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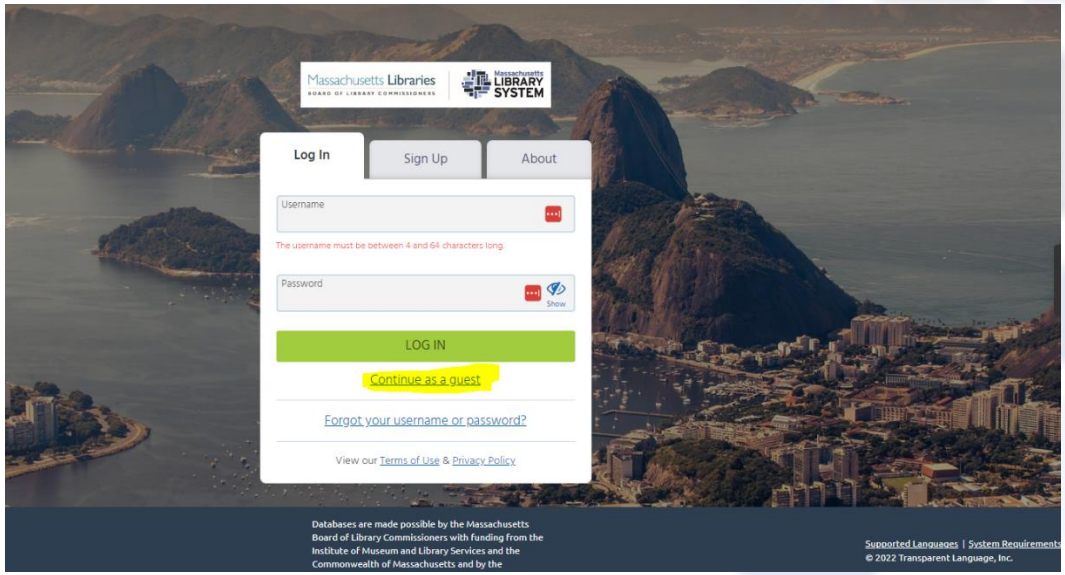

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- Beginner English courses for non-native English speakers
- Newly added languages: American Sign Language (ASL), Beginner English for Ukrainian Speakers
- KidSpeak (ages 6+) available in Chinese, English, French, German, Italian, and Spanish
- Blog: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

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- There’s an app for that!

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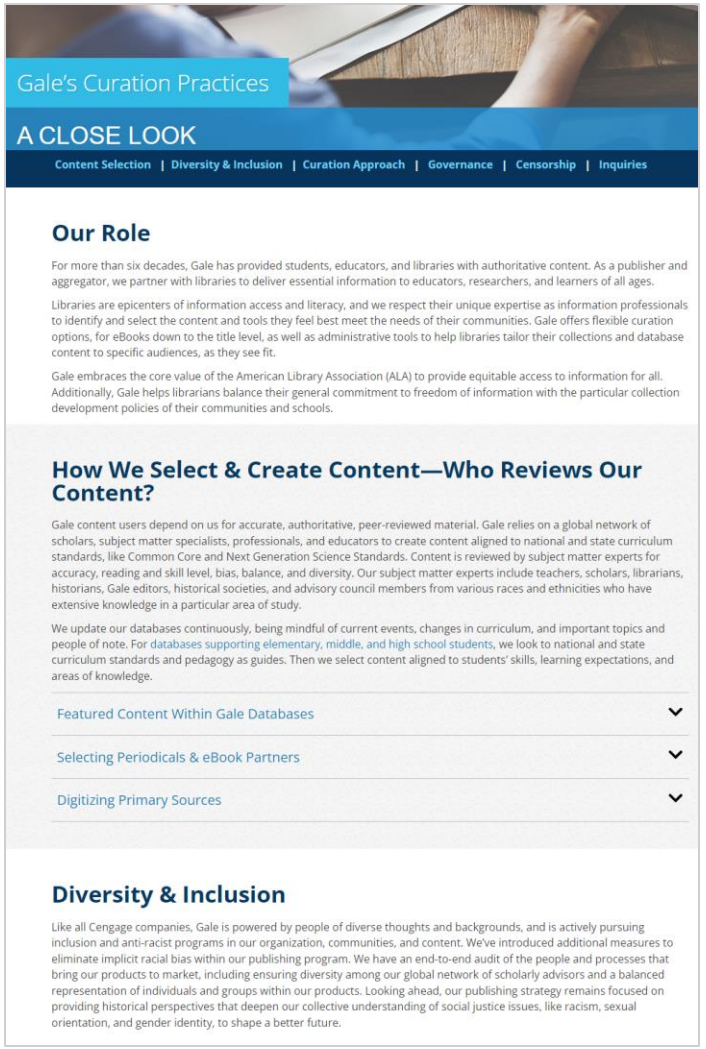

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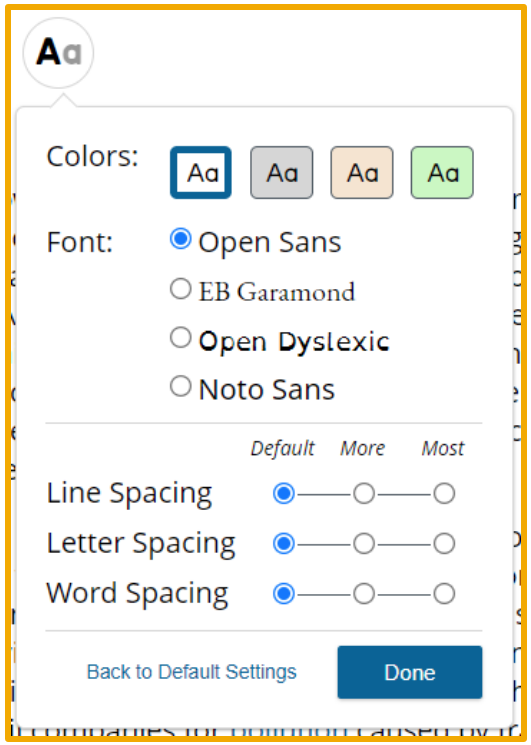

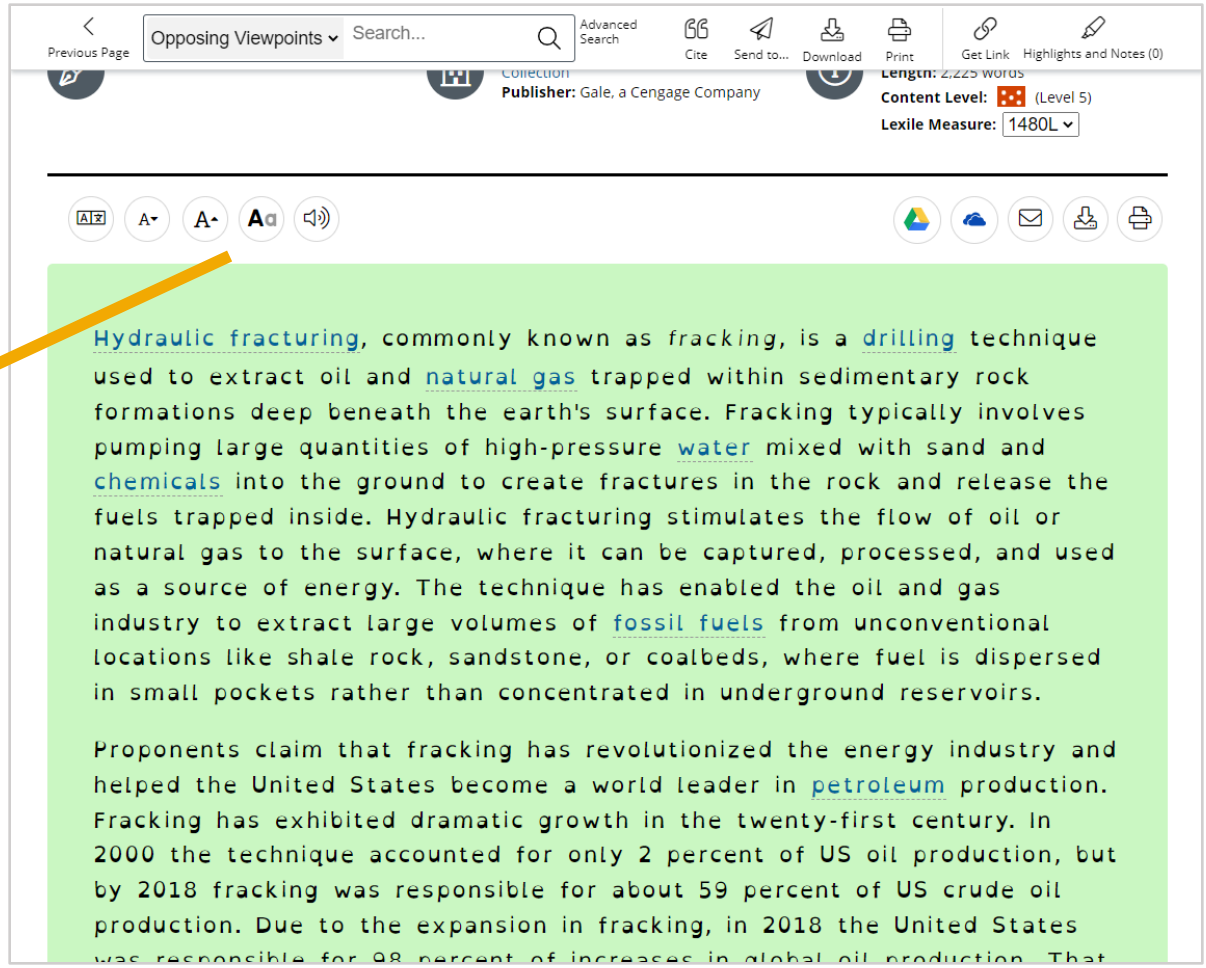

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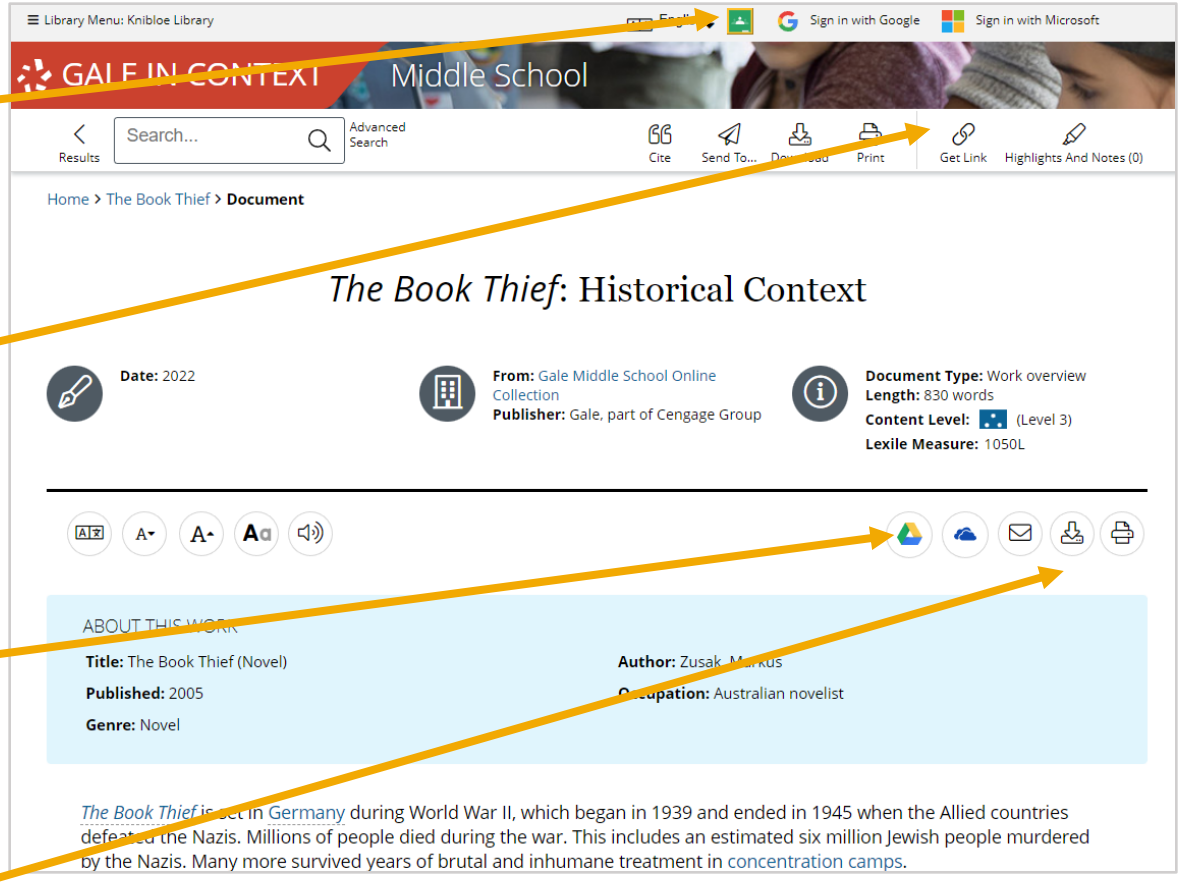

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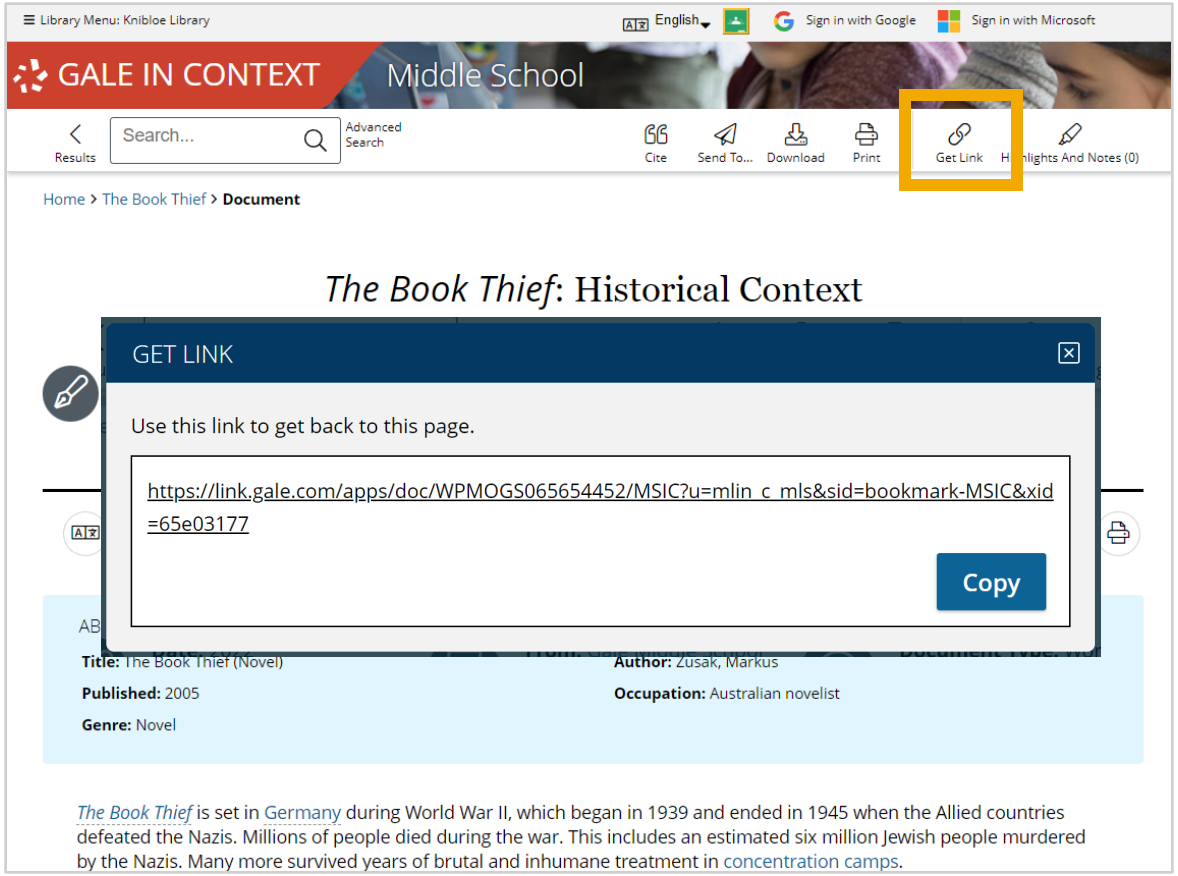

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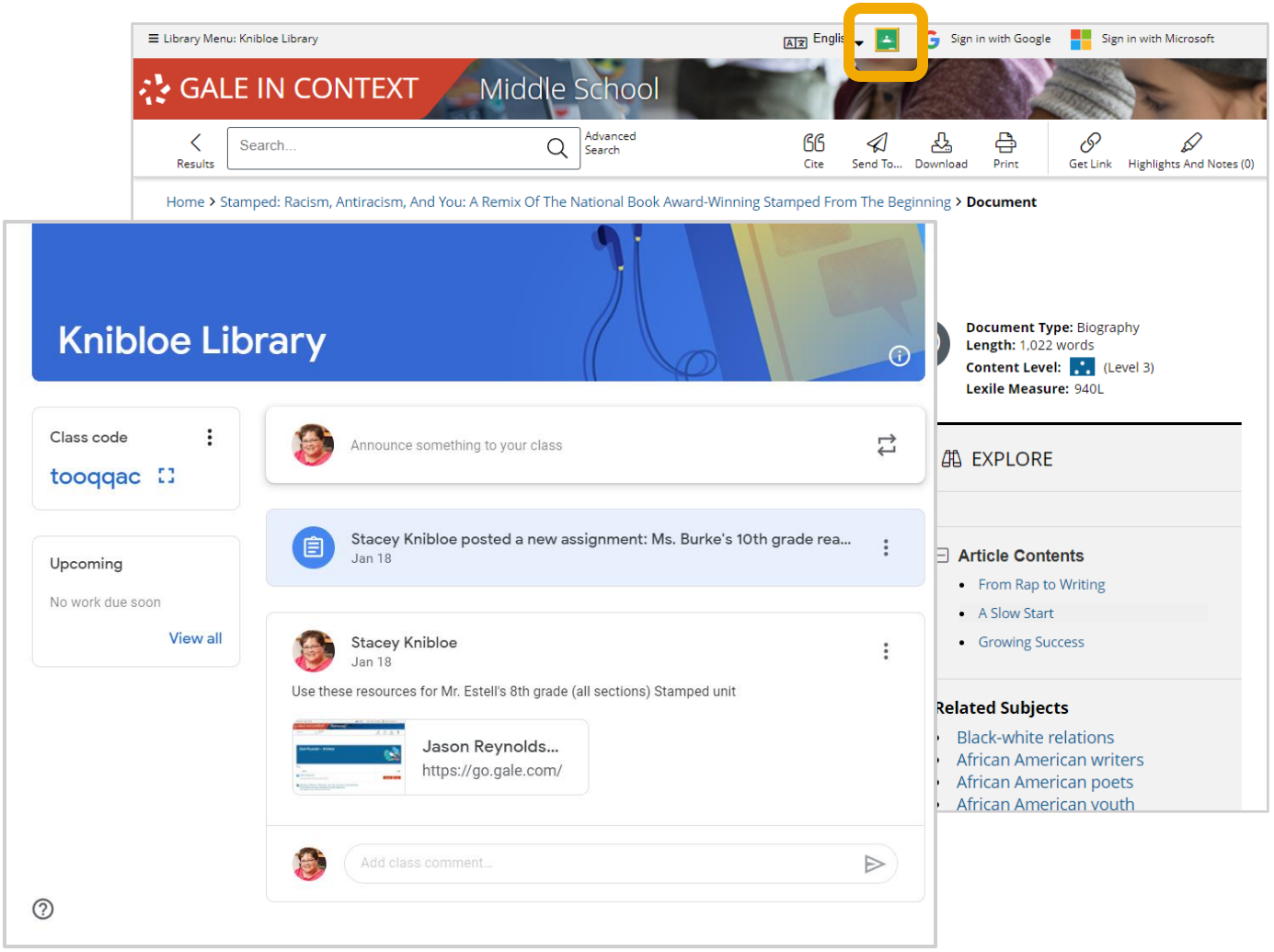

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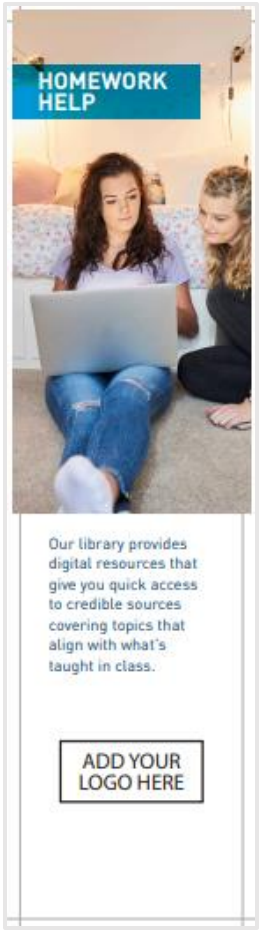

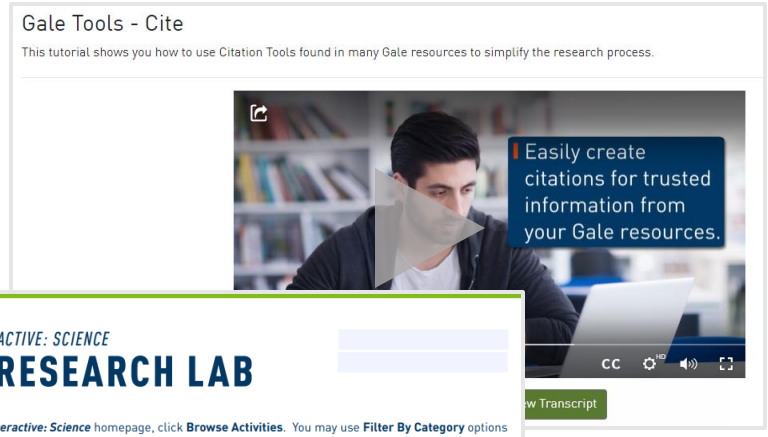

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TASK 1: Mesopotamia

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.

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TASK 2 ANCIENT EGYPT

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

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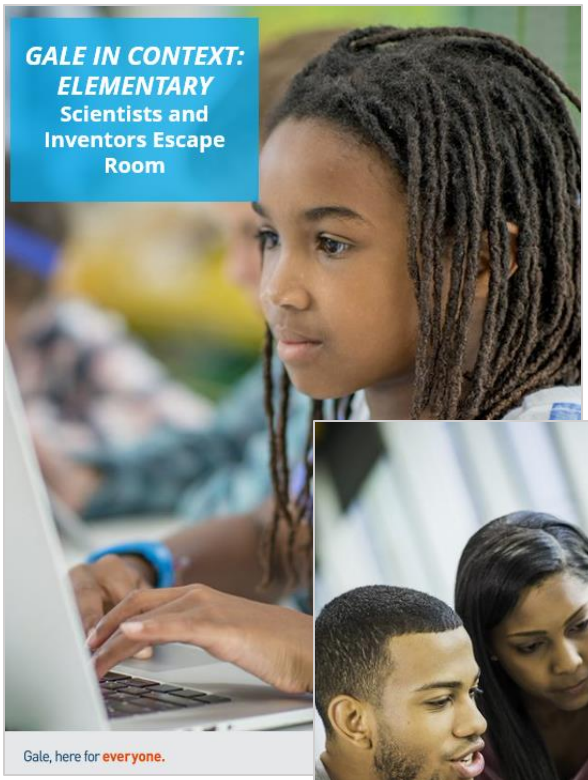

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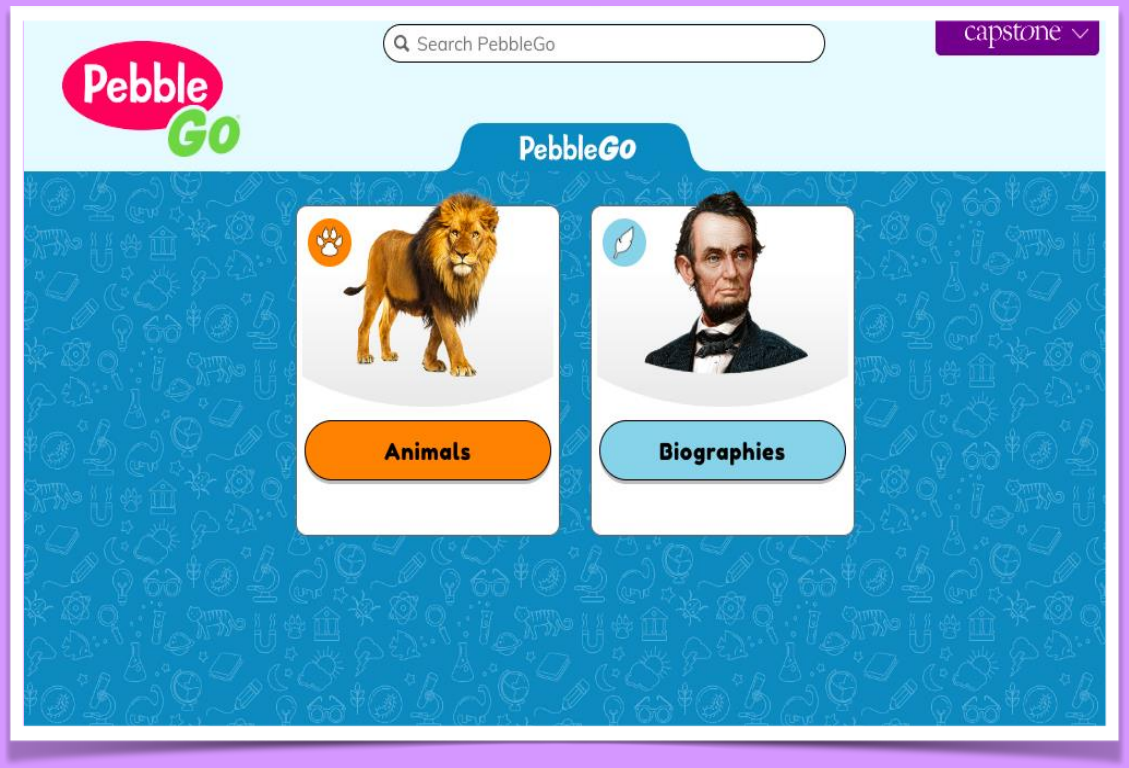

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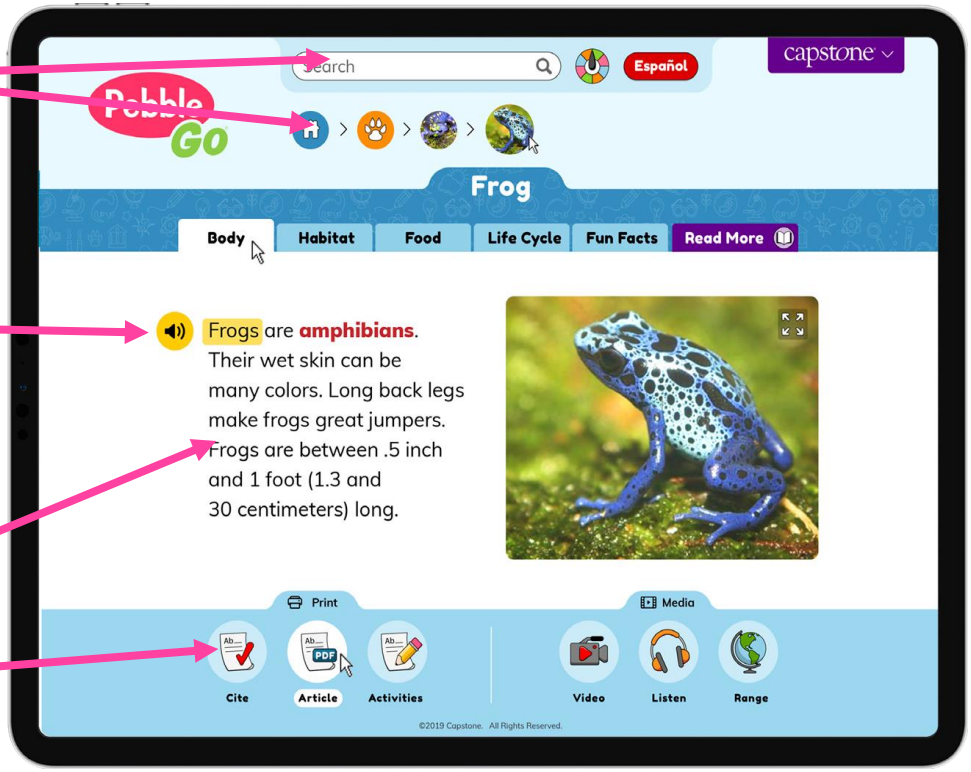

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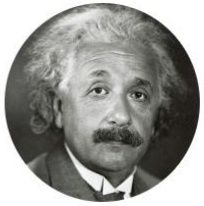

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Vocabulary words

Dolphins live in all oceans. Salt water keeps their skin soft. Most dolphins swim in warm waters . the **equator.** Some dolphins can also be found in rivers.

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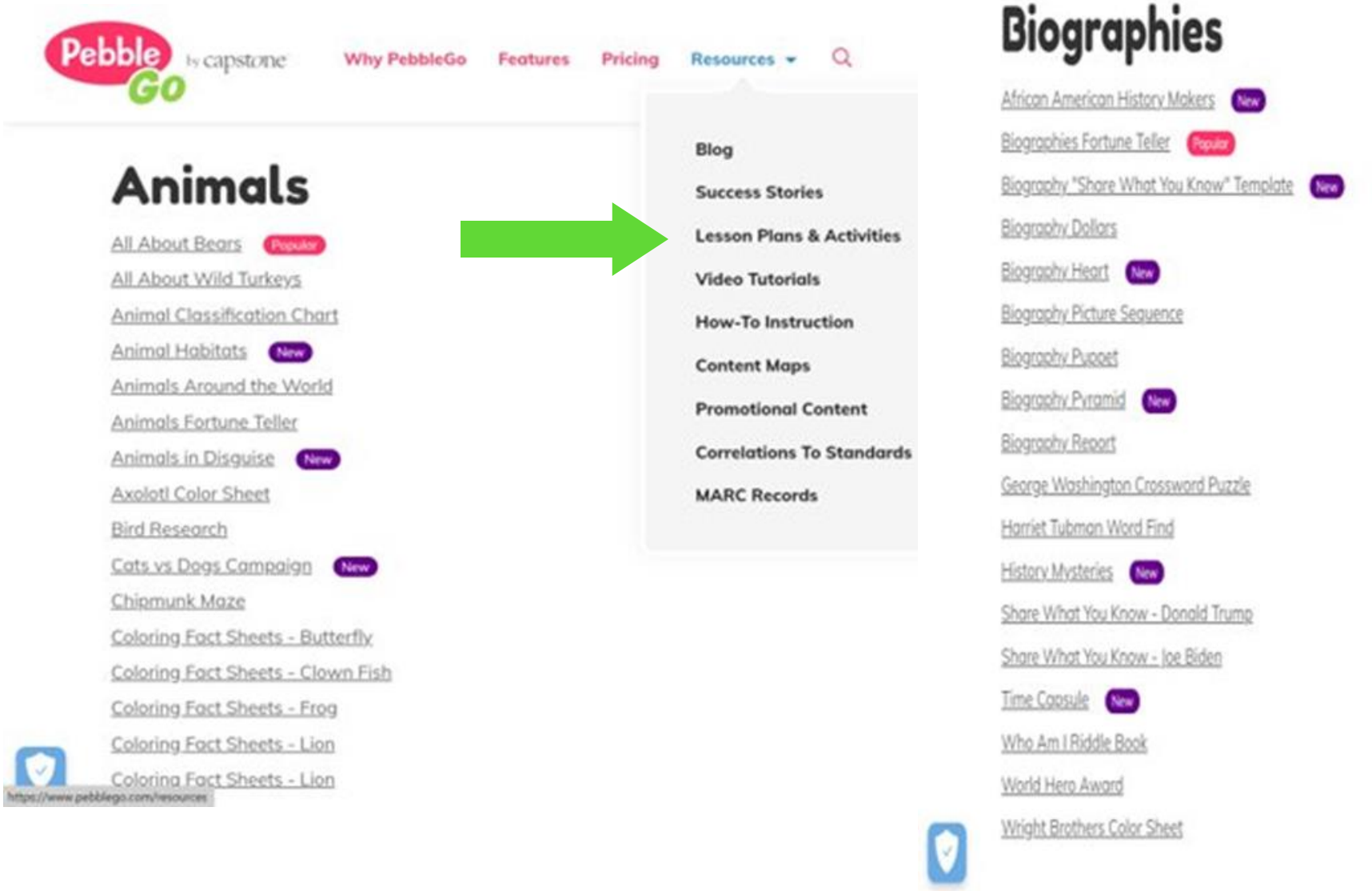
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ENCYCLOPEDIA BRITANNICA

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- Britannica School "Facelift" - Spring 2023
- New homepages at Elementary and Middle school levels
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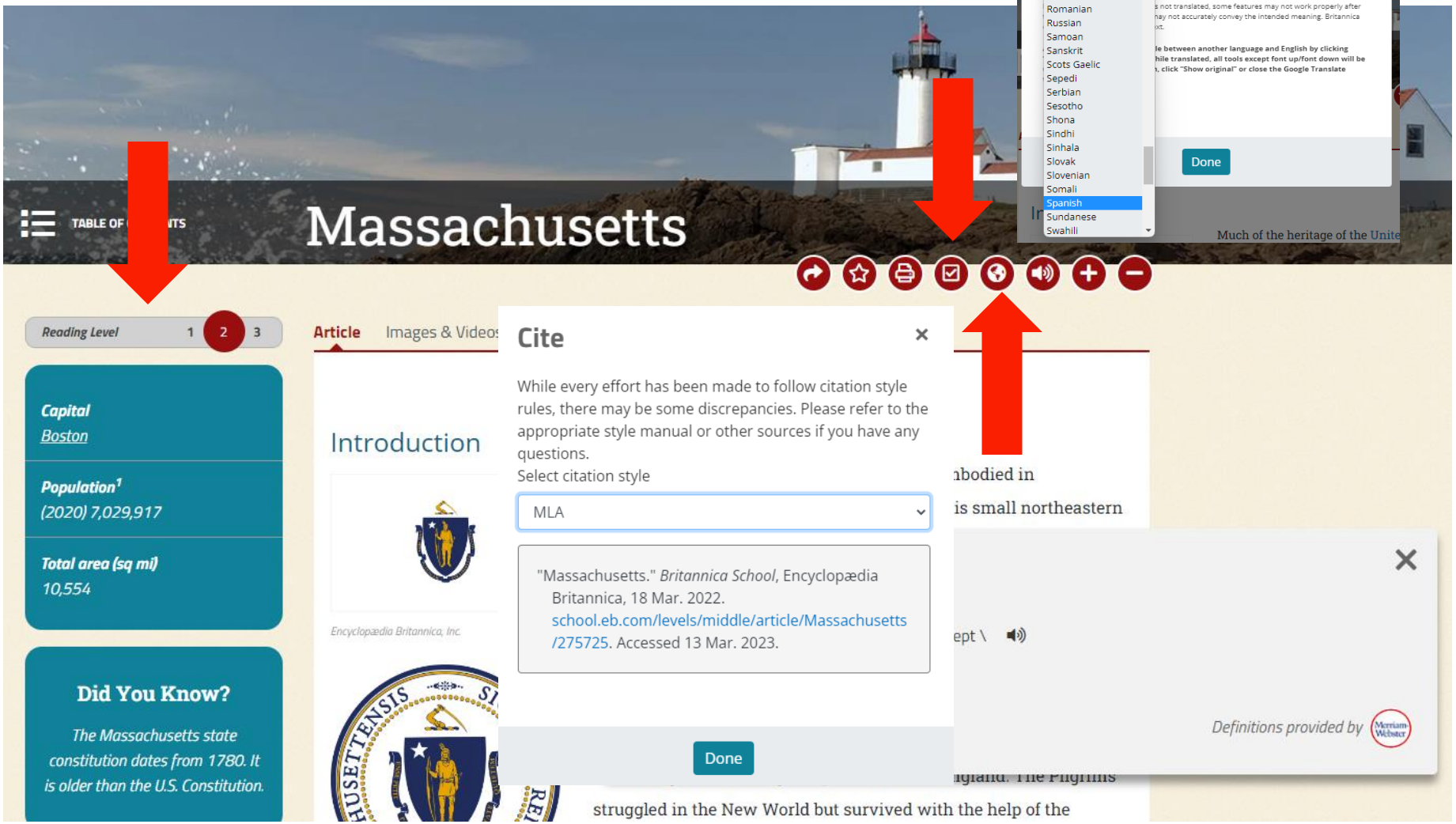
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