



GETTING ON TO THE ORC

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WHAT IS THE ONLINE REFERENCE CENTRE? (ORC)

- The Online Reference Centre (ORC) is a collection of digital resources provided to all K-12 students in Alberta as the result of a unique partnership initiated between TAL and Alberta Education in 2001.
- You can find the ORC on the LearnAlberta.ca website. When users access the ORC from school they automatically authenticate and are able to use any of the resources without entering a username/password.
- However, users can access the ORC from anywhere with an internet connection by entering a username and password once during their session. Every school jurisdiction (school districts) is provided a username and password that all students and staff from the district use to access the ORC remotely. These username and passwords remain the same from year to year.

WHO IS ALLOWED TO USE THE ORC?


Anyone teaching/learning/supporting the Alberta curriculum can access the ORC. This includes:

- Students and parents
- School staff
- Faculty of Education students
- Public library staff for the purpose of assisting any K-12 staff member, student or parent.



WHY ACCESS THE ORC?

ORC Resources:

- Provide authoritative, age appropriate, engaging, curricular-aligned content
 - Allow students to become familiar and comfortable with the kinds of resources and searching practises that are an integral part of 21st century learning
 - Google & Wikipedia are the tip of the searching and information literacy “iceberg”
 - Are time savers once you are familiar with using them
 - Include embedded supports for diverse learners like listen, text translation, citation tools, vetted websites, copyright friendly pictures and videos
 - Provide anytime, from anywhere with Internet access
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HOW DO YOU ACCESS THE ORC?



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New! Find resources by [Program of Study!](#)

Messages



Documents produced in French by Alberta Education since January 2009 and posted on this site use the new French spelling. For more information, [click here](#).

My Workspace - New feature for Alberta teachers!



Want to start your own Workspace?

[Sign Up](#) to Activate your account.

Already have a Workspace?

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New Resources

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Show: All Subjects

1 - 2 of 2 Resources added in the last 30 days:

Resource	Subject	Grade	Media Format
SketchUp Pro 2013	CTS	10 - 12	Web
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SELECT DESIRED RESOURCE

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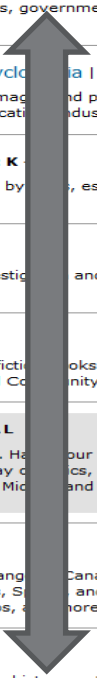
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NOT SURE WHERE TO START?










To help with your selection, check out the title, grade range and descriptions for each resource.

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ACCESS IN SCHOOL

- In school there will be no need for you or your students to put in a username or password
- Access any resource, at any time from any school computer with Internet access
- Use these resources on an iPad*, tablet or mobile device

*Some resource like *BookFLIX* and *TrueFLIX* require a java enabled web browser like *Puffin* to access videos



ANYTIME, ANYWHERE ACCESS

- With the ORC learning does not stop when the school closes
- Students, parents and staff can access the ORC remotely from anywhere with an Internet connection
- Use your district remote username and password to gain access
- Share remote username and password information with students and parents
- Public library staff now have access to remote username and passwords to support K-12 patrons



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





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Enter this once per session.

The screenshot shows the Alberta Government Online Reference Centre website. The page features a navigation bar with links for 'LearnAlberta.ca Home', 'Resource Search', 'Programs of Study', 'Online Reference Centre', 'T4T Courses', and 'My Workspace'. A large grey arrow points to a modal dialog box that appears over a resource card. The dialog box contains the text 'You must sign in to view this resource.' and a form with 'Username:' and 'Password:' labels, each followed by an input field. Below the form are three buttons: 'Sign In', 'Sign Up', and 'Cancel'. The background resource card is partially obscured by the dialog box but shows a red lock icon and the text 'Advanced Placement Source | Grades: 10 - 12'. Other resource cards are visible on the page, including 'ACCENT: Discover French Beyond the Classroom', 'AlbertaSource', 'Amazing Animals', 'The Atlas of Canada', 'Bookflix', 'Britannica School | Grades: K - 12 | TRIAL', 'Canada in Context | Grades: 7 - 12', and 'The Canadian Encyclopedia | Grades: 5 - 12'.



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Free Online Support

- Visit www.onlinereferencecentre.ca to access online training materials, join the ORC listserv, access recent presentations and much more

Free Training Sessions

- Schedule a session for your school or district at:
<http://www.onlinereferencecentre.ca/schedule-an-orc-session.html>



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