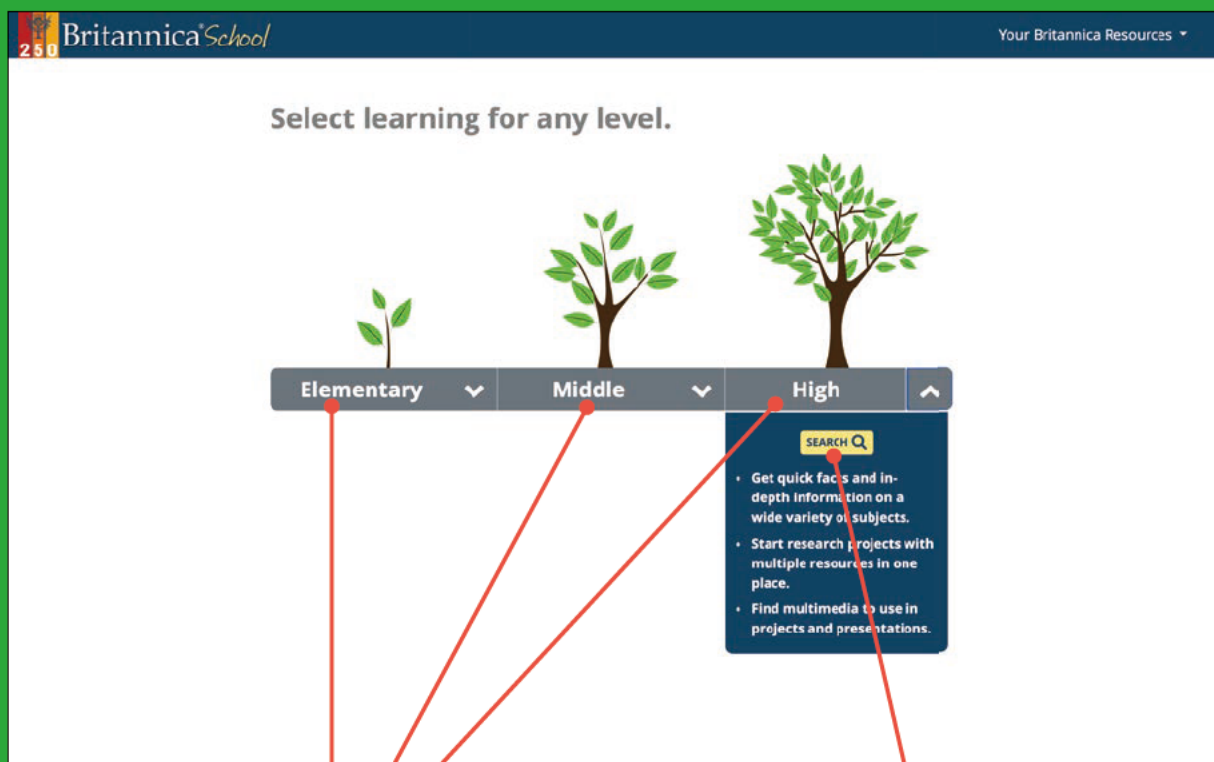


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Browse alphabetical biographies.

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Britannica School Elementary

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Do You Know?

Which animal is most closely related to the jellyfish?

angelfish stingrays
sea stars sea anemones

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insects and arthropods mammals mollusks other sea animals

All Animal Kingdom

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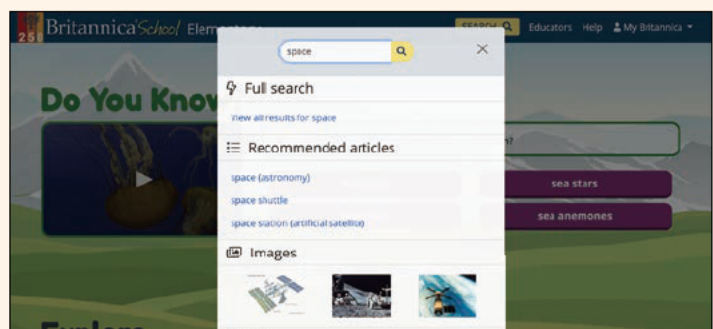
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space exploration

Reading Level 1 2

Introduction

Through space exploration humans have learned a great deal about the planets, stars, and other objects in space. More than 5,000 spacecraft have been launched into space to gather information since 1957. They include spacecraft with humans on board, space probes, and satellites. The Soviet Union (now Russia) and the United States were originally the main countries exploring space. Many other countries are now involved.

Astronauts

The Race into Space

Space Stations

Space Shuttles

Space Probes

The first U.S. space shuttle lifted off on April 12, 1981, from the John F. Kennedy Space Center in... NASA

Did You Know?
The first U.S. effort to launch a human into space was known as Project Mercury.

Related Teacher

Related

Click the related button to check out people, places, and things that are related to the article.

Did You Know?

A curious fact that could catch your attention.

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ENGLISH ESPAÑOL

satellite noun

- a follower resembling a slave
- a heavenly body orbiting a larger body
- a man-made object or vehicle intended to orbit the earth, the moon, or another heavenly body

See full definition

Definitions provided by

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space exploration

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John H. Glenn, Jr.
John H. Glenn, Jr., was an American astronaut and a U.S. senator from Ohio. In 1962 he became the first American to orbit Earth. Early Life John Herschel Glenn, Jr., was born...

satellite
A satellite is a small object that orbits, or revolves around, a larger object in space. Satellites can be natural or artificial (made by people). All the planets in the...

Buzz Aldrin
Buzz Aldrin was an American astronaut. He was the second man to...

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TOP PAGE

Can You Guess?

An engaging question encouraging you to dive into Britannica content. This question changes on a regular basis.

Articles

Browse articles categorized by subject.

Images & Videos

Browse images and videos categorized by subject.

Biographies

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Daily Buzzword

Learn English words randomly every day.

Compare Countries

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New & Revised Articles

Find new and updated articles.

The screenshot shows the Britannica School for Middle homepage. At the top is a navigation bar with the logo, a search bar, and links for Students, Educators, Help, and My Britannica. The main content area is divided into several sections: 'Can You Guess?' with a question about the highest waterfall; 'Explore' with icons for Articles, Images and Videos, and Biographies; 'At a Glance' with four featured topics; 'My Content' with a star icon; 'Did You Know?' with four interesting facts; 'Daily Buzzword' with the word 'janitor'; 'Can you Guess?' with four questions; 'Compare Countries' with flags for Nepal and Switzerland; 'World Atlas' with a map; 'Recommended U.S. Primary Sources' with a list of documents; and 'New & Revised Articles' with four recent articles.

Search

Type in a word or phrase and click the Search icon. Autocomplete helps you find information you are looking for.

At a Glance

High interest topics that begin with introductions and offer links to articles, media and primary source content.

My Content

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World Atlas

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Reading Level

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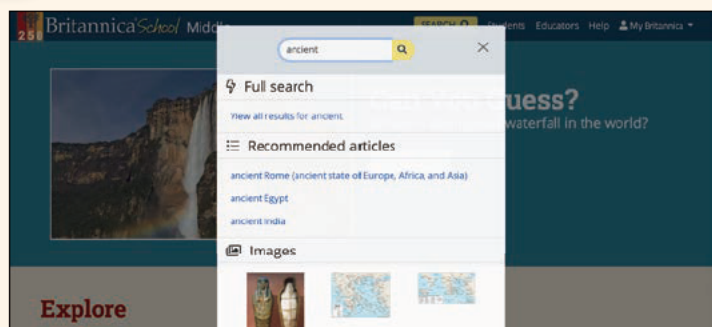
The screenshot shows the Britannica School Middle search results page for the query "ancient rome". The page displays "DISPLAYING 1 - 10 OF 64 RESULTS". At the top, there are tabs for "Reading Level" (1, 2, 3) and "Content Type" (Articles, Images, Videos, More). The main content area shows a list of search results, including "ancient Rome (ancient state of Europe, Africa, and Asia)", "Ancient Rome", "Ancient Rome", "Cleopatra ((69-30) queen of Egypt)", "Antony and Cleopatra ((1606-1607) play by Shakespeare)", "Augustus ((63 - 14) Roman emperor)", and "forum (ancient Roman public area)". Below the list, there is a section for "Images related to this search:" with four thumbnails. The page also features a "Find news and updated articles" section.

Advanced Search

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Related

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Did You Know?

The ancient Romans developed the alphabet in which English is written.

Introduction



When the **ancient Greeks** were reaching the height of their glory, the power of Rome, to the west, was slowly rising. The genius of the Greeks lay in art, literature, science, and philosophy. The Romans were best in warfare, engineering, and government.

The ancient Roman state was centered on the city of **Rome**, which is now part of **Italy**. In its early years, Rome was a small town ruled by kings. It later grew into a large, powerful, and long-lived state. The Roman Republic was founded in 509 **BC** and lasted for hundreds of

ENGLISH ESPAÑOL

re*pub*lic

- a government having a chief of state who is not a monarch and who is usually a president
- a government in which supreme power belongs to the citizens through their right to vote
- a political unit having a republican form of government

[See full definition](#)

Definitions provided by

Euphrates River, northern Africa, and the islands of the Mediterranean.

The lasting effects of Roman rule in Europe can be seen in the widespread use of the **Romance languages**, including Italian, French, Spanish, Portuguese, and Romanian. All these languages evolved from Latin, the language of the Romans. The Western **alphabet** of 26 letters and the **calendar** of 12 months and 365.25 days are only two simple examples of the cultural legacy that Rome left to Western civilization. Another example is Roman law, which has affected the development of legal systems in most of the Western world as well as in parts of the East. It forms the basis for the modern

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Britannica School for High

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On This Day

A historical event that occurred on this day is featured each day.

Article

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Biographies

Learn more about interesting people from the past to present. Choose at least one filter from the fields (era, nationality, subjects, and gender).

Flash Facts

Quick information about popular topics of interest.

SCIENCE IN PICTURES

Highlight science topics through images.

Compare Countries

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New & Revised Articles

Find new and updated articles.

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In Their Words

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News by New York Times

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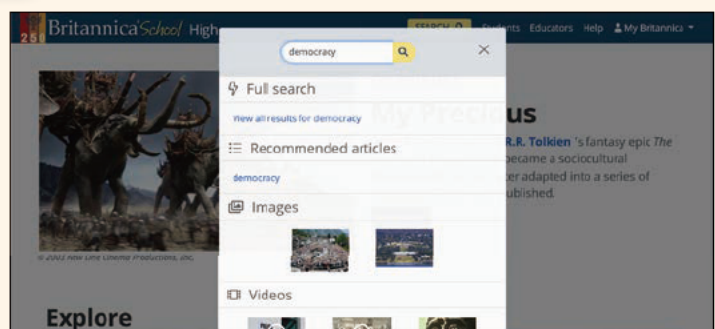
The screenshot shows the Britannica School High search results page for the query "democracy". The page displays 1-10 of 1,062 results. At the top, there are tabs for "Reading Level" (1, 2, 3) and "Content Type" (Articles, Images, Videos, More). The "Articles" tab is selected. Below the tabs, the search results are listed, including "democracy", "New Democracy (political party, Greece)", "social democracy", "direct democracy (political philosophy)", "Socrates (Greek philosopher)", "government", "John Dewey (American philosopher and educator)", and "fascism (politics)". Each result includes a brief description and a star icon. To the right of the search results, there is a section for "Images related to this search:" with four thumbnails. A red box highlights the "Reading Level" and "Content Type" tabs, and another red box highlights the "Images related to this search:" section. A red line connects the "Reading Level" and "Content Type" tabs to their respective callout boxes. A red line also connects the "Images related to this search:" section to the "Multimedia" callout box. A red line connects the "Advanced Search" link to its callout box.

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Did You Know?
The term *democracy* comes from the Greek words *dēmos* ("people") and *kratos* ("rule").

Introduction
Democracy, literally, rule by the people. The term is derived from the Greek *dēmokratia*, which was coined from *dēmos* ("people") and *kratos* ("rule") in the middle of the 5th century *BC* to denote the political systems then existing in some Greek city-states, notably Athens.

Fundamental questions
The etymological origins of the term *democracy* hint at a number of urgent problems that go far beyond semantic issues. If a government of or by the people—a "popular" government—is to be established, at least five fundamental questions must be confronted at the outset, and two more are almost certain to be posed if the democracy continues to exist for long.

(1) What is the appropriate unit or association within which a democratic government should be established? A town or city? A country? A business corporation? A university? An international organization? All of these?

(2) Given an appropriate association—a city, for example—who among its members should enjoy full citizenship? Which persons, in other association entitled to participate in participate (as most adults would agree) the adult population, how small can become something else, such as an (government by the few, *oligarchy*)?

(3) Assuming a proper association at organizations or institutions will they associations—for example, a small town and a large country?

(4) When citizens are divided on an issue, as they often will be, whose circumstances? Should a majority always prevail, or should minorities prevail, what is to constitute a proper majority? Should a proper majority comprise not individual citizens but groups of citizens?

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