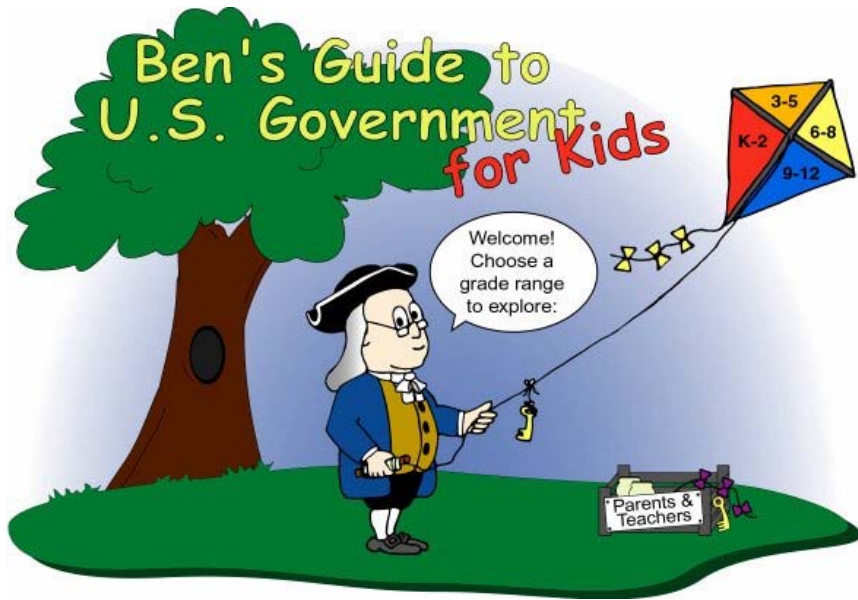


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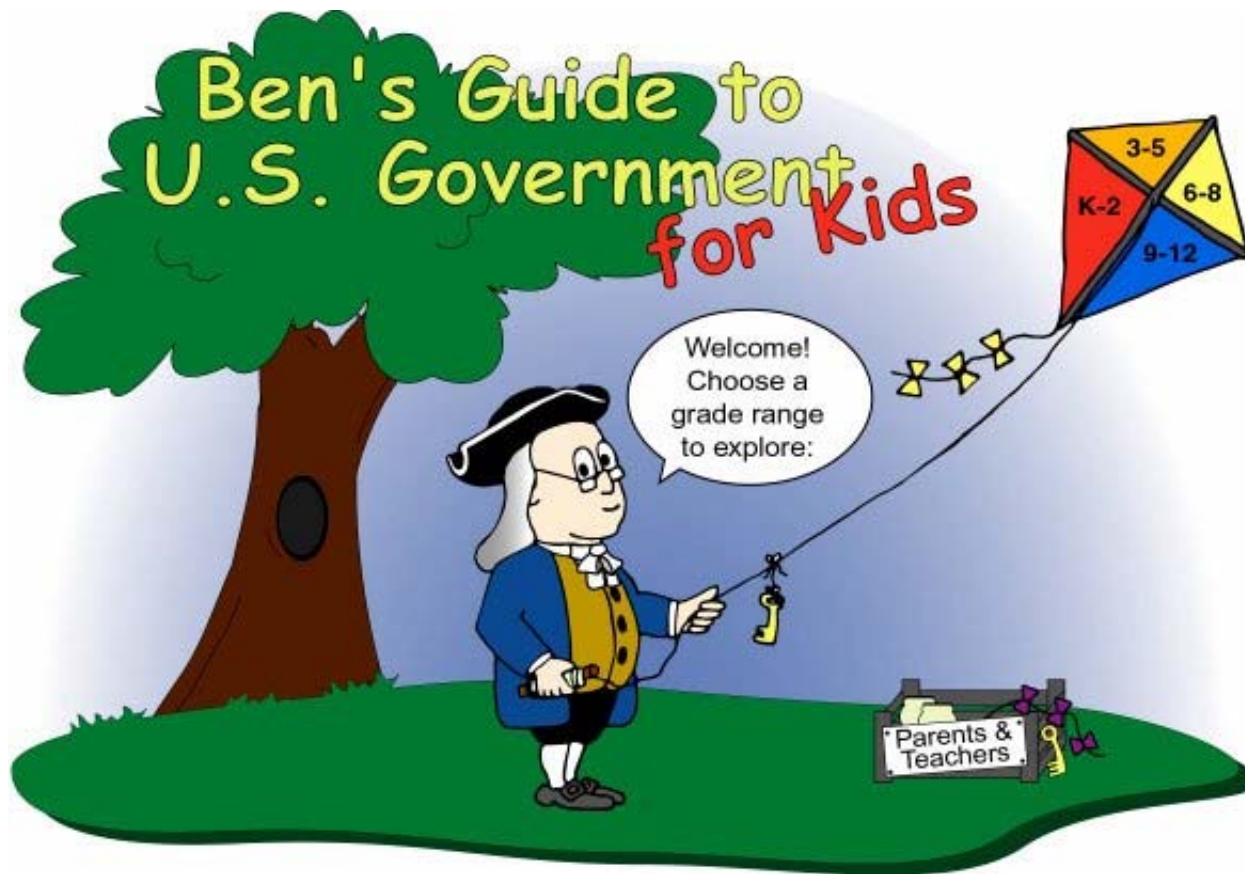


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- A reference tool
 - Grade level specific
 - Teaches how our government works
- Gateway to government websites for children
- Activity resource for teachers



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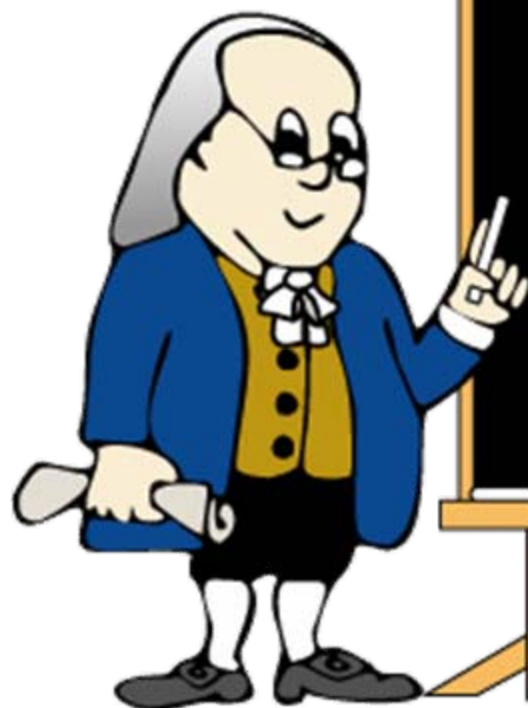
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The National High School Debate Topics

- Provides current and previous years' topics
- Selecting a topic offers:
 - Links to resources on GPO website
 - Links to other online federal agency resources and web sites on the topic
 - Links to other web sites on the current year's debate topic
 - Online reference tools including statistical compilations and searchable databases
 - Access to the online depository library directory to locate one nearby



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Curriculum Links

- Directs users to curriculum ideas on existing government and affiliated organization web sites
 - Not all the links connect directly to the curriculum pages.
 - In a few cases, there are multiple links that will be useful
 - Nearly all now provide the full package with lecture notes, online or printable assignments, and some offer audio-visual materials
- Some of our favorites:
 - H.I.P. Pocket Change: Teachers' Lounge
 - Smithsonian Education
 - Teaching with Historic Places



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U.S. Government Web Sites for: Parents & Educators

- List of options can be chosen by *Creating Agency* or *Subject*
- Much wider range of materials than those on *Curriculum Links* page
- Many offer fun activities for parents to share with kids, in addition to classroom/homework assignments and quizzes
- A large number of these sites could be used to stir interest in a place prior to a family vacation



U.S. Government Web Sites for: Parents & Educators

Several links for possible science fair projects

Not all of these offer directions for experiments. Some will provide ideas instead.

- Energy\$mart Schools (select *Teaching* button)
- Agriculture in the Classroom
- SpaceKids Education Page
- Learning Web (USGS)
- Environmental Education Center (select *Curriculum Resources*)
- Science for Kids - Teachers Page



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- <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/libraries.html>
- Select a state, area code, or specific Congressional District in a state
 - Provides a list of libraries in that category with their contact information
- Currently 13 federal depositories in Arkansas
 - Law schools and the Supreme Court Library have the smallest, most focused collections; make them the last option for referrals



Additional readings

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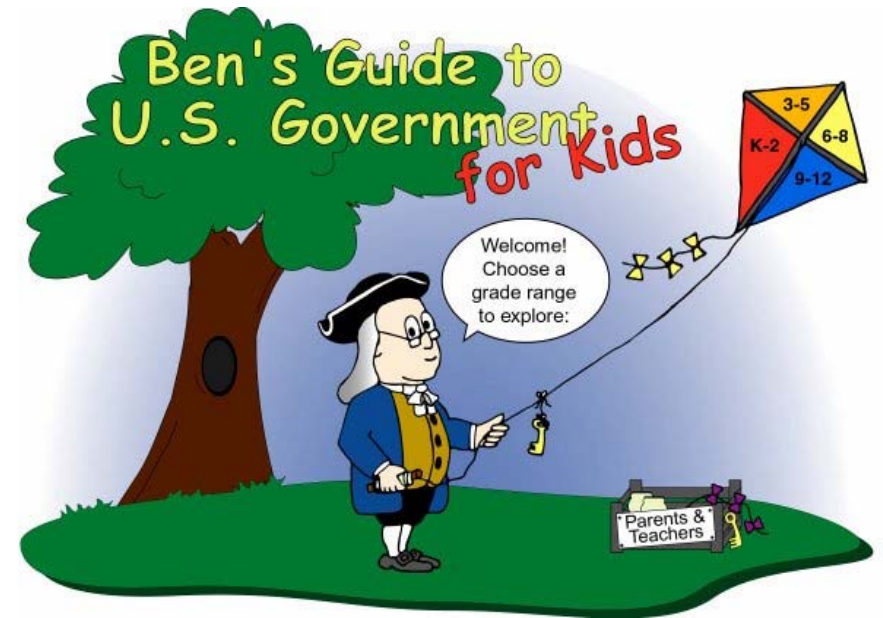
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