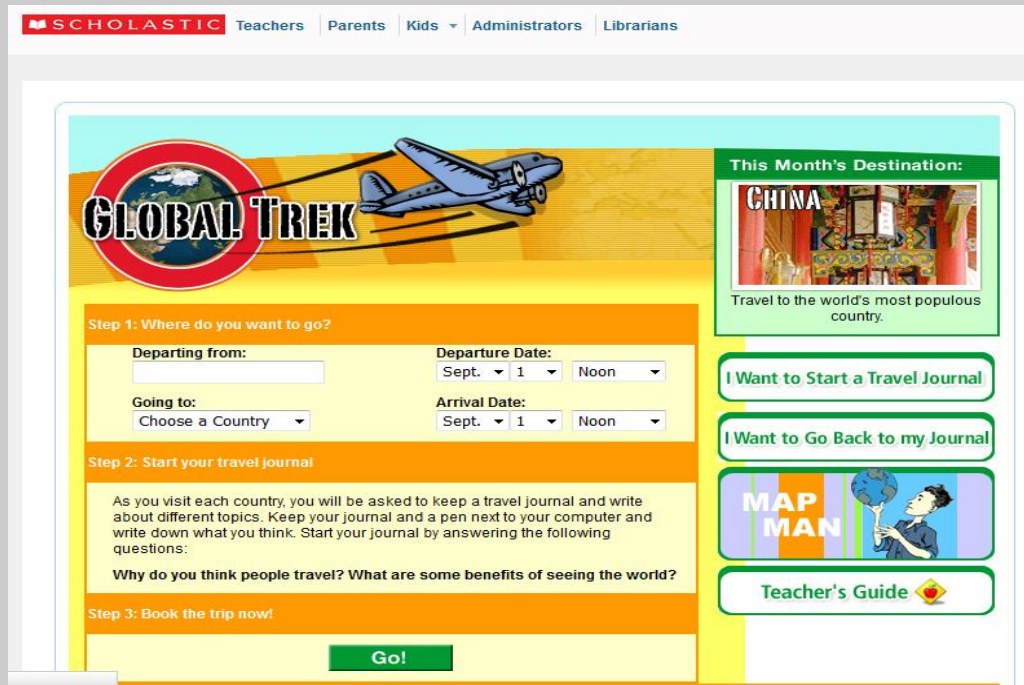


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Brief History

Scholastic was founded in 1920 as a single classroom magazine. Today, Scholastic books and educational materials are in tens of thousands of schools and tens of

millions of homes worldwide, helping to Open a World of Possible for children across the globe. Global trek is one of the initiatives of Scholastic Inc. for giving the guidance to the students about the world.

Scope and Coverage

Global Trek” offers students a unique, fun opportunity to “tour” a foreign country with help from our itineraries, which feature background information and details about the local people. During their journey, students can write a travel journal to share what they’ve learned.

Kind of Information

Whenever the destination is chosen through the site and click on “go” option, introduction about the tourist place, information on revolution of that destination, tour guidance, scholastic news, maps, people, religion, education, way of life, food and drinks, ceremonies and festivals etc are shown.

GLOBAL TREK

SCHOLASTIC GLOBAL TREK

Welcome to England

SUGGESTED ITINERARY:

Background: [Learn about England](#)
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Meet the People: [People in England](#)

Learn About England And The United Kingdom

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is the official name of this island nation of northwestern Europe. It is more commonly referred to, however, as the United Kingdom, Great Britain, or Britain.

The United Kingdom consists of four distinct parts: England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland. England, Scotland, and Wales together constitute the island of Great Britain. Northern Ireland occupies a small area of the island of Ireland, which it shares with the Republic of Ireland. The North Sea, the Strait of Dover, and the English Channel separate Great Britain from the mainland of Europe.

Individually, the different people of the United Kingdom may think of themselves as English, Scottish, Welsh, or Irish. Together they are known as Britons or the British. The British are united by a common language, English, as well as by their common government.

Meet the People

Although small in area, the United Kingdom is one of the most densely populated countries of Europe. England is the largest and most populous of the four parts of the kingdom, with more than 60 percent of its people. But the Welsh, Scots, and Northern Irish have maintained their individuality and many of their ancient customs. Some continue to speak their own languages and on special occasions proudly display their traditional dress. To this older population can be added people from former British colonies that immigrated to the United Kingdom after World War II ended in 1945. Since the 1970s, however, tighter immigration laws have greatly reduced the flow.

The major ethnic groups among these newer Britons are blacks, chiefly from the West Indies, East Indians, and Pakistanis. As a result, in many British cities, particularly London, the national capital, and the cities of the English Midlands, one may hear the litting

England is Ready for Change

The Industrial Revolution began in England in the middle of the 1700s. This was about the time the English throne passed from King George II (1683–1760) to King George I (1738–1820). It was in full swing when America announced its Declaration of Independence in 1776.

Up to this time there was more and better small-scale manufacturing on the continent Europe than in England. In fact, England imported most of its manufactured goods from other European countries. It bought steel tools from Sweden, silk and glass from Italy, and wine from France and Spain. England also imported goods from Asia. It bought tea and muslin cloth from India, porcelain from China, and coffee and spices from the island of the Dutch East Indies. Many of these countries already used certain kinds of machinery, powered by waterwheels or windmills, to make some products. Most manufacturing, however, was still done by hand by skilled craft workers.

Many economists and political leaders in England were concerned about the condition their country. They thought England should develop its own manufacturing and obtain food and raw materials from English colonies abroad.

Special Features

- ❖ Students can share their travelling experience by writing on “Global Postcard” section through this site.

Arrangement Pattern Country names are arranged alphabetically under “going to” option.

Remarks

This is a site mainly for students. Students choose a destination and departure date/time online as if they were interacting with a travel Website. Then students can read about the history, background, and culture of their chosen country, and can “meet” locals.

Scholastic's Global Trek is designed to support the teaching of standards-based skills. Depending on how much time students spend in the course of participating in Global Trek, students will:

- Investigate people, places, and environments
- Use technological resources to gather information about the country and culture that they visit
- Study global connections and interdependence by reading online text in order to meet the people of the country they visit
- Gather, evaluate, and synthesize data by participating in the Suggested Itinerary Tours
- Generate ideas and questions about issues and interests by interacting with Tim Kent in the Around Alone race
- Use Classport technology to collaborate and communicate with students around the globe
- Use written and visual language to communicate their experiences, thoughts, feelings, collect pictures and write captions about the memorable moments of their travels

Comparable Tools

- Country Studies (<http://countrystudies.us/>)
- Countries of the WORLD.COM (www.countries-ofthe-world.com)
- KidsGeo.com (<http://www.kidsgeo.com/>)

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