

# Welcome to Encyclopædia Britannica Guided Tour

**Encyclopædia Britannica** is part of Encyclopædia Britannica Online Library Edition, which offers content at three different levels. **Encyclopædia Britannica** is designed for adults and students over 18.

To help you use the site more effectively we have created this short tour. It will guide you through the **Encyclopædia Britannica** from the home page to a search results page and then an article page.

The **Home Page** is an entryway to all the resources available on the site.

## Search

Find information quickly and easily by searching **Encyclopædia Britannica**, **Current Journals** and **Magazines**, the **Web's Best Sites** and various **Multimedia**. Simply type in a word or phrase and click **Go**.

## Advanced Search

The **Advanced Search** allows you to refine your search to purely articles, multimedia or websites. Use the **Search Tips** to learn more.

## Video Collection

Find selected **Video Clips** and **Extended Play Videos** organised by subject.

## Browse

### The Index & A-Z Browse

Browse by an index or alphabetically through all **Encyclopædia Britannica** articles.

### Subject Browse

Search for articles categorised into 10 subjects - from Arts & Literature to History.

### Year in Review

Recap on what happened in previous years .

### Biographies

Learn about famous people of the past.

### Notable Quotations

Browse famous quotes.

### Gateway to the Classics

Read the word's best short stories, plays, essays, letters and extracts.

### Media Collection

Browse images and multimedia videos by subject.



## Find Your Way

Use the links below the header to return to the **Britannica Library Home Page**, use the **Dictionary**, log into **Workspace**, look at the **Guided Tour** or get more **Help** with the site

## Discover Our World

Gives you instant access to detailed profile and summary for all continents.

## New & Revised Articles

## Biography of the Day & This Day in History

Enter a date and find historical information about famous people and events which occurred on this day.

## News Feeds

**BBC News** and **The New York Times** are updated daily and make for an interesting read about the world's current events.

## Features

### Spotlights

Explore the multimedia presentations on a variety of topics – from Shakespeare to Nobel Prize-winners.

### Classics

Explore **Britannica's Classic Voices** of the past, view Andrew Bell's artwork, see old maps of the cities of our world, read about past **Archaic Ideas** and **Evolving Knowledge**.

### Merriam Webster's Dictionary and Thesaurus

You can also search to find definitions of unfamiliar words.

### World Atlas

Examine maps of continents, countries and oceans; also find links to related **Encyclopædia Britannica** articles.

### World Data

View and compare ranked statistics and country snapshots.

### Timelines

Enjoy the magic of time travel with the interactive **Timelines**, featuring 14 topics throughout the ages.

### Country Comparison

Compare maps, flags, statistics, events and multimedia about any two countries in the world.

## Encyclopædia Britannica Search Results

After entering a word or phrase in the search box and clicking **Go**, you will see a page that looks something like this one. From the results that match your query, you can choose to examine an item more closely or try another search.

**Search Results**  
Several different sources of information are available, displayed in two columns.

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**Additional Content**

**Journals and Magazines**  
A selection of current magazine and journal articles offers another angle on topics of interest.

**Britannica Concise Encyclopedia**  
Brief articles for fast answers to a range of questions.

**The Web's Best Sites**  
Over 60,000 Web Sites reviewed by our editors expand your study across the Internet.

**Multimedia**  
View the photos, illustrations, maps, and video clips which are related to the searched topic.

**Search Again**  
You can also quickly see search results from other levels by entering a word in the **Search Again** box then selecting a library from the menu and clicking **Go**.

## Encyclopædia Britannica Articles

When you choose a **Encyclopædia Britannica** article you will see a page that looks similar to this one. **Britannica's** articles are noted for their interesting and informative content and we have included some features that will make exploring that content even easier.

The screenshot shows the Encyclopædia Britannica Online Library Edition article page for Elizabeth I. The page is divided into several sections: a left sidebar with navigation options, a main article text area, and a right sidebar with additional resources. Callout boxes provide instructions on how to use these features:

- Content Related to the Search Topic:** Located in the top left sidebar, it includes links for Images, Tables, Media, and Related Articles.
- Table of Contents:** Located in the middle left sidebar, it allows users to navigate to different sections of the article.
- Look Up Words:** A red circle highlights the Merriam-Webster logo in the bottom left sidebar, indicating a link to a dictionary.
- Find Your Way:** Located in the top right, it lists navigation options like HOME, DICTIONARY, WORKSPACE, LIBRARIAN RESOURCES, and GUIDED TOUR.
- Save to Workspace:** A button labeled 'SAVE TO WORKSPACE' is located at the top of the article text area.
- Print & Email:** Buttons for 'PRINT PAGE', 'PRINT ARTICLE', 'E-MAIL ARTICLE', and 'CITE ARTICLE' are located at the top of the article text area.
- The Article:** The main text area contains the article content, including a byname 'The Virgin Queen, or Good Queen Bess', a birth and death date, and a detailed paragraph about her reign.

### Content Related to the Search Topic

Related Content accompanies many of the articles. Click buttons on the top of the left column to view **Images**, **Tables**, **Media** and **Related Articles**.

### Table of Contents

You can go directly to different sections of the article by clicking the headings of the article's **Table of Contents**, which appear on the left side of the page. Some tables of contents are very detailed and include subheadings as well as headings. Click the plus sign (+) next to the heading to view its subheadings.

### Look Up Words

If you are unsure of the meaning of a word, double-click it to look it up in **Merriam-Webster's Dictionary**.

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### Save to Workspace

Create project folders and save your favourite articles, videos and photos in your own personal **Workspace**.

### Print & Email

If you'd like to print an article, you can switch to a printer-friendly format. You can share an article with a friend via e-mail.

### Cite

If you plan to refer to an article in a report or paper, we provide correctly formatted citations. Just click on the **Cite Article** button at the top of the article or scroll to the base of the article and copy and paste.

### The Article

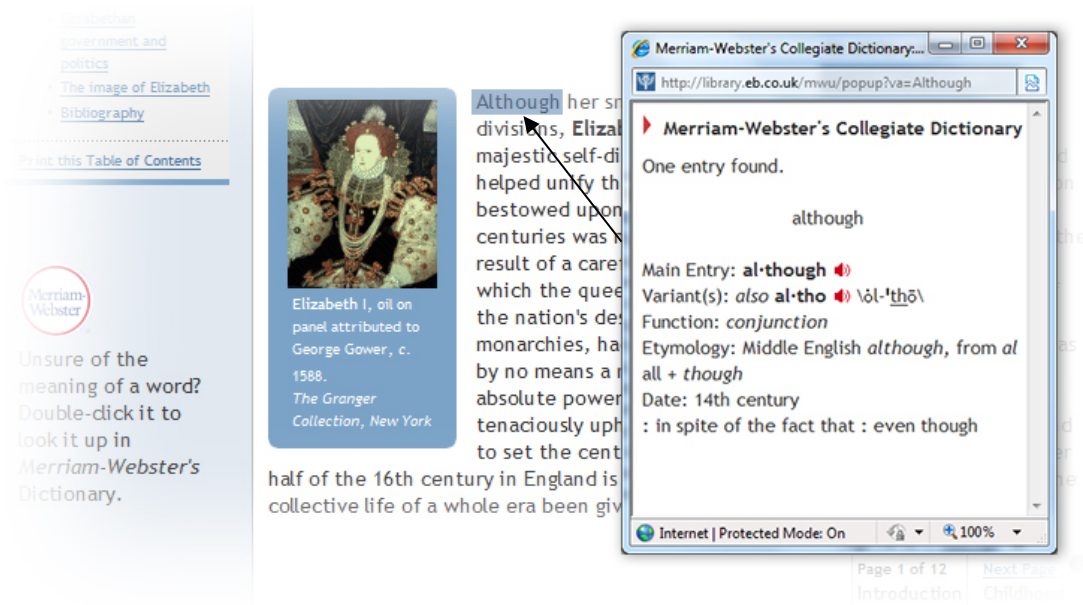
The text of the article appears in the centre of the page. All media that accompany articles is arranged to the left of the text. To see a larger version of an image or play a media element, click on it.

Longer articles are divided into separate pages; you'll find a link to the next section at the top and bottom of the page.



## Pop-up dictionary.

Double click on any word within **Encyclopædia Britannica** article that is not a hyperlink, and you will gain instant access to the pop-up dictionary so that you can learn the meaning, spelling and pronunciation of the selected word.



The screenshot shows a portion of an Encyclopædia Britannica article about Elizabeth I. On the left, there is a navigation menu with links for 'Elizabethan government and politics', 'The image of Elizabeth', and 'Bibliography'. Below the menu is a 'Print this Table of Contents' link and a Merriam-Webster logo. The main text of the article is partially visible, starting with 'Although her s... divisions, Eliza... majestic self-di... helped unify th... bestowed upon... centuries was a... result of a care... which the quee... the nation's de... monarchies, ha... by no means a... absolute power... tenaciously uph... to set the cent...'. A blue pop-up window titled 'Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary' is overlaid on the text, showing the definition for 'although'. The pop-up window includes the following information: 'One entry found.', 'although', 'Main Entry: al-though', 'Variant(s): also al-tho', 'Function: conjunction', 'Etymology: Middle English *although*, from *al* + *though*', 'Date: 14th century', and ': in spite of the fact that : even though'. The browser window title is 'Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary...' and the address bar shows 'http://library.eb.co.uk/mwu/popup/va=Although'. At the bottom of the page, there are navigation links for 'Page 1 of 12', 'Next Page', 'Introduction', and 'Childhood'.

Elizabeth I, oil on panel attributed to George Gower, c. 1588. *The Granger Collection, New York*

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