

Navigate Lightbox Grades 3–6

Lightbox™ has an intuitive design, making it easy for students to connect to a subject in-depth. And, it gives teachers many additional resources and tools.

This is what you see when you open Lightbox. Let's take a closer look at the *Independence Day* title, part of the American Holidays series.



Navigating the Menu

There is a row of icons at the bottom of the Lightbox Menu. Use them to get quick access to standard features and supplementary resources.

When you hover over or click an icon, such as Audio, pages containing that feature brighten. Pages that don't have any audio fade out. Click the page you want to go to that has the feature you want to use.

Click this...	If you want to...
 Audio	Listen to text-to-speech narration.
 Video	Watch embedded videos.
 Activity	Complete text-enabled student activity worksheets.
 Weblink	Visit student-safe websites.
 Slideshow	Watch a slideshow.
 Transparency	Interact with layered transparencies of maps, diagrams, charts and timelines.
 Google Maps	Travel virtually using Google Maps™.
 Quiz	Review quiz questions, print a quiz worksheet or take an embedded quiz.
 Key Words	Review key word definitions, print a key words worksheet or take an embedded quiz.

Click this...	If you want to...
 Activity Pack	Open all text-enabled student activity worksheets, quizzes, key word lists and answer keys.
 Curriculum	Find standards that this Lightbox title supports.
 Streaming Media	Watch a full-length embedded video.
 Destiny	Find more materials in your library on this subject. Note: For Destiny® users only.
 Vocabulary	Learn new words to improve your vocabulary.

Navigating a Lightbox Title

To advance from the Menu page, click the right arrow, or click any page with content. You'll see some of the icons that were on the Menu. Some new icons appear as well.

Click this...	If you want to...
 or 	Return to the Menu.
 or 	Watch embedded videos.
	Access Lightbox Supplementary Resources.
An underlined word	Learn word definitions.



What Is Independence Day?

Americans celebrate Independence Day on the fourth of July. The United States was created on July 4, 1776. The country's leaders adopted a document called the Declaration of Independence on that day. The document said that America was no longer under the control of the British Crown. After America's victory in the Revolutionary War, America became an independent country.

Independence Day is America's birthday party. Americans celebrate this birthday in many different ways. They have picnics, watch parades, and spend time with family and friends. Children often wave small flags at the parades. People hold large celebrations with fireworks and music. Most importantly, they celebrate their independence and freedom.

* The nation's capital is a popular vacation destination, especially around the Fourth of July.

* People wave miniature flags on Independence Day. More than 53 million is spent making American flags each year.

* Fourth of July parades feature brightly colored floats, as well as decorated vehicles and bicycles.

* Barbecues are often held to celebrate July 4th. Families come together to visit for the holiday.

* Many people wear red, white, and blue clothing on Independence Day to show their pride in being American.

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Using the Transparency Tool

This is a great instructional tool for teachers and students. They can reveal and hide information as needed.

1. On the Lightbox Menu page, click . Pages containing transparencies appear.
2. Click the page you want to view.
3. On the left side of the page, click . A flashing arrow appears at the bottom of the page.
4. Click the flashing .
5. Continue to click  through transparency levels.

Using Google Maps

1. On the Lightbox Menu page, click . Pages containing Google Maps appear.
2. Click the page you want to view. The Google Map hyperlink images flash.
3. Click a flashing Google Map hyperlink (*circled in red*).

Note: Some Google Maps take you directly to the location described in the book, while others require additional navigating and exploring.

When you find a location you want to explore, click and drag the yellow Pegman  over the map to highlight all the places that have Street View. (These locations appear in blue or as blue dots on the map.) Then drop the Pegman.

Note: You need to be zoomed in close enough for the blue areas to show up. If you do not see them, zoom in, and then click and drag the Pegman again.

You can zoom in to a location to explore, and then click the markers representing places such as schools, parks, restaurants and shopping centers.

For more information on using Google Maps, see support.google.com/maps.