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| Student name : | Betsy Damon |
| Date: | July 14, 2014 |
| Name of database: | PebbleGo |
| Publisher: | Capstone |
| Recommended grade level: | preK-3 |
| Curriculum focus: | science, [social studies](http://www.plymouth.edu/courses/mod/data/view.php?d=68&mode=list&perpage=10&search=&sort=289&order=ASC&advanced=0&filter=1&advanced=1&f_289=Betsy+Damon&f_291_d=19&f_291_m=8&f_291_y=2014&f_290=&f_292=&f_293=&f_294=&f_295=&f_296=&f_297=&f_298=&f_300=&f_299=&f_301=&u_fn=&u_ln=), biographies |
| Primary content: | [ebooks](http://www.plymouth.edu/courses/mod/data/view.php?d=68&mode=list&perpage=10&search=&sort=289&order=ASC&advanced=0&filter=1&advanced=1&f_289=Betsy+Damon&f_291_d=19&f_291_m=8&f_291_y=2014&f_290=&f_292=&f_293=&f_294=&f_295=&f_296=&f_297=&f_298=&f_300=&f_299=&f_301=&u_fn=&u_ln=) |
| Ease or difficulty of use: | very easy |
| Types of searching allowed: | keyword search within separate databases |
| Levels of searching available: | ? |
| Three features liked: | the database organization provides for browsing to identify a more specific topic.  related topics provided as last tab for each book  standard formats allow for student choice while being able to provide directions/instruction generically |
| Three features disliked: | Popups and external links (double underlined) are distracting  sometimes the read-to-me was there without requesting it - kids might begin to rely on that rather than try to read it themselves first  video didn't [play](http://www.plymouth.edu/courses/mod/data/view.php?d=68&mode=list&perpage=10&search=&sort=289&order=ASC&advanced=0&filter=1&advanced=1&f_289=Betsy+Damon&f_291_d=19&f_291_m=8&f_291_y=2014&f_290=&f_292=&f_293=&f_294=&f_295=&f_296=&f_297=&f_298=&f_300=&f_299=&f_301=&u_fn=&u_ln=) |
| Reasons for including or eliminating from resource collection: | This would supplement the use of Big Universe for those students that needed less demanding text. It would also give younger students practice at evaluating information coming from two different sites. I also appreciate the "cite" feature to help students get accustomed to providing that information. |
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| Student name : | Betsy Damon |
| Date: | July 15, 2014 |
| Name of database: | Big Universe |
| Publisher: | Big Universe |
| Recommended grade level: | PK-12 |
| Curriculum focus: | Science, Social Studies, Language Arts, Math |
| Primary content: | Ebooks |
| Ease or difficulty of use: | easy to use once you understand |
| Types of searching allowed: | keyword search with ability to filter by reading level, genre, grade, subject, publisher, standards, etc |
| Levels of searching available: | any combination can be used to narrow down search results |
| Three features liked: | selection of books provides variety but interest for kids  filtering really helps teachers find appropriate materials  ability for teachers to assign books to kids to allow for differentiation  associated quizzes allow kids to relearn items they missed the first time |
| Three features disliked: | friending can be distracting  kids like to play with the avatars instead of doing the reading  by knowing the reading level, students can compare their choices and make judgements about how good a reader they are compared to other students |
| Reasons for including or eliminating from resource collection: | I would definitely include this in my resource collection. I've witnessed it's use as a digital reading source to teach/practice research skills and[presentation](http://www.plymouth.edu/courses/mod/data/view.php?d=68&mode=list&perpage=10&search=&sort=289&order=ASC&advanced=0&filter=1&advanced=1&f_289=Betsy+Damon&f_291_d=19&f_291_m=8&f_291_y=2014&f_290=&f_292=&f_293=&f_294=&f_295=&f_296=&f_297=&f_298=&f_300=&f_299=&f_301=&u_fn=&u_ln=) skills. There are many nonfiction series to allow students to have some choice of particular subject while allowing the teacher to lead the students through texts that have similar formats. |
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| Student name : | Betsy Damon |
| Date: | July 15, 2014 |
| Name of database: | Marshall Cavendish Digital |
| Publisher: | Marshall Cavendish |
| Recommended grade level: | Upper Elementary and Middle School |
| Curriculum focus: | Social Studies, Science |
| Primary content: | reference works in digital form |
| Ease or difficulty of use: | fairly easy |
| Types of searching allowed: | by keyword or through browsing |
| Levels of searching available: | basic and advanced |
| Three features liked: | save notes from articles - can email them / articles can be emailed to other registered users too  remote access is available  user statistics are available - will help with collection development |
| Three features disliked: | external links from within articles  general [keyword searches](http://www.plymouth.edu/courses/mod/data/view.php?d=68&mode=list&perpage=10&search=&sort=289&order=ASC&advanced=0&filter=1&advanced=1&f_289=Betsy+Damon&f_291_d=19&f_291_m=8&f_291_y=2014&f_290=&f_292=&f_293=&f_294=&f_295=&f_296=&f_297=&f_298=&f_300=&f_299=&f_301=&u_fn=&u_ln=) can be unproductive showing all articles in a topic area that contain the keyword regardless of relevance  searches with no results just show a blank page which will confuse students |
| Reasons for including or eliminating from resource collection: | I think this is a good database group to have for the upper elementary students. |
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