resource that presents different mental health treatments.

Letter Writing Activity
Click here
Teach students how to write a letter while encouraging them to discuss why mental health is important and what can keep them happier in life.

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Use persuasive techniques to persuade others to help save endangered species.

Understand what the terms ‘environment’ and ‘endangered species’ mean.

Identify any current threats to the environment.

Use persuasive techniques to persuade others to help save endangered species.

Key Vocabulary
- Fossil fuels
- Pollution
- Greenhouse effect
- Deforestation
- Endangered

Learning Outcomes

This lesson contains elements suitable for primary and secondary teachers will allow you to teach on the themes and issues such as global warming, recycling and more.

Classroom Lesson

Click here
Poster Creation Activity
Click here
Designing a powerful, persuasive poster to raise awareness about environmental issues can help students to learn creatively.

Endangered Species Activity
Click here
Encourage students to research a specific endangered species, write about the environmental issues affecting them and what they can do to help.

Environmental Threats Activity
Click here
This research grid can be used so students can understand environmental issues such as deforestation, its effects on the planet and how they can help to prevent it.

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Human Rights Day
Understanding freedoms and equality

Classroom Lesson
This lesson can be used to teach both primary and secondary students across one or more lessons around the different themes in Human Rights.

Vocabulary
- Human Rights
- Civil Rights
- United Nations
- Children’s Rights
- Citizenship
- Equality

Learning Outcomes
- Identify the meaning of ‘human rights.’
- Identify the importance of human rights and the effect they have on society.
- Identify which human rights are crucial to follow in society, and what are ‘wants’ and ‘needs.’
Reflecting on what they know, have your secondary students conduct their own research and fill in the squares on this resource provided.

In this activity, students will write a formal letter to the headteacher highlighting 2-3 human rights that they think need addressing in school and why.

This activity asks pupils to make a list of all the things they want in life vs all the things they need, to distinguish the difference in importance.

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Get the primary resource pack

Get the secondary resource pack
Each Resource Pack provided in these lessons leverages Britannica School, the go-to site for K-12 research.

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