Quick Facts

Helps students learn critical thinking skills, solve problems and make real-world connections
Includes authoritative sources and age-specific publications
Features a kid-friendly, graphical interface to engage early learners in research and technology

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Overview

Elementary school teachers require resources that are fun and capture kids’ attention. These resources must also provide access to relevant, safe information and be quick and easy to use, so teachers can spend their time leveraging content rather than finding it. KidsPage and Connections for Kids do all this and more by providing articles, activities and lesson plans designed to help students discover the joy of learning. These Web-based resources encourage students to use critical thinking, solve problems and establish connections between the classroom and the real world. They are appropriate for students of all abilities, and all articles and activities—some of which are in Spanish—include both a Lexile score and a reading level. Finally, in addition to providing lesson plans, KidsPage and Connections for Kids align with state education standards, helping teachers save time and making their jobs easier.

A convenient package of articles, activities and lesson plans
The articles and information in KidsPage cover key issues, events and topics relevant to all subject areas. Its rich content is carefully selected from hundreds of authoritative primary sources, including news media, an almanac, websites and periodicals, many of which are written specifically for elementary school students. A large number of articles also include graphics to help students understand the information. Connections for Kids offers more than 500 activities organized around high-interest subjects and themes related to real-world experiences. These activities are designed for Early Readers (levels K-2) and Independent Readers (level 2-5), and they provide links to corresponding lesson plans and guidelines for teachers. Connections for Kids helps students learn to read and write in all subject areas by guiding them through a five-step process that builds thinking and reasoning skills.

Kid-friendly interface for easy access to information
KidsPage and Connections for Kids are delivered through a colorful, graphics-based interface designed for young researchers. It organizes information by familiar subject areas, and it features point-and-click access to eye-catching icons, predetermined topics with understandable vocabulary, and basic keyword search, ensuring that students can successfully use the resources and helping to increase their computer literacy skills.

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