



## Featured Items

The World Book Online homepage provides access to several featured items:

### **Behind the Headlines**

Explore the curriculum side of current events with Behind the Headlines. Behind the headlines summarizes the world's current headlines and points you to World Book articles and related web sites. These headline articles are a great starting point for getting students interested in world events.

### **Feature of the Month**

Themes of instruction rotate monthly on this feature. Topics coincide with world events and school curriculum.

### **Subscriber News**

Here you can find out about updates to World Book Online, including new features and changes in policies and practices.

### **Today in History**

Each day of the year World Book showcases important persons or events associated with that day. The Today in History screen contains hot links to articles associated with the featured historical events.

### **What's New**

You can explore the new articles, revised articles and pictures added to World Book Online within the last month. This gives an idea of the timelines of information available in World Book Online.

### **Media Showcase**

Each time you enter World Book Online a random article will be highlighted in the Media Showcase section. This feature can create discussion for small groups and classrooms where each student will get a different interesting article.

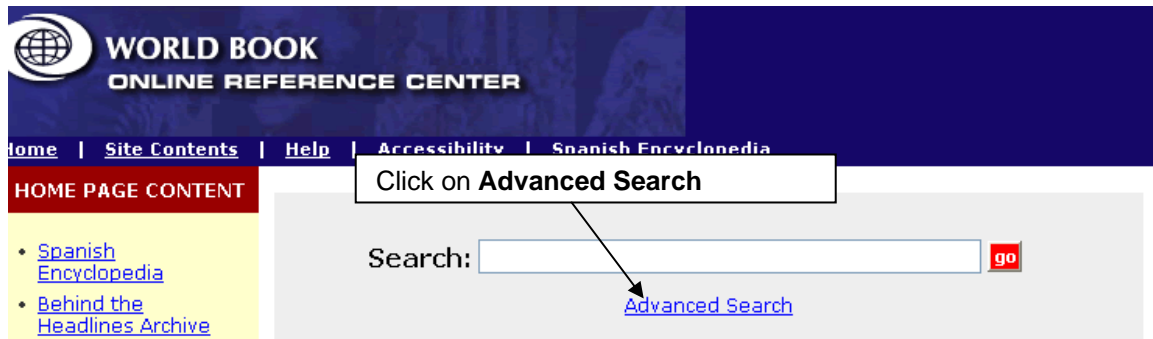
### **Surf the Ages**

Explore the different ages of history: Ancient Times, The Middle Ages, or Modern Times. Link to dozens of e-zines, want ads, bookstores, and other cool Web Sites, written from the perspective of the time. Find out what was real history presented with creativity and fun.

### **Site Contents**

Use this feature to see the types of content and media available, as well as browse by a media type such as has a 360-degree view.

## Advanced Search



Use the phrase and Boolean search fields to apply effective search strategies and focus your results. For each part of advanced search, you can also specify the type of items to search in.

Browse through articles or article elements such as tables or pictures.

### Browse options

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**Select** what you want to browse from this menu on the left side of the Browse screen.

# Atlas

The **Atlas** screen provides you with hundreds of maps that you can view and print. On the World Book home page, click Atlas in the left navigation column. There are three ways to find maps: interactive browsing, related maps and a standard search.

The screenshot shows the World Book Online Americas Edition interface. At the top, there is a search bar for the encyclopedia and dictionary, with search buttons. Below the search bar is a navigation menu with links for Home, Atlas, Surf the Ages, More Resources, Sign Out, and Help. The main content area is titled 'ATLAS' and features a 'World' section with a 'Print Map' link. A world map is displayed in the center, showing continents and oceans. To the left of the map is a list of 'Links on this Map' including Africa, Antarctica, Arctic Ocean, Asia, Australia, Europe, Indian Ocean, North America, North Atlantic Ocean, North Pacific Ocean, South America, South Atlantic Ocean, and South Pacific Ocean. The map is labeled with 'World Book map (Robinson projection)'.

## Interactive Browsing

When you enter Atlas you will see a **map of the world**. This map is interactive and you can click any of the labels on the map to get a map that is specific to that place. For example, you can click on North America to retrieve a map of that continent. Clicking on United States would open a map of the United States. Sometimes clicking on the labels will take you to a related element such as an article or picture.

## Related Maps

The list box to the left of the screen has various sections such as Views of this Map and/or Links on this Map.

- Views of this Map - offers a selection of different versions of the map, for example, Population Density or Terrain.
- Links on this Map - lists the elements that are linked to the current map such as articles and pictures.

## Search

To search for a specific map, you may also use the encyclopedia search field in the upper right corner.

## Let's Practice

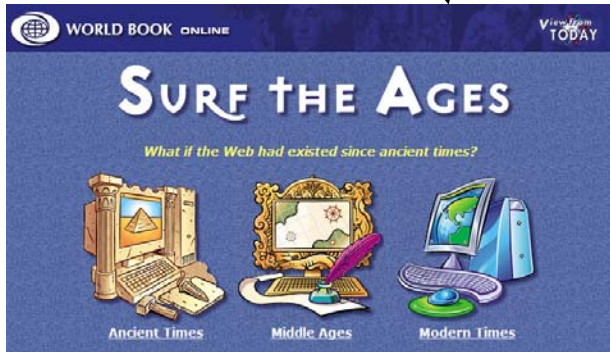
### Browse by Title

Browsing by title is an option available to all elements. This method uses the title given to the element as a way to find what you are looking for. The title is similar to the subject of the element. Let's look for a **Picture** of Alexander the Great.

1. Click the browse **by Title** link beneath the **Pictures** element.
2. An alphabet will be displayed across the top of the screen. Select the letter **A**.
3. Select the first two letters of the titles you are looking for. The available ranges of letters are listed on the right side of the window. You would select **AL – AL** when looking for Alexander.
4. Scroll through the list of pictures until you find the one you are looking for.
5. In the World Book Atlas feature search for Islands found around Australia. What countries are closest to Australia?
6. Find the ultimate vacation spot using the Atlas tell why it is a great place to visit using the different World Book features (e.g. location, climate, culture, economy, etc.).

## Surf the Ages

**Surf the Ages** gives resources that help to find information about important aspects of history. Click the link to Surf the Ages in the left Navigation column. This screen appears:



**Why Three Ages?** Surf the Ages is divided into three ages representing the three main parts of an English-language, or European view of history. About 5,500 years ago, history began with the development of writing that enabled people to record events, or to write history. In **Ancient Times**, civilizations and knowledge developed and spread in all parts of the world. Much of those civilizations' knowledge is recorded in stone. The Roman Empire, which covered most of Europe, became fragmented in the A.D. 400's. European historians call the period after that, from about A.D. 500 to 1500, the **Middle Ages**. During this period, written learning grew in importance, and universities were founded in the Arab world, and later in Europe. After about 1500, Europeans increasingly explored the world and traded with distant lands, and this period is called Modern Times. In **Modern Times**, the written word has become much more widespread through printing and computerization.

## Site Contents

Find a wealth of educational information and activities in these special sections created by World Book editors.

To Find: Parent, Teacher, Student Resources and Through the Year features click on Site Contents. You may need to scroll a lot to view the long list of resources linked from this page

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### **Parent Resources**

This is a resource World Book Online provides to help parents help their children with schoolwork.

### **Teacher Resources**

An online center for educators that contains topic enrichment resources, classroom activities, links to lesson plans, and professional development links.

### **Student Resources**

This is a collection of tools and information to aid you in finding topics for study, conducting research, and reporting in writing or by speech.

### **Through the Year**

Find articles, activities, and quizzes that teach interesting facts about each month of the year.

## Let's Practice

1. In the World Book search box, search for a term like “exploration” and skim the results. What did you find that was significant. What types of explorations are there?
2. List five different explorations and the year of exploration?
3. Explain the different exploration artifacts found under pictures. What do these artifacts represent?
4. What types of explorations are shown in the video section?
5. What was the “great European Exploration” movement (e.g. ancient exploration)?
6. Explain “linking the globe” why was this significant?
7. Surf the Ages features information about important aspects of history. As you surf the Ages describe a piece of history you did not know about.
8. What was life like for a Noble Lady (hint: Middle Ages-The Herald News)?