Overview

Welcome to the Grolier Online Tutorial. Here you will find information about Grolier Online features and how to navigate through this content-rich reference environment.

Grolier Online is an integrated reference portal with two interfaces: Grolier Online Kids for children in grades 3 to 5, and Grolier Online Passport, for older children and adults. With over 55 million words, 50,000 websites, and several hundred thousand magazine articles, finding authoritative, age-appropriate and subject-specific information is easy.

Users have access to award-winning databases, special features, multimedia presentations, an interactive atlas, dictionaries, and much more. Grolier Online provides resources tailored specifically for teachers and students, all contained within a structured and monitored environment.

Grolier Online understands the needs of the user and provides two age-appropriate research environments: Grolier Online Kids and Grolier Online Passport.

Using Grolier Online is simple. The home pages in each environment provide "one-click" access to the individual encyclopedia databases as well as other popular Grolier Online features. Both environments are available at any time by using the navigation button in the upper right-hand corner of the home page.
Grolier Online is designed so that users of all ages can find appropriate information that meets their needs.

Grolier Online Kids provides a high-interest graphical environment for younger students, while Grolier Online Passport is tailored for older readers. The two environments do not represent different products. All licensed encyclopedia databases will appear in both, and users may toggle between the environments freely.

From the chosen home page, access to all licensed databases is just one click away. The award-winning encyclopedia databases include:

- Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia: Quick reference with rich media for middle schools and higher.
- The New Book of Knowledge: A reference and current events database for elementary schools and above.
- Encyclopedia Americana: In-depth information for middle schools and higher.
- La Nueva Enciclopedia Cumbre: A comprehensive encyclopedia for Spanish speakers and Spanish-language students.
- America The Beautiful: State-by-state history and current events for elementary and middle schools.
- The New Book of Popular Science: Science and technology plus science in the news for middle and high schools.
- Lands and Peoples: An encyclopedia of countries, cultures, and current events for middle and high schools.

Of course, only the databases you have actually licensed will appear on the home page and be available to search.

Finding information is as simple as entering a term in the Search box and clicking "Go."
Finding Information

The Global search environment makes finding the information you need fast and simple. Just one click of the mouse and you'll have access to Encyclopedia articles, age-appropriate websites, media, News Feature Stories, and magazines, all specific to your search request.

Articles from all licensed databases appear in relevance-ranked order under the "Encyclopedia Articles" tab.

Standard web search functions such as "More like this" or "Did you mean" provide a familiar and helpful environment for obtaining information.

Results can be narrowed by using the "Search the Search Results" feature, or by limiting the search to individual databases.

Once within an encyclopedia, you have the option of searching just that database or searching all licensed content.
Finding Information

The advanced search feature provides the ability to narrow the search even further, making finding the information you need fast and easy.
Finding Information
And there's more... In addition to the vast number of encyclopedia articles available, a list of editorially selected and monitored websites related to the search topic is provided under the "Websites" tab.

The "Media" tab provides access to maps, flags, pictures, and multimedia relevant to the search topic, all viewable by media type.

News stories available on the search topic can be found by clicking on the "News Feature Stories" tab. These can be sorted by Date or Relevance.

In addition, thousands of full-text magazine articles are accessible from the "Magazines" tab, providing even further reference options. All Grolier Online searches are context-sensitive; tabs will only appear if there are appropriate search results.

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Search Results
Found 5 periodicals(s) on 1 pages in your search for: Saturn


Abstract: The article focuses on exploration of Saturn's largest moon, Titan. On Jan. 14, 2004 a flying saucer will parachute through the thick orange haze of a distant moon's atmosphere. Descending through the hydrocarbon smog, the probe could crash into an icy mountain, plop in a pool of organic goo, or dive into a methane ocean. Welcome to Saturn's largest moon, Titan, a place where organic chemistry appears to be a carbon copy of the infant Earth's just before life got a foothold. The saucer-shaped Huygens probe, named for the 17th-century Dutch astronomer who discovered Titan, has been riding piggyback on the Cassini spacecraft since it left Earth in October 1997. The craft arrived at Saturn on June 30 and has now embarked on a 4-year tour of the planet and its moons. Radar data from Cassini, taken during its first close flyby of Titan on Oct. 26, reveal dark patches that might be lakes of methane. Streaks imaged by visible-light cameras during that flyby could be caused by the flow of a hydrocarbon fluid or by wind eroding solid material. Titan has fascinated researchers for 6 decades, ever since astronomer Gerard Kuiper analyzed sunlight reflecting off the moon and discovered methane in its atmosphere. Yet even if Huygens doesn't plunge into a methane bath, its findings are likely to make quite a splash. It isn't just Titan's mix of organic compounds that intrigues planetary scientists. The moon also has reserves of frozen water that occasionally melt when struck by comets. The overall chemical cocktail appears to offer researchers the only available glimpse of conditions like those on Earth just before life got started. Before Huygens can take the big plunge, it will have to execute the big escape-separating from its mother craft, Cassini. On Christmas Day, engineers will radio a final set of commands for the parting.
Finding Information
Back on the Home pages, even more information can be found by accessing popular Grolier Online features, such as Today Is, NewsNow, Feature Showcase, For Educators, Grolier Online Atlas, and more.
Today is...

September 30

On this day in 1877, Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce surrendered to U.S. troops just south of the Canadian border.

Chief Joseph had led his people in battle and then on a brilliant but costly retreat of more than 1,000 miles (1,600 km) over mountainous terrain in an effort to escape to Canada. But they could go no farther. Chief Joseph said: “I am tired of fighting. Our chiefs are killed. Looking Glass is dead. Tooh-ul-ul-hote is dead. The old men are all dead. It is the young men who say no and yes. We who led the young men is dead. It is cold and we have no blankets. The little children are freezing to death. My people, some of them, have run away to the hills and have no blankets, no food. No one knows where they are—perhaps they are freezing to death. I want to have time to look for my children and see how many of them I can find. Maybe I shall find them among the dead. Hear me, my chiefs, I am tired. My heart is sad and sick. From where the sun now stands, I will fight no more forever.”

Also on This Day:

1991: Jean Bertrand Aristide, the first freely elected president of Haiti, was deposed and exiled by the military; the United States restored him to power in 1994.

1960: The Howdy Doody Show, featuring the smiling freckled puppet Howdy Doody, ended its broadcast run on NBC television; each show began with Buffalo Bob asking the “Peanut Gallery,” “Say, kids, what time is it?” They roared back: “It’s Howdy Doody time!”

1949: The Berlin Airlift, during which Britain and the United States flew supplies into West Berlin during a Soviet blockade, was suspended; since June 1948, Allied planes had delivered more than 2 million tons of food and fuel aboard 277,264 flights.


Born on This Day:

1813: John Rae, a Scottish physician and explorer of present-day Nunavut and the Northwest Territories; Rae discovered the grim fate of the lost Sir John Franklin expedition.

1882: German physicist Hans Wilhelm Geiger, inventor of the Geiger counter.

1924: Truman Capote, the Southern Gothic novelist, journalist, and celebrated man-about-town; his so-called nonfiction novel

Today Is

Available in both the Grolier Online Kids and Grolier Online Passport interfaces, the “Today Is” section offers information about historic events that happened on this date in history. Each day, a feature story is available. Clicking on the links within the feature story provides additional in-depth information on the subject. In addition to the headline story, the “Also on This Day” section provides a listing of additional events relevant to the date. The “Born on This Day” section highlights memorable individuals born on the date along with their achievements. You can even look up events that happened on your birthday or on another day by selecting a specific day and clicking “Go.”
The cheetah holds the title of world's fastest land animal. But can this sleek African cat win its race for survival? Wildlife workers hope so, and they are trying to help.

The cheetah has been called the greyhound of cats. With its lean body and long legs, it can reach speeds of 70 miles per hour as it chases its prey. Cheetahs mainly hunt small to mid-sized animals, especially antelope.

A hundred years ago, cheetahs ranged throughout much of Africa and Asia. It's thought that there were more than 100,000 cheetahs at that time.

Today between 9,000 and 12,000 remain. Cheetahs have vanished from all parts of Asia except Iran, where there are about 200. The rest are scattered through Africa, especially in southern and eastern Africa.

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And for older users, the Grolier Online Passport environment provides scrolling headlines from the Associated Press which are updated each day with four top stories. You can stop the scrolling feature, or click on the “stop/more” button to see the whole story.

The "Feature Stories" section highlights three current events headlines per week. Clicking on one of the links brings you to the detailed news story, facts about its topic, Teacher Lesson Plans related to the topic, and more.
News From Around the World

Click on a continent to view a news brief below.

News Brief from Asia
Afghanistan - November 8, 2004
Clashes between U.S. military forces and militants in the southeastern Afghan province of Paktia claim the lives of two U.S. soldiers, U.S. military officials report. Six Afghan soldiers and two other U.S. soldiers were injured in the conflict, which occurred when a gun battle erupted in an area of the country that borders Pakistan's remote tribal province of Waziristan. U.S. military officials confirmed that the injured soldiers had been safely evacuated to a base.

Search the International News Briefs by:

Country or international organization:

Date Range:
From: Month Day Year
To: Month Day Year
And

Full Text Search

SEARCH CLEAR
In addition, the "World Newspapers" feature provides direct access to daily international news with links to more than 600 online newspapers in over 39 languages.
"From the Editor's Desk" provides commentaries and analysis about current events with resources for additional learning such as Pro/Con debates.

**Do Threats to National Security Ever Justify Restrictions on Human Rights?**

**Introduction**

The terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, have intensified a long-standing debate: Do threats to national security ever justify restricting human rights? Some people argue that the nature of the new security threat facing the United States today requires the use of whatever means necessary to protect the public's safety. Therefore, they argue, the demands of national security must take precedence over all other considerations. But others are concerned that in waging the so-called "War against Terrorism," the Bush administration sacrificed the values of democracy. They point to the fact that after September 11, Bush's administration detained more than 1,000 aliens living in the United States. The government also ordered many deportation hearings, held in secret, and the arrest and indefinite detention of any American whom the president designates an "enemy combatant" without trial, access to a lawyer, or effective review in any court.

The administration said that such actions were necessary for dealing with real threats to national security. Critics, however, argued that in dealing with such threats, the government must not violate its moral obligation to respect constitutionally protected and internationally recognized standards of human rights, such as legal rights for the accused.

Throughout U.S. history the federal government has struggled to balance individual civil liberties or human rights against the interests of national security. In time of war support for civil liberties has often bowed to claims of national security—claims that often turned out later to be exaggerated. The 1918 Sedition Act virtually eliminated free speech in the United States during World War I. It forbade Americans to "utter, print, or publish disloyal, profane, scurrilous, or abusive language about the form of government, the Constitution, soldiers and sailors, the flag, or uniform of the armed forces...or by word or act oppose the cause of the United States."

During World War II the fear of enemy sabotage or espionage in the United States prompted President Franklin D. Roosevelt to order the internment of thousands of Japanese living in the United States. Over 110,000 people spent the next three years of their lives in camps in remote areas throughout the western United States, making the episode, critics claim, one of the most blatant examples of political repression in U.S. history. In 1983 a government study found that there was no national security threat to justify the internment, and Congress paid survivors modest compensation.

Similarly, the Cold War years were often characterized by a fear of communism so intense that the demands of national security sometimes overwhelmed the demands of democracy both at home and...
Whether you're viewing from the Grolier Online Passport or the Grolier Online Kids interface, the Atlas feature provides an interactive map with many functions.

Use the Map Search feature by typing in a term or place name.
A camera icon on the map provides a link to “Pictures of Interest” of that area.
The distance between two areas can be determined using the Local and Global Distances calculators, and information on Latitude and Longitude is available using the “Lats/Longs” link.
Selecting the different "View" links provides alternative graphics of the requested map.
The Feature Showcase offers multimedia presentations, with supplemental activities and related Web links, that provide an in-depth look at selected encyclopedia topics. Age-appropriate versions, updated quarterly, will be presented for Grolier Online Passport and Grolier Online Kids.
For Educators

The "For Educators" section provides great resources for classrooms, libraries, and media centers. For Educators provides an archive of lesson plans—browsable by grade or subject—that use and link directly to database content.

Additional resources include weekly lesson plans for featured news stories and “Teaching This Week’s News”.

A link to the NewsNow Editor’s Desk provides thoughtful insight, debate, and commentary about current news coverage.

And to further support educators, Grolier Online offers the Grolier Online User’s Guide, the Grolier Online Newsletter, and the Grolier Online Email Update, as well as Professional Resources, a collection of useful Web links.

Award-winning encyclopedia databases, rich multimedia, popular special features, and more—a universe of knowledge, all just a click away from the Grolier Online Home pages.