

Using *Expedition: Learn!* in the Classroom

At Britannica Education, we understand that teaching and learning are not “one size fits all.” Recognizing the unique strengths and needs of each student, classroom, and district, we developed *Expedition: Learn!* This program offers rich science and social studies content, fostering critical thinking and collaboration. Designed for flexibility, *Expedition: Learn!* allows teachers to integrate these resources into their curriculum in various ways, including whole-class instruction, small-group activities, and independent practice, ensuring every student has the opportunity to grow as a reader, thinker, historian, scientist, and global citizen. The following resources are included to support teachers in implementing the lessons, whether they choose to use *Expedition: Learn!* as whole-class instruction, small-group reteaching or pre-teaching, or as independent practice and enrichment.

Teacher Materials: Each lesson in *Expedition: Learn!* includes a PDF that provides teachers with an overview of the lesson, intended outcomes, and implementation suggestions. Each lesson plan includes suggested activities to be used alongside the readings and selected response questions to promote collaborative discourse, interaction with the text, and reflective thinking. Each lesson plan also includes suggestions for extension and enrichment opportunities, creating a diverse and flexible learning experience that promotes success for all students.

Scope and Sequence: At Britannica Education, we recognize that students learn best when topics are introduced and taught in a logical and sequential manner. To support both horizontal and vertical alignment, as teachers and schools implement *Expedition: Learn!* across grade levels, a scope and sequence is included. This scope and sequence allows teachers and administrators to plan how and when each lesson can be used to best

support student learning. While the scope and sequence occurs across a grade band (3–5 or 6–8), rather than within a specific grade, teachers and schools can easily align the lessons and units to their state standards to determine the most appropriate grade level for each lesson or unit.

Teacher Resources: To further support teachers in using *Expedition: Learn!* and meeting their classrooms' needs, the following resources are included in the Teacher Resource section.

- **Teacher Toolkits:** At Britannica Education, we recognize the challenges teachers face in fostering student growth in reading, writing, and critical thinking. Our detailed score reports offer real-time data and insights into student progress. Beyond just data, we understand the importance of applying this information effectively. Our Teacher Toolkits for each assessed skill include two or three concise, focused mini-lessons explicitly teaching essential skills, strategies, and cognitive processes. These mini-lessons, complete with teaching points, anchor charts, and graphic organizers, guide teachers using *Expedition: Learn!* for targeted instruction, helping students become proficient, independent learners.