

WELCOME TO THE **OCTOBER 1999** PERSONAL COMPUTER WORLD CD-ROM

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We've secured a full version of the award-winning World Book encyclopedia from IBM absolutely free. It comes with the complete text of the world's number one print encyclopedia, as well as thousands of photos, maps, diagrams, animations and videos.

Getting started

To begin using the World Book Encyclopedia, place the disk in the CD-ROM drive. If you're running Windows 98, click on the Start button at the bottom of your screen, then choose the Programs menu and select Windows Explorer.

Once Explorer has launched, select your CD-ROM drive in the left-hand window and, when the World Book files appear in the right-hand window, double-click

the setup.exe icon. This begins the installation wizard, and if you follow the instructions it will automatically put the software on your computer.

Windows 95 or users of NT 4.0 and above can install the software by choosing the Run option from the Start menu. When the Run window appears type in the letter that represents the CD-ROM drive followed by : \setup.exe (for example d: \setup.exe), then click OK to install.

You launch World Book by clicking Start again, selecting Programs, then World Book and finally World Book Encyclopedia 1998. You can also register the software from here by choosing this option instead, which entitles you to free information about software and updates from



◀ **THE RESEARCH WIZARD GIVES YOU A HELPING HAND TO FIND OUT ALL THE FACTS YOU NEED**

IBM.
The first time

you launch the software you have to enter your CD-KEY code:

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Then you can select which part of the encyclopedia you want to browse by choosing from the options provided.

Review of World Book International Deluxe English Edition 1999 from Computeractive 28 January 1999

World Book

A multimedia encyclopedia that puts a wealth of facts at your fingertips. The Internet and CD-ROMs have opened up the pages of books and the minds of experts to anyone with a computer, CD-ROM drive and modem. This powerful software is a far cry from the dusty books most of us think of when we hear the word encyclopedia – it might almost succeed in making research fun.

The World Book was created with serious study in mind. But using it is child's play. Once you've installed the software from the CD-ROM, you are greeted with a 'home page' that takes you anywhere you want in the package. You can browse at random, looking up entries that interest you or search for specific information.

The Monthly Spotlight feature picks out important events for each month. For example, December focuses on Jerusalem and its connections with the Christmas story.

Each entry is attractively designed and accompanied by relevant photos, movies, audio clips and animations as well as the text, making good use of multimedia.



◀ **WORLD BOOK'S AMAZING 'BUBBLE VIEW' FEATURE LETS YOU EXPLORE FAMOUS SCENES AS IF YOU WERE THERE – SWIVELLING SMOOTHLY THROUGH 360 DEGREES WITH THE DRAG OF THE MOUSE, ZOOMING INTO DETAIL AT WILL**

In addition to all the articles,

you get a world atlas, which covers all the countries of the world complete with articles and photos of major cities. The beauty of this is that you not only get an overview for the geography of the world, but you read

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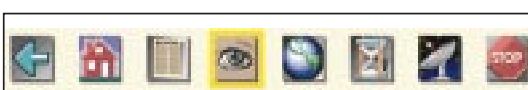


up all the information on a specific location, so you can link England with its history, climate and economics,

for example. There is also a full English dictionary as well.

Budding historians will love the Time Frame feature, which lets you travel through time to find out what the big event was on any date in the past. This is more than just a static reference tool as each entry leads you further into the package, encouraging you to explore for yourself.

For school students, the Homework Wizard tool is



particularly handy. It includes a Quiz Wizard to help prepare for exams or just test your general knowledge through flash cards and true-or-false quizzes on any topic.

There is also a Research Wizard to help you ferret out the facts you need, a Chart Wizard to create graphs and

pie charts, a Timeline Wizard to help you trace historic events and a Web Page Wizard to take some of the pain out of building

SPECIFICATIONS & FEATURES

Minimum requirements:

Windows 95; 486DX/66MHz PC, 16Mb of memory, 39Mb of free hard disk space, 16-bit soundcard, 16-bit colour capable graphics card, CD-ROM drive. For online access you'll need a modem, Internet connection and an extra 8Mb of hard disk space.

Features:

Contains every article found in the print version of the

World Book Encyclopedia. Full multimedia encyclopedia, including sound, movies, photos, simulations and animation. Homework wizards to help with school projects. Cyber Safari of San Diego Zoo. Contains dictionary and world atlas. *[World Book 1998 Multimedia Encyclopedia]*

A step by step guide

1 One of the great things about World Book is that you can keep the information it provides current by updating it via the Internet. So one of the first things you can do is select the What's Online option and choose Update Now to ensure you've got the latest facts and figures. If your ISP isn't configured, World Book's wizard will kick in – just tell it what sort of Internet connection you have and it will handle the rest. From the Online window you can also access the World Book website for homework tips and update information, the latest news and articles, websites relating to World Book entries and archives that take you back through the last century.



2 If you have no particular subject in mind, and you just fancy a browse through World Book, you can choose the Entire Encyclopedia option from the main menu. You can return to the main menu from any of the pages you are viewing, by clicking on the house icon on the toolbar at the top of the page. If you select the Entire



Encyclopedia, a Just Looking icon appears and from here you can choose topics to explore, specific areas you want to look at or simply choose Random and a whole range of topics will appear around the icon – you can click on any of these to take a closer look.

3 More specific searches can be done if you choose the Topics button from the main menu. From here you can type in the topic that interests you, press Search and all the entries relating to that topic pop up in the left-hand window. Click on any of these to pull up the corresponding entry. Clicking on any of the words highlighted in blue takes you to these related topics. Each topic is accompanied by appropriate audio and video clips, as well as pictures and text. Clicking on Related Info buttons you can get any extra information available from the CD-ROM or the Web. If you click on the Article Media (film roll) icon in the top left-hand corner of the main window it will give you access to any extra photos, film or sound clips.



4 The Maps section of World Book allows you to take a trip around the globe by looking at maps of every country you can think of and a whole lot more besides. You can type in the location you are interested in to zoom in

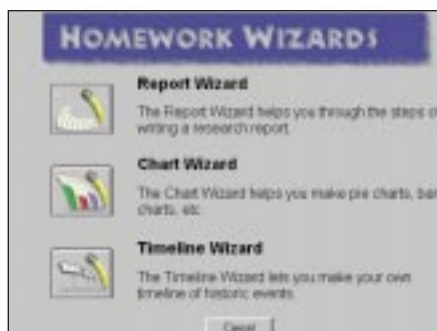
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and view a detailed map of the area. The Overlay Controls button gives you access to geographical information such as population and average temperatures. You can use the Distance Calculator to tell you how far you would have to travel to get from Paris to Zanzibar, for example. If you want to find out more about a place you can choose Go To Article to take you directly to all the information World Book holds on that location.



5 A really handy feature if you're using the World Book to help out with schoolwork is the Homework Wizards. This allows you to select from three options to help you complete specific projects – you can choose from Report



Wizard, Timeline Wizard or Chart Wizard. Report Wizard guides you step-by-step through writing up a report, while Timeline Wizard helps you create a

chronological picture of events and Chart Wizard helps you out with graphical projects. Each one allows you to either create a project from scratch or work on one you prepared earlier, using information provided by World Book. The wizards provide a structure for you to work to, and you can print out any information you need directly from World Book using the Tool Kit, located on the left-hand of the toolbar.

6 Explore history using World Book's Time Frame by typing in which millennium, era, century, decade or year you want to know about. You can choose whether you want to view all the information available on that time period, or just the history or geography. For example, typing in the year of your birth and choosing All Categories will bring up any topic of interest for that year and you can click on any of these to find out more. You can access a new Time Frame at any time by choosing this option from the toolbar.



7 World Book contains a wealth of audio and video clips, pictures and 'bubble views', which allow you to explore a photo using your mouse. If you select the Media icon you can search exclusively through these images and clips.

The first time you select Media it defaults to showing what you have currently selected in the encyclopedia, so if you were looking at Africa, for example, the first piece of media you'll see will relate to this. However, you can choose to browse all the media available; you can't search through these but you can explore

the alphabetical list to pick out what you want to look at. Click on any of the entries to view the related media; an icon next to



the entry tells you which sort of media you will get, for example a camera means a picture, while a speaker icon means there's an audio clip for you to listen to.

8 The What's New section gives you all the relevant information relating to the current month. For example, in July 99 you get links to an American Independence Day entry as well as information on the anniversary of the first landing on the moon. You can also



click on any of the words highlighted in blue which will take you directly to the corresponding topic. There are also a number of trivia links to things such as the great and

the good born in this month plus handy topical links, such as summer sports and holiday reading suggestions.

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