

Beginning Research Skill Development Using LAUSD's Digital Library

One area that is easily accessible from the LAUSDnet HomePage is the Digital Library. It is an ideal place to introduce elementary students to the use of the Internet for research purposes.

One of the sections that is easy for elementary students to use within the Digital Library is "Facts on File."

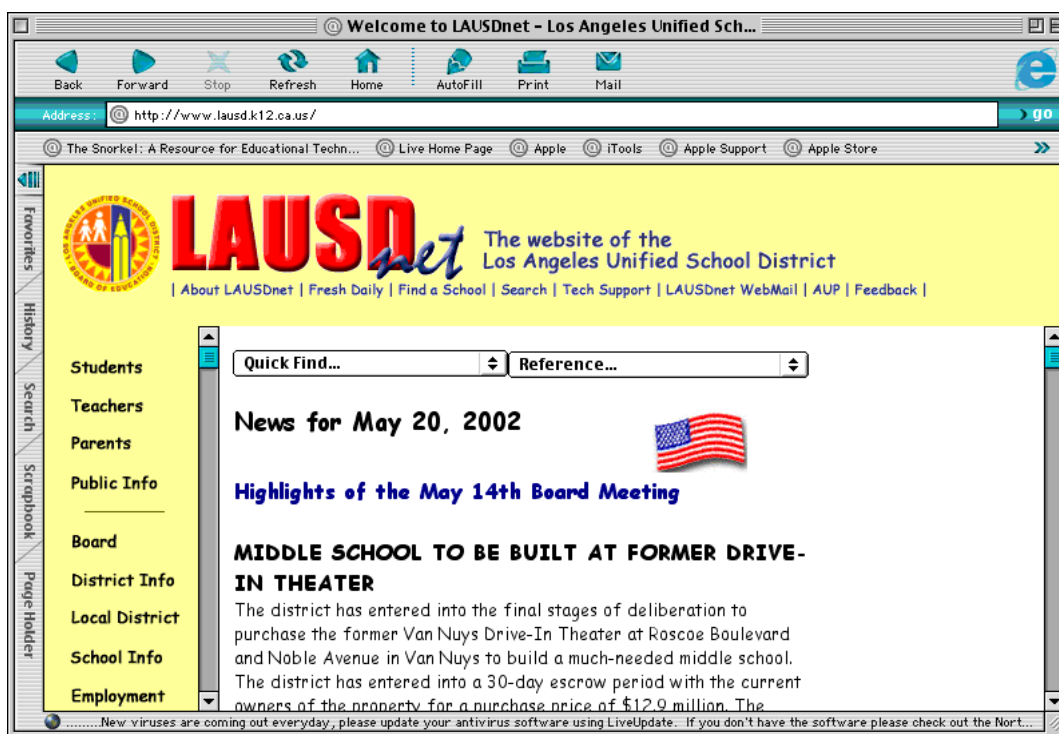
This lesson plan illustrates the use of this area.

Sample Grade 3 CA State Social Studies Standard:

- 3.3** Students draw from historical and community resources to organize the sequence of local historical events and describe how each period of settlement left its mark on the land.
- 1.** Research the explorers who visited here, the newcomers who settled here, and the people who continue to come to the region, including their cultural and religious traditions and contributions.

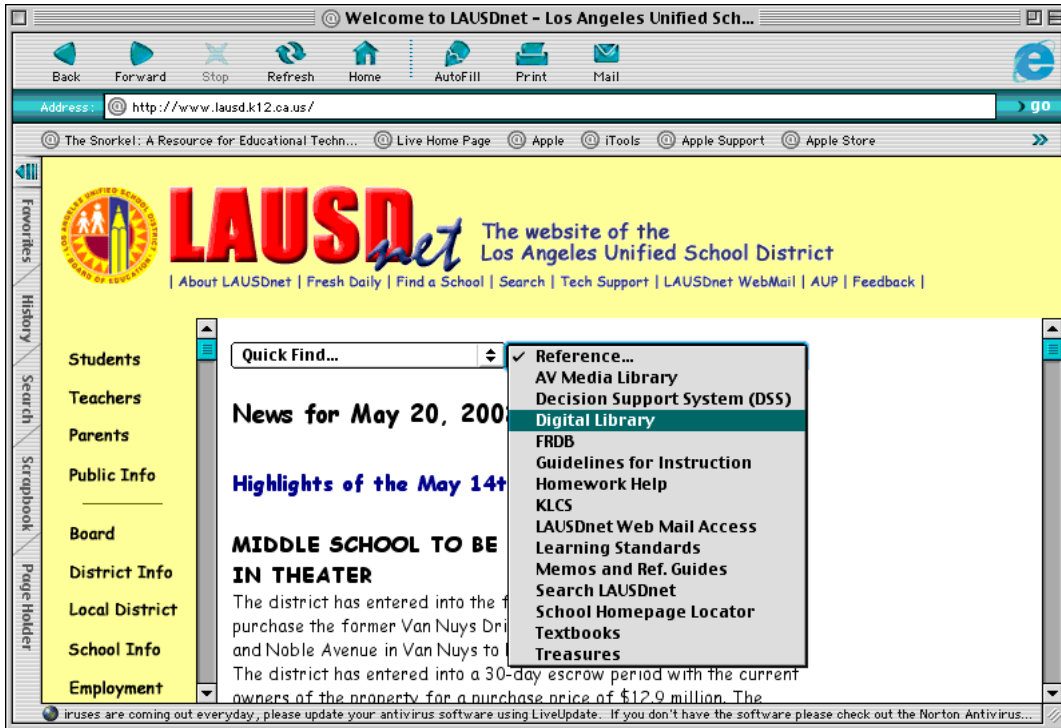
Procedure:

1. Have student locate the LAUSDnet homepage at www.lausd.k12.ca.us

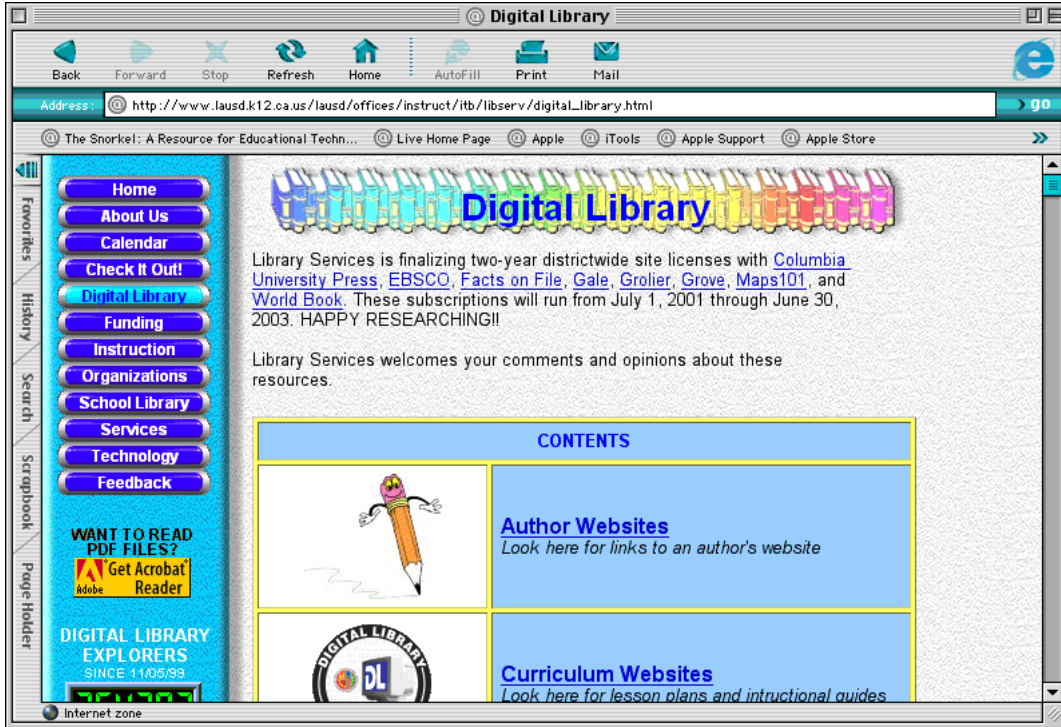


2. Once there, click on the reference pop-up menu and pull down to Digital

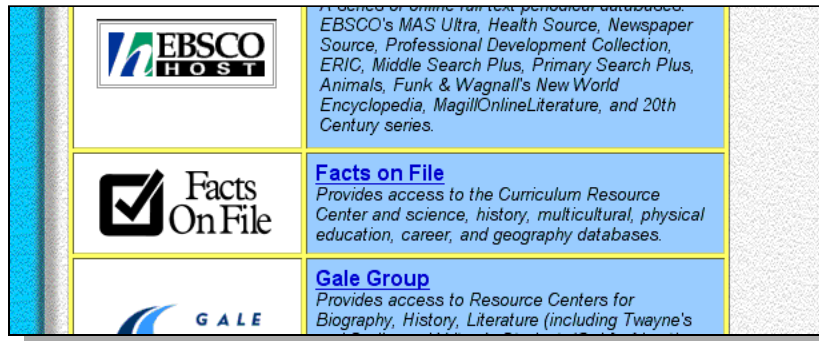
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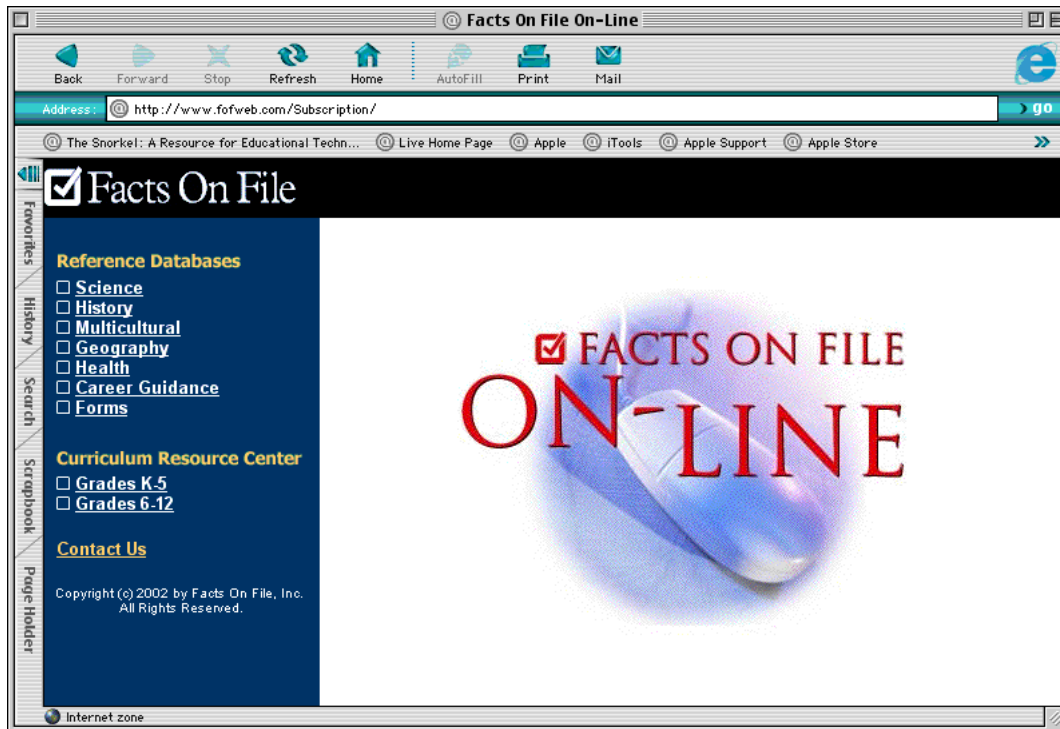
3. You will see this page:



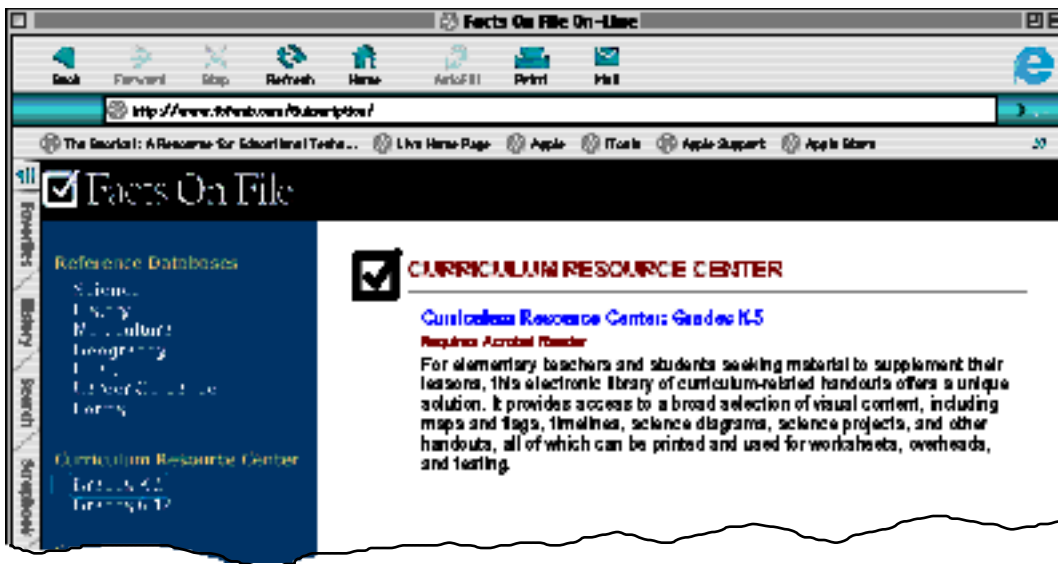
4. Scroll the page down to the section that says, "Facts on File."



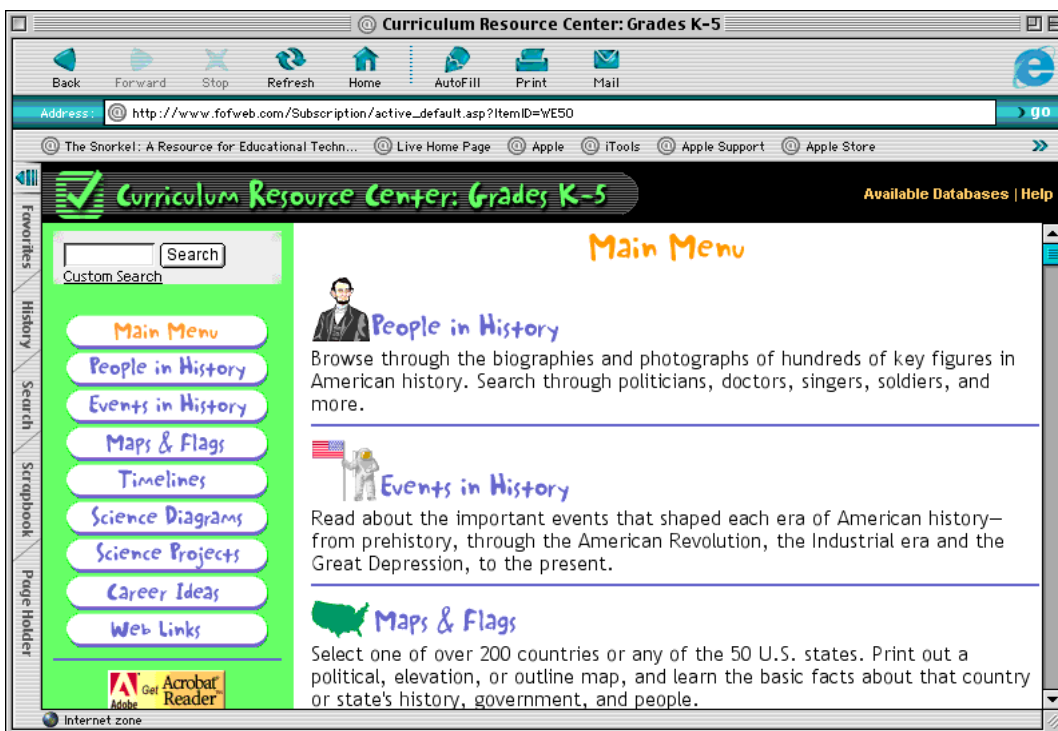
5. You should arrive at this page:



6. On the left side, click where it says, “Grades K-5” under “Curriculum Resource Center.” You’ll see the following screen:



8. Click on the blue text, which is a link to the next page. You should see this page:



9. From here, the student should be able to click through the categories that are clearly presented. If a student ever gets lost along the way, he or she can always click the “Back” button located in the upper left corner of the navigation bar of either browser (“Internet Explorer” or “Netscape Communicator”). Here are three examples, one of a famous leader, one of an event in history, one a study of a country:



Cannon, John C.
 Carnegie, Andrew
 Chao, Elaine
 Chavez, Cesar
 Chisholm, Shirley Anita
 Churchill, Winston
 Cinque, Joseph
 Clay, Henry

Curriculum Resource Center: Grades K-5

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People in History > Leaders

Chavez, Cesar

Preview - click [here](#) for high-quality printable version.

Born: 1927
Died: 1993
Activity: Farm worker union leader, activist

Entry



Photograph. United Farm Workers.

• Born in Yuma, Arizona.

More worker's rights leaders:
 • [Peterson, Esther Eeertsen](#)

Events in History

The Great Depression and World War II

Black Tuesday and the Great Depression
 Blacks in World War II
 D-Day
 The Dust Bowl
 The Hindenburg Disaster
 The Impact of the Depression on the American People
 Japanese Americans Are Imprisoned

Blacks in World War II

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Date: 1942

Entry

At the beginning of World War II, the U.S. Air Force refused to train African Americans as pilots, but this policy was changed because of pressure from African-American leaders. In 1942 the air force started a training school for African-American pilots in Tuskegee, Alabama. Many of



Photograph. National Archives.

More about African Americans in the military:

- Blacks in the American Revolution
- The Fifty-Fourth Massachusetts Regiment

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