

Best Features of the Statewide Databases

For School Libraries

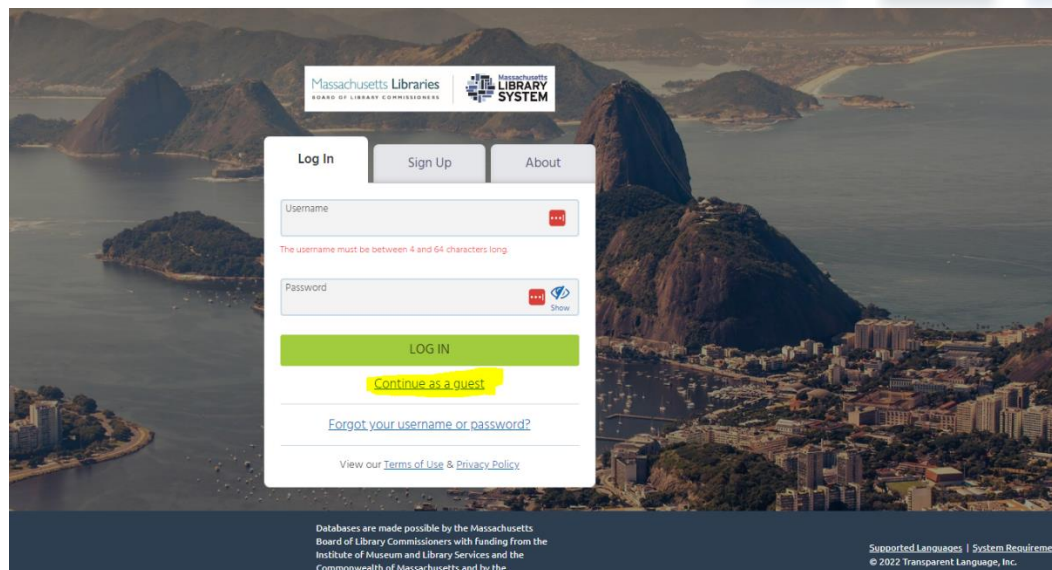
Best Features of

TRANSPARENT LANGUAGE

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Transparent Language

- Log in screen: your own credentials
- Choose “Continue as a guest” to view available languages before creating an account
- Learn a new language (100+!) at a leisurely pace



Transparent Language

- Beginner English courses for non-native English speakers
- Newly added languages: American Sign Language (ASL), Beginner English for Ukrainian Speakers
- KidSpeak (ages 6+) available in Chinese, English, French, German, Italian, and Spanish
- Blog: <https://blogs.transparent.com/language-news/>

Transparent Language

- There's an app for that!



The screenshot shows the Transparent Language Mobile app interface. At the top, it says "Transparent Language" with a dropdown menu set to "Hawaiian" and a "Mobile Access" link. Below this is a purple header with "TRANSPARENT LANGUAGE MOBILE" and a help icon. The main content area features a section titled "LEARN ON THE GO!" with a description: "Continue your language learning whenever or wherever it's convenient for you. Transparent Language Online users can take their language learning on the go with an iOS or Android smartphone or tablet. The Transparent Language Mobile app is a FREE iOS and Android app which can be used in conjunction with a Transparent Language Online subscription." To the left of this text are images of a tablet and a smartphone displaying the app. Below the text are three buttons: "Download on the App Store", "GET IT ON Google Play", and "available at amazon appstore". Below these buttons is a sign-in instruction: "From the Transparent Language mobile app, enter your username and password or scan your QR code below to sign in." followed by a QR code. At the bottom, there are "System Requirements" listed for iPhone/iPod/iPad and Android, and a disclaimer about trademarks.

Transparent Language Hawaiian Mobile Access

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From the Transparent Language mobile app, enter your username and password or scan your QR code below to sign in.



System Requirements:
iPhone/iPod/iPad: iOS 13.7 or later. Android: Android OS 7.0 or later.
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Best Features of

GALE

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YOUR GALE MASSACHUSETTS RESOURCES



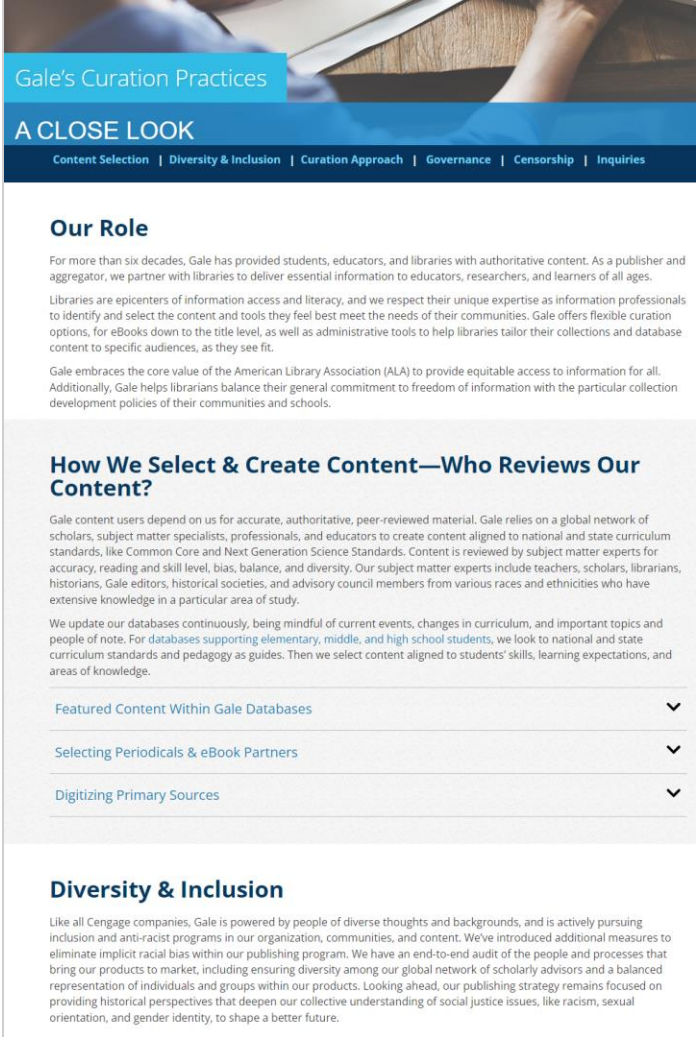
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GALE'S CONTENT CURATION PRACTICES

<https://www.gale.com/curation-practices>

- Gale embraces the core value of the American Library Association (ALA) to **provide equitable access to information for all**
- Focuses on the **most frequently asked curation questions** from customers
- Regards **our role as a publisher** and the care we take to ensure our resources are **authoritative** and **relevant**
- We provide insight into the **behind-the-scenes processes** across all content formats and for all ages
- We've introduced additional measures to **eliminate implicit racial bias** within our publishing program
- Highlights the **strength of our expertise** and approach as a publisher and aggregator



The screenshot shows the top portion of the Gale's Curation Practices webpage. It features a header with the title 'Gale's Curation Practices' and a navigation bar with links: 'A CLOSE LOOK', 'Content Selection', 'Diversity & Inclusion', 'Curation Approach', 'Governance', 'Censorship', and 'Inquiries'. The main content area is titled 'Our Role' and includes a paragraph about Gale's long history of providing authoritative content. Below this is a section titled 'How We Select & Create Content—Who Reviews Our Content?' which describes the rigorous review process involving subject matter experts. A list of featured content is shown with expandable sections: 'Featured Content Within Gale Databases', 'Selecting Periodicals & eBook Partners', and 'Digitizing Primary Sources'. The bottom section is titled 'Diversity & Inclusion' and discusses Gale's commitment to eliminating implicit racial bias.

Gale's Curation Practices

A CLOSE LOOK

[Content Selection](#) | [Diversity & Inclusion](#) | [Curation Approach](#) | [Governance](#) | [Censorship](#) | [Inquiries](#)

Our Role

For more than six decades, Gale has provided students, educators, and libraries with authoritative content. As a publisher and aggregator, we partner with libraries to deliver essential information to educators, researchers, and learners of all ages.

Libraries are epicenters of information access and literacy, and we respect their unique expertise as information professionals to identify and select the content and tools they feel best meet the needs of their communities. Gale offers flexible curation options, for eBooks down to the title level, as well as administrative tools to help libraries tailor their collections and database content to specific audiences, as they see fit.

Gale embraces the core value of the American Library Association (ALA) to provide equitable access to information for all. Additionally, Gale helps librarians balance their general commitment to freedom of information with the particular collection development policies of their communities and schools.

How We Select & Create Content—Who Reviews Our Content?

Gale content users depend on us for accurate, authoritative, peer-reviewed material. Gale relies on a global network of scholars, subject matter specialists, professionals, and educators to create content aligned to national and state curriculum standards, like Common Core and Next Generation Science Standards. Content is reviewed by subject matter experts for accuracy, reading and skill level, bias, balance, and diversity. Our subject matter experts include teachers, scholars, librarians, historians, Gale editors, historical societies, and advisory council members from various races and ethnicities who have extensive knowledge in a particular area of study.

We update our databases continuously, being mindful of current events, changes in curriculum, and important topics and people of note. For databases supporting elementary, middle, and high school students, we look to national and state curriculum standards and pedagogy as guides. Then we select content aligned to students' skills, learning expectations, and areas of knowledge.

- Featured Content Within Gale Databases
- Selecting Periodicals & eBook Partners
- Digitizing Primary Sources

Diversity & Inclusion

Like all Cengage companies, Gale is powered by people of diverse thoughts and backgrounds, and is actively pursuing inclusion and anti-racist programs in our organization, communities, and content. We've introduced additional measures to eliminate implicit racial bias within our publishing program. We have an end-to-end audit of the people and processes that bring our products to market, including ensuring diversity among our global network of scholarly advisors and a balanced representation of individuals and groups within our products. Looking ahead, our publishing strategy remains focused on providing historical perspectives that deepen our collective understanding of social justice issues, like racism, sexual orientation, and gender identity, to shape a better future.

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DIFFERENTIATION AND ACCESSIBILITY WITH GALE

REACHING EVERY LEARNER

Visual

Videos with
synced transcript

Adjustable font
size

High contrast
color

Semantic markup
– headings and
landmarks

Hearing

Captions

Transcript that
syncs up with
video

Cognitive

Increased
readability

- Larger fonts
- Sans serif fonts
- Cleaner reading experience

Avoiding jargon,
aiming for the
simplest language
possible

Motor Disabilities

Persistent visual
focus

Skip to content link

Navigation
regions/landmarks

SUPPORT ACCESSIBLE LEARNING



TRANSLATE

Machine translate
articles– 40+ languages



FONT SIZE

Increase or reduce as
needed



DISPLAY OPTIONS

Make display choices to
improve readability



LISTEN

Hear text read aloud



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Enhance text
visibility

Library Menu

GALE IN CONTEXT

Search... Advanced Search

Cite Send to... Download Print Get Link Highlights and Notes (0)

Blooming for the glory of the state; China's hybrid capitalism

Date: Aug. 15, 2020

From: *The Economist*
Publisher: Economist Intelligence Unit N.A. Incorporated

Document Type: Article
Length: 3,506 words
Content Level: (Level 4)
Lexile Measure: 1190L

EXPLORE

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[Xi's new economy; The Chinese model](#)
The Economist, Aug. 15, 2020.

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The Economist, July 22, 2017.

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Highlights and Notes (0)

Collection

Publisher: Gale, a Cengage Company

Length: 2,225 words

Content Level:

Level 5

Lexile Measure:

1480L

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Hydraulic fracturing, commonly known as *fracking*, is a *drilling* technique used to extract oil and *natural gas* trapped within sedimentary rock formations deep beneath the earth's surface. Fracking typically involves pumping large quantities of high-pressure *water* mixed with sand and *chemicals* into the ground to create fractures in the rock and release the fuels trapped inside. Hydraulic fracturing stimulates the flow of oil or natural gas to the surface, where it can be captured, processed, and used as a source of energy. The technique has enabled the oil and gas industry to extract large volumes of *fossil fuels* from unconventional locations like shale rock, sandstone, or coalbeds, where fuel is dispersed in small pockets rather than concentrated in underground reservoirs.

Proponents claim that fracking has revolutionized the energy industry and helped the United States become a world leader in *petroleum* production. Fracking has exhibited dramatic growth in the twenty-first century. In 2000 the technique accounted for only 2 percent of US oil production, but by 2018 fracking was responsible for about 59 percent of US crude oil production. Due to the expansion in fracking, in 2018 the United States was responsible for 98 percent of increases in global oil production. That

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GALE IN CONTEXT Middle School

Search... Advanced Search

Results Cite Send To... Download Print Get Link Highlights And Notes (0)

Home > The Book Thief > Document

The Book Thief: Historical Context

Date: 2022

From: Gale Middle School Online Collection
Publisher: Gale, part of Cengage Group

Document Type: Work overview
Length: 830 words
Content Level: (Level 3)
Lexile Measure: 1050L

ABOUT THIS WORK

Title: The Book Thief (Novel)
Published: 2005
Genre: Novel

Author: Zusak, Markus
Occupation: Australian novelist

The Book Thief is set in Germany during World War II, which began in 1939 and ended in 1945 when the Allied countries defeated the Nazis. Millions of people died during the war. This includes an estimated six million Jewish people murdered by the Nazis. Many more survived years of brutal and inhumane treatment in concentration camps.

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The Book Thief: Historical Context

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GOOGLE INTEGRATION



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your **Google**
Classroom stream

The screenshot displays the Gale In Context Middle School interface. At the top, a navigation bar includes the 'GALE IN CONTEXT' logo, 'Middle School' text, and a search bar. A yellow box highlights the 'Sign in with Google' button in the top right corner. Below the navigation bar, the main content area shows a document titled 'Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, And You: A Remix Of The National Book Award-Winning Stamped From The Beginning'. The document type is 'Biography', length is '1,022 words', content level is 'Level 3', and Lexile Measure is '940L'. On the left side, a 'Knibloe Library' sidebar is visible, featuring a 'Class code' section with the code 'tooqqac', an 'Upcoming' section with 'No work due soon', and a 'View all' link. The main content area also shows a post from 'Stacey Knibloe' dated 'Jan 18' announcing a new assignment. Below this, there is a section for 'Jason Reynolds...' with a link to 'https://go.gale.com/'. At the bottom, there is a 'Add class comment...' input field.

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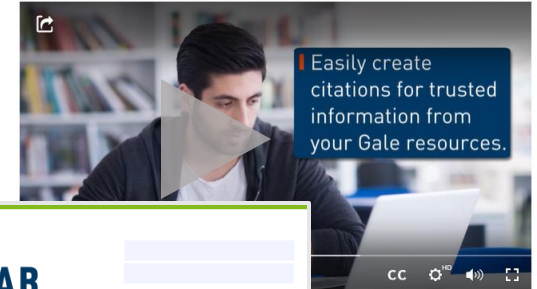
Marketing Materials

Bookmarks, posters, **digital assets**, e-mail templates, **communication templates**, social media posts



Gale Tools - Cite

This tutorial shows you how to use Citation Tools found in many Gale resources to simplify the research process.



GALE INTERACTIVE: SCIENCE

THE RESEARCH LAB

On the **Gale Interactive: Science** homepage, click **Browse Activities**. You may use **Filter By Category** options to narrow results, or **Search Activities** for a topic of interest. Click to open one of the activities.

Use **Start Activity** to begin interacting with your selected 3D Model. You can zoom in and manipulate it in a variety of ways. Use the dots at the bottom of the viewer, or the arrow to move through the model. As you complete the activity, answer the questions below.

ACTIVITY:

WHY DID YOU SELECT THIS ACTIVITY?

DESCRIBE THE ACTIVITY



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ESCAPE ROOMS – NEW!

GALE IN CONTEXT: MIDDLE SCHOOL Ancient Civilizations Escape Room

TASK 1: Mesopotamia

Instructions: Students will read the assigned Gale resource and learn about Mesopotamia. Students will answer the questions that go with the article on their group answer key. All answers are one word except for the last one (written law). Each answer will have a highlighted letter, which is what will form their code.

Arrangements: It is recommended that students work in groups of 4-6. Access to determin

TASK 2

ANCIENT EGYPT

Instructions: Students will read the assigned Gale resource and learn about Ancient Egypt. Students will answer the questions that go with the article on their group answer key. All answers are one word except for the last one (written law). Each answer will have a highlighted letter, which is what will form their code.

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Ancient Egypt was one of the greatest civilizations in history. Experts do not completely agree on when it began. Most timelines begin around 3100 BC, when the kingdoms of Egypt were unified. The Ancient Egyptian civilization thrived until 332 BC, when it was conquered by the famous Macedonian warlord Alexander the Great (356 BC–323 BC). After this conquest, Ancient Egypt went into decline. Ancient Egypt is commonly remembered for its pyramids, mythology, mummies, and unique system of picture-writing known as hieroglyphs.

Directions: Use the hieroglyphics cipher tool to decode the clues. Answer the questions on your group answer key. Get approval of correct code before moving on to task 3.

HIEROGLYPHICS CIPHER



GALE IN CONTEXT: ELEMENTARY Scientists and Inventors Escape Room

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Plus a “build-
your-own”
template!

GALE IN CONTEXT: HIGH SCHOOL Civil Rights Movement Escape Room

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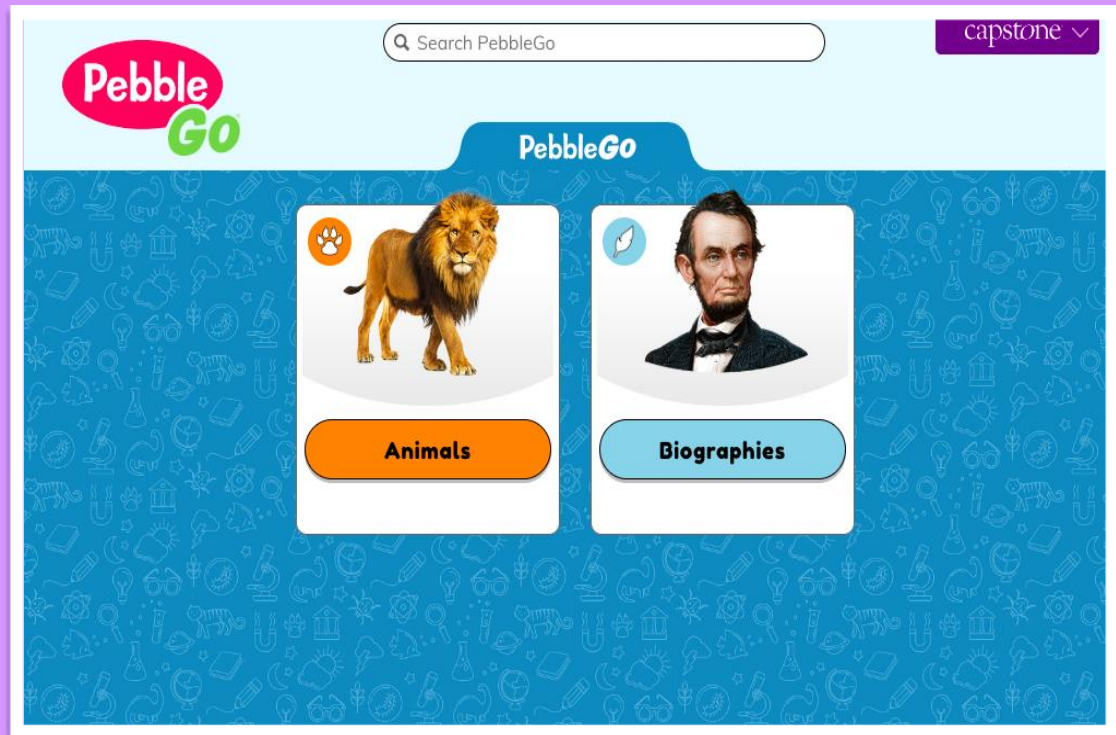
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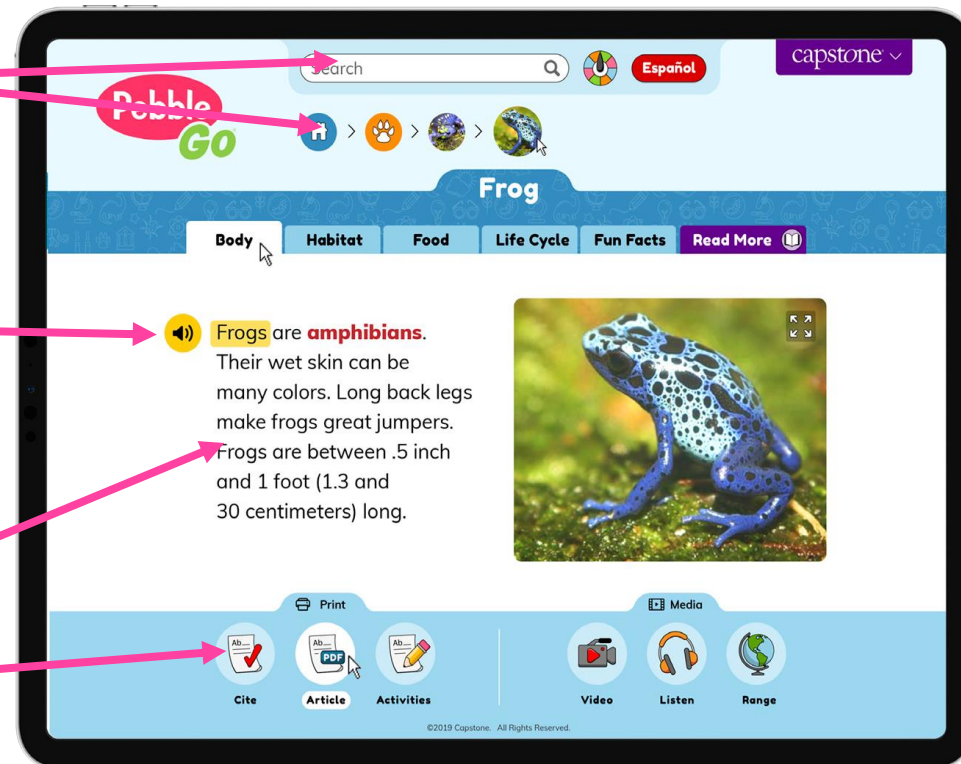
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History Makers



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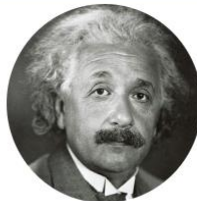
Politicians



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Games



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Animal Behavior



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Animal Habitats



Birds



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Dolphins

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Body

Habitat

Food

Life Cycle

Fun Facts



Read More



Dolphins live in all oceans. Salt water keeps their skin soft. Most dolphins swim in warm waters

Vocabulary words → the **equator**. Some dolphins can also be found in rivers.



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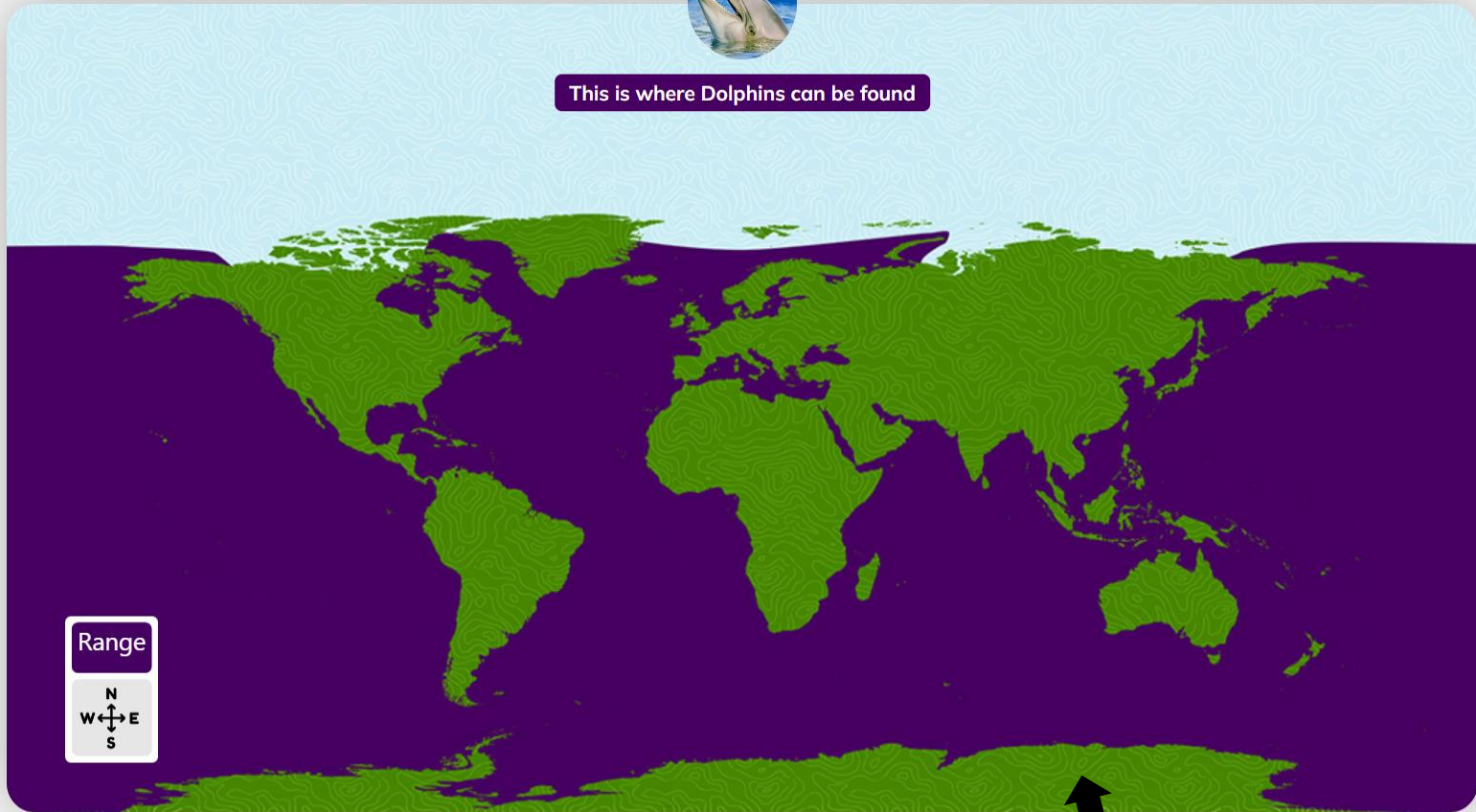
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This is where Dolphins can be found



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ENCYCLOPEDIA BRITANNICA

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Encyclopedia Britannica

- Britannica School "Facelift" - Spring 2023
- New homepages at Elementary and Middle school levels
 - More prominent search bar
 - Easier to access key features
- Underlying code stays the same – site will function as normal



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In the News!

Butterflies Need Our Help

Scientists say that migrating monarch butterflies are endangered, but we can act to help them.

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Encyclopedia Britannica

- Article Features
 - Easily navigate between three reading levels
 - Citation tool for easy cut/paste citations
 - Translate using Google Translate into 80+ languages
 - "Double Click Dictionary" provides definitions from Merriam-Webster

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Massachusetts

Reading Level

123

Capital

[Boston](#)

Population¹

(2020) 7,029,917

Total area (sq mi)

10,554

Did You Know?

The Massachusetts state constitution dates from 1780. It is older than the U.S. Constitution.

Article

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school.eb.com/levels/middle/article/Massachusetts/275725. Accessed 13 Mar. 2023.

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