

# USING KYVL'S BRITANNICA DIGITAL LEARNING DATABASE AND MORE

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## Time to Brainstorm

What topics are your  
patrons researching?

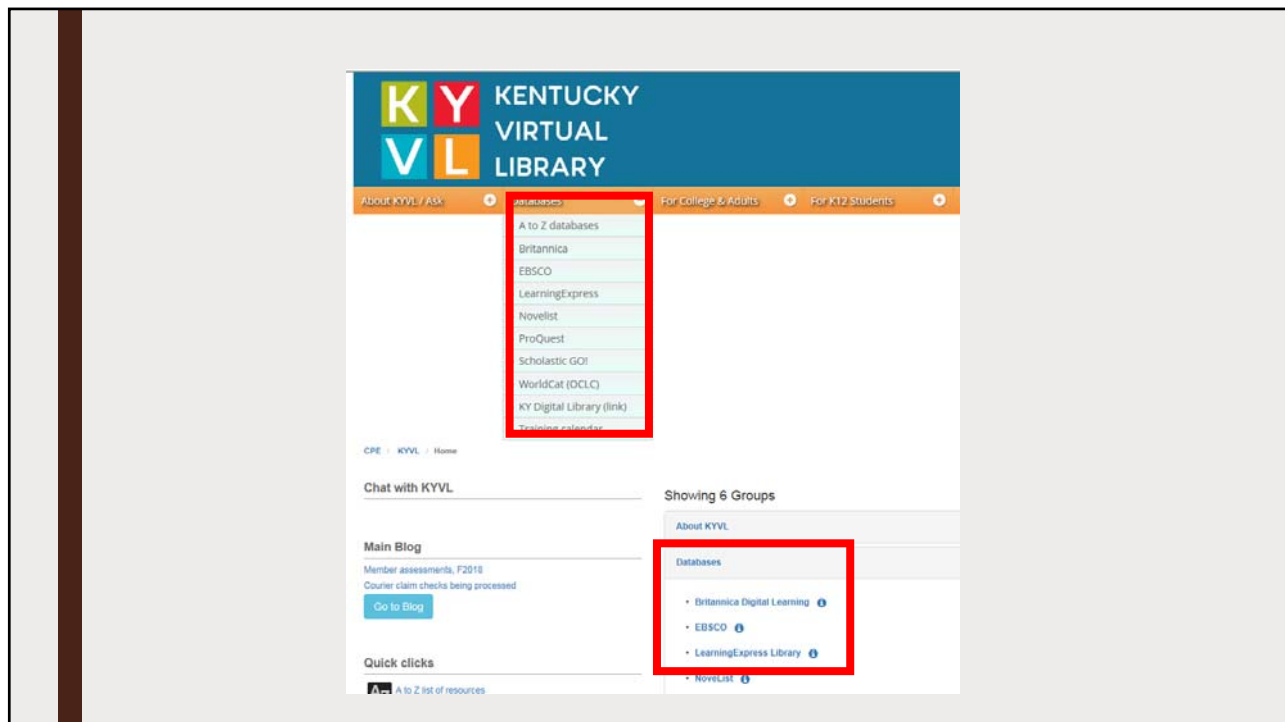


## Quick and Easy Research

- Provide basic information on variety of subjects
- Short, easily readable articles
- Written by knowledgeable experts
- Can provide other search terms
- Well-organized
- Understandable format
- Online versions regularly updated

<http://www.kyvl.org/>

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Kentucky Virtual Library (KYVL). The header features the KYVL logo and navigation links for Home, Databases, For College & Adults, For K12 Students, For Librarians, and For Professionals. Below the header, there is a 'Chat with KYVL' section, a 'Quick clicks' sidebar with links to 'Also 2' list of resources, 'Ask KYVL', 'Course service', 'Kentucky Digital Library', 'KYVL legacy website', 'Password request', 'Research Rocket (KS)', and 'Training calendar'. The main content area displays 'Showing 6 Groups' with a list of categories: About KYVL (1), Databases (7), For College and Adult Learners (3), For K12 Students (3), For Librarians (12), and For Other Professionals (3). A search bar is located at the bottom of this section. The footer contains contact information for the Kentucky Virtual Library, including the address (1024 Capital Center Drive, Suite 320, Frankfort, KY 40601), phone number (844 400 KYVL, toll free), and website (kyvl.org). It also includes social media icons for Facebook and Twitter, and the logo for the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education.



# BRITANNICA DIGITAL LEARNING

“Exciting, up-to-date resources that meet the needs of students at all levels”

Britannica Digital Learning

**Databases**

- Annals of American History
- Britannica Academic
- Britannica Escolar
- Britannica Learning Zone
- Britannica Library
- Britannica Moderna
- Britannica School
- World Data Analyst

Videos - how to use Britannica Academic

Videos - how to use Britannica Escolar

Videos - how to use Britannica Library

Videos - how to use Britannica Moderna

Videos - how to use Britannica School

**For Librarians and Educators**

**Annals of American History**

Annals of American History  
more...

- Annals of American History Guided Tour

**Britannica Academic**

Britannica Academic Edition  
more...

- Britannica Academic Fact Sheet
- Britannica Academic Guided Tour

**Britannica Escolar**

Britannica Escolar Online  
more...

- Britannica Escolar Guided Tour

**Britannica Learning Zone**

Britannica Learning Zone  
more...

- Britannica Learning Zone Guided Tour

## Britannica Digital Learning

- *Annals of American History*
- *Britannica Academic Edition*
- *Britannica Escolar*
- *Britannica Learning Zone*
- Britannica Library
- *Britannica Moderna*
- *Britannica School*
- Britannica World Data Analyst



## For Spanish-Speaking Patrons

### Britannica Escolar

- Spanish portal for elementary and middle school students
- Organized by grade levels
- Offers thousands of articles, images, multimedia assets, and detailed maps
- Access on any electronic device

### Britannica Moderna

- Spanish portal for older students
- Includes over 47,000 articles, 8,000 images, maps, and audiovisual materials
- Can create a personal account to store, organize, and add notes to your favorite content and resources
- Offers links to BBC World News

## Britannica Learning Zone

- For early-childhood learning
- Pre-Kindergarten through 2nd grade
- Covers letters, words, numbers, time, sound, geography, and more
- Activity-centered learning environment
- Offers “Teacher Tools”—offers ideas for reading, math, etc. and progress reports

## Britannica School

- Three-in-one databases—Elementary, Middle, or High
- Offers thousands of curriculum-relevant articles, images, videos, audio clips, primary sources, maps, research tools, and recommended Web sites
- Offers options: Read-aloud, a font size adjuster, and built-in translation tools
- Groups together related content types for activities or projects using “Content Collector”
- Offers ready-made lessons on various subjects or can create own with “Lesson Plan Builder”
- Provides same user experience on tablet, smartphone, laptop, desktop computer, or any Internet-connected device

## ANNALS OF AMERICAN HISTORY

- Explore history through speeches, historical accounts, memoirs, poems, images and multimedia
- Search by time period, author or featured topics



## World Data Analyst

- Combines detailed statistics with powerful tools for analysis and display
- Allows you to create comparative charts and tables
- *Country Snapshots*—statistics on demography, vital statistics, national economy, transportation and communication, education and health, and military for individual countries
- *Country Comparisons*—analyze data using charts and tables. Offers current statistics or chronological comparisons
- *Ranked Statistics*—compile information for all countries and allows you to view the countries with the highest or lowest rates, totals, or percentages for selected categories

# BRITANNICA LIBRARY

Three Levels of Content Meet  
Every Patron's Research Needs

## Britannica Library

- Separate home pages for three levels:
  - Children
  - Young Adults
  - Reference Center
- Research sources include three databases, thousands of articles and magazines, images, videos, audio clips, primary sources, maps, research tools, and recommended websites
- Includes pop-up *Merriam-Webster's Dictionary and Thesaurus*.
- Store research in own personal My Britannica account
- Works on any device—PC, laptop, tablet, or smart phone





The screenshot shows the top of the Britannica Library website. At the top left is the logo "Britannica Library" and at the top right is "Your Britannica Resources" with a dropdown arrow. The main content area features a large graphic of a human head profile filled with colorful icons representing various subjects like science, art, and math. To the left of this graphic is a text box that reads: "Welcome to the NEW Britannica Library The Award-Winning Resource for Children and Adults Easy to use, and easy to find trusted information. Choose a level below to get started!". Below this graphic and text are three search boxes labeled "Children", "Young Adults", and "Reference Center". Each search box has a "Search" label and a magnifying glass icon. A red rectangular box highlights these three search boxes. At the bottom of the page is a dark blue footer with the Britannica logo on the left and a list of links: "About", "Contact", "Copyright Guidelines/Terms of Use", "Legal Notices", "School and Library Information", and "© 2017 Encyclopædia Britannica, Inc."

This screenshot is identical to the one above, showing the same website layout. However, in this version, the search box for "Children" is highlighted with a red rectangular box. The text "space" is visible in the input field of this search box. The other search boxes for "Young Adults" and "Reference Center" are not highlighted. The rest of the page content, including the header, main graphic, text box, and footer, remains the same as in the first screenshot.

Britannica Library Children  Research Tools and Materials Help

You searched for "space"  
DISPLAYING 192 RESULTS.

Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3

**ARTICLES**  
IMAGES  
VIDEOS  
DICTIONARY  
MAGAZINES  
WEB'S BEST SITES

**space exploration** ☆  
space exploration | Through space exploration humans have learned a great deal about the planets, stars, and ...

**space station (artificial satellite)** ☆  
space station | A space station is a spacecraft in a fixed orbit around the Earth. Astronauts can live on a ...

IMAGES RELATED TO THIS SEARCH: [SEE ALL IMAGES](#)

**space shuttle** ☆  
space shuttle | The space shuttle was the first reusable spacecraft. The U.S. National Aeronautics and Space ...

**explorers at a glance** ☆  
Space  
Space | Buzz Aldrin Neil Armstrong Yuri Gagarin ...

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Britannica Library Your Britannica Resources

Welcome to the **NEW Britannica Library**  
The Award-Winning Resource for Children and Adults  
Easy to use, and easy to find trusted information.  
Choose a level below to get started!

Children  Search

Young Adults  Search

**Reference Center**  Search

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Britannica Library Reference Center thoroughbred

Research Tools and Materials Help

My Britannica

Level 1 Level 2 Level 3

**You searched for "thoroughbred"**  
DISPLAYING 1 - 10 OF 133 RESULTS.

**Thoroughbred (breed of horse)** ☆  
Thoroughbred | breed of horse developed in England for racing and jumping ( see photograph ). The origin of the Thoroughbred may be traced back to ...

**horse (mammal)** ☆ - TOP 3 RESULTS. 4 MORE RESULTS IN HORSE.

**Thoroughbred**  
Thoroughbred | The history of the English *Thoroughbred* is a long one. Records indicate that a stock of Arab and Barb horses was introduced into England ...

**American breeds**  
A powerful long-bodied horse, the...the first half of the 19th century and can be traced largely to the sire Messenger, a *Thoroughbred* imported from Britain in 1788 and ...

**Reproduction and development**  
Fecundity varies according to the breed and may last beyond age 20 with *Thoroughbreds* and to 12 or 15 with other horses. The gestation period is 11 months; 280 ...

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Britannica Library Reference Center Search

Research Tools and Materials Help

**Thoroughbred**

Article Images & Videos Related

RELATED RESOURCES FOR THIS ARTICLE

Article Reading Level 1 2 3

Articles  
Primary Sources & E-Books  
Web's Best Sites

View search results for:  
Thoroughbred

Thoroughbred, breed of horse developed in England for racing and jumping ( see photograph ). The origin of the Thoroughbred may be traced back to records indicating that a stock of Arab and Barb horses was introduced into England as early as the 3rd century. Natural conditions favoured development of the breed. In the 17th century breeding was encouraged by those interested in racing. James I and Charles I. 43 mares—the so-called Royal Mare stock—were introduced to England in 1689. The term thoroughbred is sometimes incorrectly used to mean purebred, but Thoroughbreds are a specific breed, registered in the *General Stud Book* of the English Jockey Club, organized about 1750, or in the studbooks of similar clubs in other countries.

Thoroughbreds have delicate heads, slim bodies, broad chests, and short backs. Their short leg bones allow a long, easy stride. They are sensitive and high-spirited. Averaging 16 hands (64 inches, or 163 cm) high and weighing about 1,000 pounds (450 kg) at maturity, Thoroughbreds are usually bay, chestnut, brown, black, or gray. Outstanding for speed and stamina, they have been combined with and have improved several other breeds of horses. The term thoroughbred is sometimes incorrectly used to mean purebred, but Thoroughbreds are a specific breed, registered in the *General Stud Book* of the English Jockey Club, organized about 1750, or in the studbooks of similar clubs in other countries.

A horse having only one Thoroughbred parent is called a Grade Thoroughbred in the United States and a half-bred in Great Britain. Grade Thoroughbreds may be used as hunters, polo ponies, stock horses, or riding horses,

English Español

stock noun \ˈstɒk \

- scump
- a log or block of wood
- something without life or consciousness

See full definition

Definitions provided by Merriam-Webster

# Research Tools and Materials

Britannica Library Reference Center Search

Research Tools and Materials Help

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## Research Tools and Materials

Articles Media Biographies World Atlas Compare Countries Tour the U.S.A.

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My Content

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- Pre-Research Planner
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- Ready for Research Step 4: Record and Organize Facts
- Ready for Research Step 5: Create a Presentation
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# BRITANNICA ACADEMIC

Essentials for Conducting Research

## Britannica Academic

- Over 100,000 new and revised articles
- Contributions from Nobel laureates, heads of state, Pulitzer Prize winners, leading professors and experts in all fields of human endeavor
- “Article History” for tracking updates
- Includes news feeds from *New York Times* and the BBC
- Interactive atlas and *Merriam-Webster Collegiate Dictionary*
- Thousands of photographs, videos, tables, graphs and illustrations
- Improved search capabilities

## Finding Britannica Academic

The screenshot shows the Britannica Digital Learning website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'About KYVL / ASL', 'Databases', 'For College & Adults', 'For K12 Students', 'For Librarians', and 'For Professionals'. Below this, a breadcrumb trail reads 'CPE / KYVL / Databases / Britannica Digital Learning / Databases'. The main heading is 'Britannica Digital Learning'. On the left, a 'Databases' sidebar lists various resources, with 'Britannica Academic' highlighted by a red box. The main content area displays three database cards: 'Annals of American History', 'Britannica Academic', and 'Britannica Escolar'. The 'Britannica Academic' card is also highlighted with a red box and shows the 'Britannica Academic Edition' logo and a 'more...' link. Below the card, there are links for 'Britannica Academic Fact Sheet' and 'Britannica Academic Guided Tour'. At the bottom left of the sidebar, there is a button labeled 'For Librarians and Educators'.

BRITANNICA ACADEMIC Your Britannica Reso

My Reso

What are you researching today?

Advanced Search

- ARTICLE BROWSE
- MEDIA BROWSE
- BIOGRAPHIES

ARTICLES DICTIONARY PRIMARY SOURCES JOURNALS / PERIODICALS

### RESEARCH TOOLS

**World Atlas**

Search thousands of maps, flags, articles and statistics in this interactive World Atlas.


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A unique geography tool that gives you quick facts and statistics on any two countries side-by-side.

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Comprehensive statistics on every nation of the world. Perform statistical comparisons between countries or explore changes over time.

### ON THIS DAY



**Glasnost**

In 1931 **Mikhail Gorbachev**—the general secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union (1985–91) whose policies helped end the Cold War—was born.

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Create a personal account to save, organize and annotate your favorite content and media

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### NEW AND UPDATED ARTICLES

VIEW MORE

March 2, 2017:	March 1, 2017:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sydney</li> <li>• Rajasthan</li> <li>• financial statement <b>NEW</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St. David</li> <li>• Five Civilized Tribes <b>NEW</b></li> <li>• LEGO</li> <li>• Mary Ann Cotton</li> <li>• Molière</li> <li>• Australian Aborigine</li> <li>• Yao Ming</li> </ul>

### RECOMMENDED PRIMARY SOURCES

Find letters, speeches, and other primary source material.


- Christopher Columbus's Letter to the King and Queen of Spain
- Mary Wollstonecraft's Vindication on the Rights of Woman
- Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels's The Communist Manifesto
- Thucydides' History of the Peloponnesian War
- Monroe Doctrine
- Marco Polo's Travels
- Declaration of Rights for Women

### NEWS FROM NEW YORK TIMES


- Key Republicans Ask Jeff Sessions to Recuse Himself in Russia Case
- Jeff Sessions's Testimony on Russia Contacts
- Obama Administration Rushed to Preserve Intelligence of Russian Election Hacking
- Republican Unity on Health Care Is Elusive, Despite Trump's Support
- Economic Trends: What Booming Markets Are Telling Us About the Global Economy

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**Brian R. Greene**  
Professor of Physics and of Mathematics, Columbia University



**Judith L. Fridovich-Keil**  
Professor in the Department of Human Genetics,

### NEWS FROM BBC NEWS

- Trump Attorney General Jeff Sessions urged to step aside from Russia probe

## Search Results

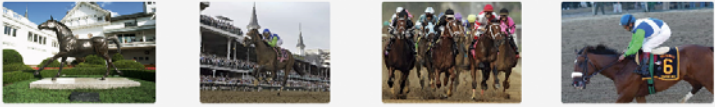
Britannica ACADEMIC  [Help](#)

**You searched for "Kentucky derby"**  
DISPLAYING 1 - 10 OF 68 RESULTS.

**Kentucky Derby (horse race)** ☆  
Kentucky Derby | the most prestigious American horse race, established in 1875 and run annually on the first Saturday in May at Churchill Downs racetrack, ...

**Eddie Arcaro (American jockey)** ☆  
Miami, Florida), American jockey who was the first to ride five *Kentucky Derby* winners and two U.S. Triple Crown champions (winners of the *Kentucky Derby*, the ...

IMAGES RELATED TO THIS SEARCH: [SEE ALL IMAGES](#)



**Louisville (Kentucky, United States)** ☆  
Museum and the Louisville Science Center are other notable institutions. As the scene of the annual *Kentucky Derby*, held every May at Churchill Downs since ...

Didn't find what you're looking for?

## Article Tools

### Kentucky Derby

Article **Images & Videos** Related Article History



Introduction  
Records  
History  
Traditions  
Winners  
Additional Reading

#### Introduction



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150,000 spectators to Churchill Downs annually.

Kentucky Derby, the most-prestigious American horse race, established in 1875 and run annually on the first Saturday in May at Churchill Downs racetrack, Louisville, Kentucky. With the *Preakness Stakes* (run in mid-May) and the *Belmont Stakes* (early in June), it makes up American Thoroughbred racing's coveted *Triple Crown*. The Derby field is limited to three-year-olds and, since 1975, to 20 horses; fillies carry 121 pounds (55 kg) and colts 126 pounds (57 kg). The race distance was reduced in 1896 from 1.5 miles (about 2,400 metres) to its present 1.25 miles (about 2,000 metres). In the early 21st century it was one of the most-popular single-day spectator events in the world, attracting some

#### RELATED RESOURCES FOR THIS ARTICLE

Articles  
Primary Sources & E-Books  
Web's Best Sites

View search results for:

#### Records



With five Kentucky Derby wins apiece, jockeys *Eddie Arcaro* and *Bill Hartack* share the record for most Derbies won over the course of a career. Though the Derby is often called "the most exciting two minutes in sports," only two horses have officially finished the race in under two minutes. The course record was set in 1973 by *Secretariat*, who finished in 1:59 <sup>2</sup>/<sub>5</sub>. (The runner-up in that race, *Sham*, finished two and a half lengths behind *Secretariat*, which some observers

# My Research Account

Britannica ACADEMIC Help

My Research Login

What are you researching today?

ARTICLE BROWSE

**Britannica Login**

Username:

Password:

OK

Forgot your [username](#) or [password](#)?

Not a member? [Sign up now!](#)

**Britannica Login**

Create a Username: \*  
(4 to 100 characters)

Create a Password: \*  
(4 to 22 characters)

Retype Password: \*

Email Address:  
(Required for educators)

Retype Email Address:

OK

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## charter school

Article Images & Videos Related Article History

Introduction

Origin and operation

Rationales and critiques

RELATED RESOURCES FOR THIS ARTICLE

Articles

Primary Sources & E-Books

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View search results for:

charter school

### Introduction

Charter school, a publicly funded tuition-free school of choice that has greater autonomy than a traditional public school. In exchange for increased autonomy, charter schools are held accountable for improving student achievement and meeting other provisions of their charters. Charter schools are most often new schools that were not in existence before the charter was granted; a traditional public or private school may also convert to charter school status. The term *charter school* is used almost exclusively to describe government-funded and largely autonomous schools in the United States and in the Canadian province of Alberta.

### Origin and operation

In the United States, where charter schools are most prevalent, state laws dictate a range of activities, including school funding, student and staff recruitment, and charter attainment status. Although the details vary by state, some generalizations can be made. For example, charter schools are not typically constrained by traditional public school requirements, such as certain bureaucratic and union rules. In some states such flexibility includes the freedom to hire teachers (including those who lack state certification) on the basis of the schools' own standards and to adopt specific curricula. Some charter schools may even create their own calendars and set the length of their school days.

The first charter school law was passed in 1991 in Minnesota, and the first charter school was established there in 1992. By 1995 an additional 18 states had passed charter school legislation. The charter school movement then experienced tremendous growth. From the 2003–04 to the 2013–14 school year, the number of charter schools in the United States doubled, growing from 3,000 to 6,000, with the proportion of students enrolled in the schools increasing from 1.6 to 5.1 percent. Charter schools have an open admissions process. When more students apply than can be accommodated, officials typically rely on lotteries to select students randomly.



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Filter by content type: ▾

**charter school**  
ARTICLE

a publicly funded tuition-free school of choice that has greater autonomy than a traditional public school. In exchange for increased autonomy, charter schools are held...

**bluegrass**  
ARTICLE

In music, country and western style that emerged in the United States after World War II, a direct descendant of the old-time string-band music that had been widely played...



## What is a Resource Pack?

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What are Resource Packs?

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**Education**  
Grade 9th - 12th

Rename Pack | Delete Pack | Email Pack | Share Pack

Information about education in the United States

In this pack: 1 Article

Edit / Add Content

Filter by content type: ▾

**charter school**  
ARTICLE

a publicly funded tuition-free school of choice that has greater autonomy than a traditional public school. In exchange for increased autonomy, charter schools are held...

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- Coal  
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## Coal

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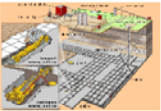
In this pack: 2 Articles, 1 Image

[Edit / Add Content](#)

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**coal classification**  
ARTICLE


any of various ways in which coal is grouped. Most classifications are based on the results of chemical analyses and physical tests, but some are more empirical in nature....



**coal mine**  
IMAGE

Schematic diagram of an underground coal mine, showing surface facilities, access shaft, and the room-and-pillar and longwall mining methods.

Add your notes here



**coal mining**  
ARTICLE

extraction of coal deposits from the surface of Earth

Add your notes here

A red arrow pointing from the top right towards the 'Filter by content type' dropdown menu in the 'Coal' resource pack interface.

# CONCLUSION

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## Time to Brainstorm

How could your library promote the Britannica Digital Learning database?



## Contact Information

- By Phone:
  - 502-564-8306
  - 800-928-7000, option #3
  
- By Email
  - Ask a Librarian
  - <http://kdla.ky.gov/librarians/askalibrarian/Pages/InformationRequest.aspx>



## Remember

Check the Continuing Education Events Calendar

<http://kdla.ky.gov/librarians/staffdevelopment/Pages/ContinuingEducationCalendar.aspx>

Look for follow-up email with

- *Training certificate*
  - *Evaluation survey link*
- (May take 1-2 weeks to arrive)



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  - "Save"
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- "Save"

