



# SCHOOL ROOMS

*Bringing Learning to Life*

## Project Time Line

### October

Stage new servers; finalize and install School Rooms content; install and test SingleSearch for INFOhio databases.

### November

Technical testing at INFOhio (performance, trouble-shooting).

### December

Communications with selected district, including teachers, parents and students. Meetings, demos, training, printed materials and support processes.

### January — March

Test period with selected district (School Rooms available for full school year).

### April

Evaluation of test including traffic analysis and performance statistics; focus groups/surveys with/of parents, students and teachers; review of operations.

### May — July

Build-out full set of School Rooms to mirror complete K-12 curriculum.

### August

Install and test School Room instances and communicate with participating districts.

### September

Launch full set of School Rooms for 2006/2007 school year.

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### Integrated multi-media components

Drawing on over 15 million videos, animations, photographs and digital images, SchoolRooms incorporate the best in multi-media content. All content is selected, reviewed and approved by teachers, librarians, and parents. SchoolRooms help make learning **fun**.

### Search everything at once!

Searching within SchoolRooms is **easy**—type in a word and get results back from the school library, online databases, the web, everywhere!

### Best of the web

SchoolRooms feature thousands of links to websites all over the world, and the professionals behind School Rooms have visited every single one of them—SchoolRooms link only to the best of the best and make the web **safe**.

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Welcome to SchoolRooms, a new educational resource for today's K-12 students, teachers, and parents. Combining the latest technology with high-quality content, SchoolRooms help bring learning to life.

From how we got our flag to planet Earth, SchoolRooms are a great class and homework resource. With thousands of images, facts and links on **U.S. History** and **Earth Science**, they are the perfect place for students to explore and discover.

When it comes to *searching* for information, SchoolRooms have no equal. Type in a word and SchoolRooms will search the school library, online databases and a set of pre-selected, topic-related, high-quality websites (all approved by professional educators!) All at once. In seconds.

## **For parents, too!**

Not just for students and teachers, there are SchoolRooms just for parents. Educators have long recognized the important role parents play in a child's education and along with *For Parents*, SchoolRooms provide information on important current issues. From better study

habits to special programs, *For Parents* can help parents help their children, and like all of SchoolRooms, *For Parents* is divided into elementary, middle and high school, reflecting the different issues that face students at different ages.

## **Only the best**

SchoolRooms offer only the best content. Drawing on more than 15 million videos, animations, photos and digital images—from publishers like Dorling Kindersley and Helicon—School Rooms provide access to key information anytime, anywhere with internet access—from class, from the library, from home.

And all SchoolRooms mirror actual class work. Designed by *teachers*, SchoolRooms

are relevant, easy-to-use and safe—every link and every image selected by educators.

## **Just the beginning**

Earth Science and U.S. History are just the first two of many SchoolRooms to come. From Geography to Arts & Music, from Math to Language Arts, there will soon be a complete set that help bring learning to life.



## Ask a Librarian

allows you to type in a question and get an answer back right away from a librarian. Need a quick fact or help on how to find something? Just ask.

## Topic Menus

makes it easy to find the information you are looking for. You can drill down into a topic or switch to another altogether.

# Elementary U.S. History Home Page

## Featured Content

is continually updated by the SchoolRooms contributors (click on *Rooms Contributors* in the top left corner to see who they are). Here, you can find links to high-quality websites and other resources that provide in-depth information on topics of interest related to class work, all selected by the professional educators that edit School Rooms.

## How Do I...

is a *top ten* list that provides quick links to websites that can help answer questions or help you research a common problem or issue.

## Learn More About...

features current issues that you need to know about. There's a lot of good information out there if you know where to look (and we've looked for you!).

## Who's That?

helps you look up key people that relate to the SchoolRoom. Here's where you can get information fast about important people!

## Did You Know?

provides facts on topics of interest, including links to websites where you can find more information.

# Search Results Page

**Advanced Search** allows you to search by author, subject, title, language and other terms.

**Library Results** shows the items available within the school library. You can click on results to check availability, put books on hold, or get more information.

**SingleSearch** searches everything (library, web, databases) at the same time and then organizes the results by source. The interface is customizable, and it is possible to turn on or off specific features such as unscreened web results. Schools can also pick their own websites and display the results in a separate 'box.'

**Contextual Search** adds modifiers to help find the right information. Here, the system added [U.S. history] to [flags] to eliminate irrelevant hits where the word 'flag' is used in other contexts.

**Best of the Web** displays results from specific websites that editors have chosen for their quality. Teachers can also add sites they want included.

The screenshot shows the INFOhio search results page for the query 'Flags'. The page is organized into several sections:

- Explore A Subject:** A sidebar menu with 'US History' selected, showing sub-categories like Families, Places, Our Nation, People, Maps & Graphs, and Researching History.
- See Results In:** A list of search sources including Library Catalog, Databases & Journals, Other Libraries, The Web, and Best of The Web.
- Search Results via RSS:** A section for searching 'Everything for Flags' with an RSS icon.
- Icon Legend:** A list of media types such as Cassette, Audio CD, Book, DVD, Large Print Edition, LP Recording, Electronic Resources, Filmstrip, Reference Material, RoomTM, Sheet Music, VHS, Best of the Web, and Web Link.
- Library Catalog:** A list of books with covers, including 'American Flag' by Lloyd G. Douglas (2003), 'Flag for Our Country, Vol. 1' by Eva Spenser (1993), 'Betsy Ross: Designer of Our Flag' by Ann Weil (1983), 'Red White and Blue: The Story of the American Flag' by John Herman (1998), and 'The Flag We Love' by Pam Munoz Ryan (2000).
- Other Libraries:** A list of titles from other libraries, including 'I Pledge Allegiance' by Bill Martin (2004), 'Flags' by William Crampton (1993), 'I is for Flag' by Wendy Chesette Levison (2002), 'Meet Our Flag, Old Glory' by April Jones Prince (2004), and 'The American Flag' by Debbie L. Yanuck (2003).
- Best of Web:** A list of web resources, including 'American Flag Puzzle: Surfing the Net with Kids', 'PBS: America Responds: The American Flag', and 'Liberty's Kids'.
- The Web:** A list of web pages, including 'Print Our American Flag' and 'The United States of America'.
- Databases & Journals:** A table showing search results from various databases:

Database	Results
FLAGS, NATIONAL	EBSCOfunk 17 Results
flagship n.	OxfordReference 1000 Results
Inaugural Address	BritannicaAmerica 100 Results
Old Glories -	EBSCOMP 481 Results

**Enhanced Content** including book covers, reviews, and even tables of contents, makes the system easy to use and provides key information on books and CDs/DVDs.

**Electronic Databases** are searched simultaneously. Users can click on any result to go directly to the full text of the article, or click to see more results that match the search.