

PARENT QUICKSTART GUIDE



Your kids are home from school. You're home from work. You want to try out the Big History Project (BHP) course. Where to start?

There's an overwhelming amount of information and advice out there about online learning, and it's a lot to juggle when you have limited time to try and establish new routines at home. This Parent Quickstart Guide offers three steps—each with increasing in level of engagement—to help you get started with BHP. While BHP was designed for *classrooms*, this guide is structured to help parents navigate the course. You'll also find links to more in-depth information. We're happy to help, so please email help@bighistoryproject.com with any questions!

Step One

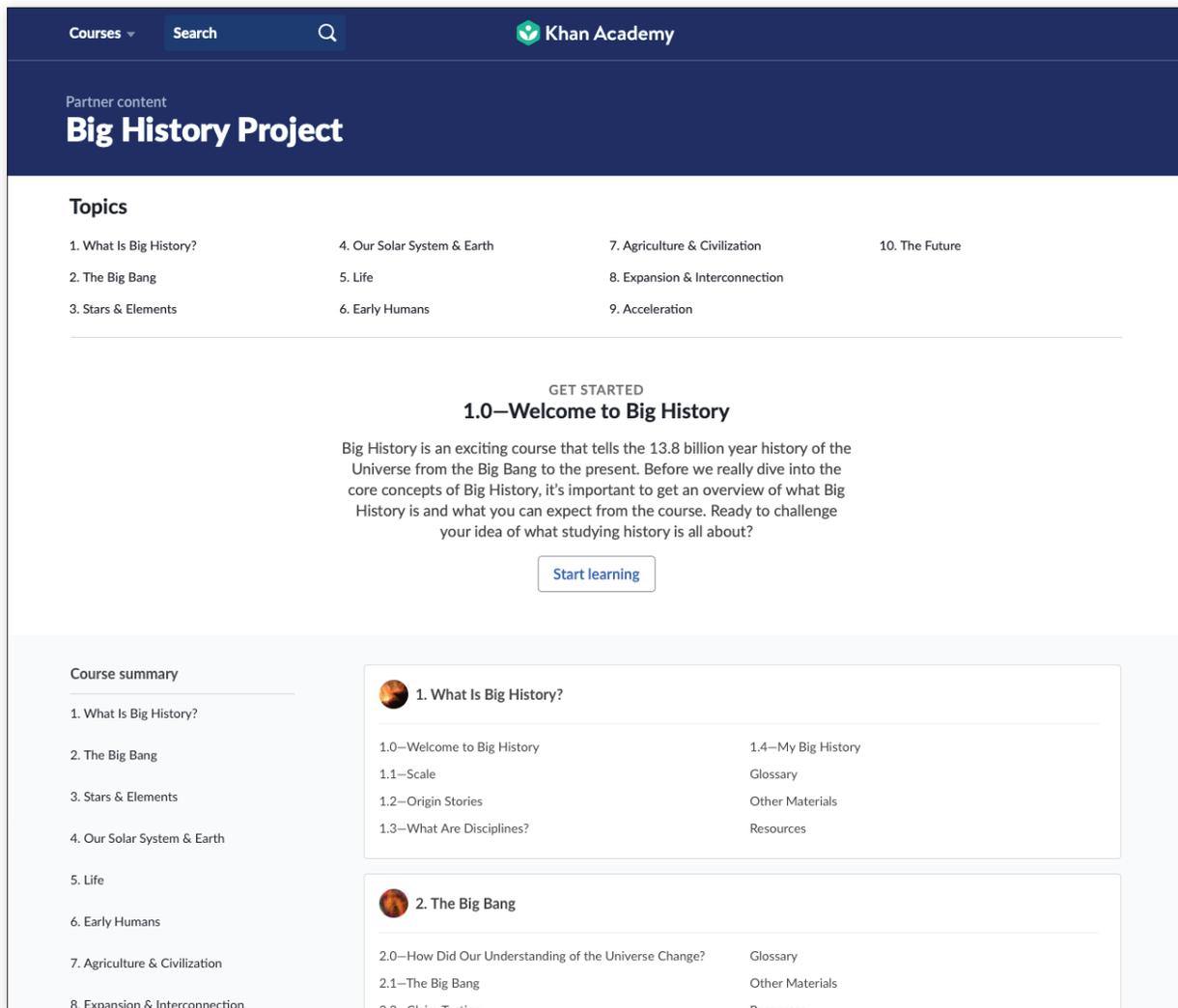
The Big History Project curriculum is hosted on Khan Academy, a platform designed for solo learners. It's a great way for your child to work through the BHP course and it allows you to have insight into their progress. Ready? Let's do this!

Khan Academy has created robust resources to help parents navigate their site, with detailed instructions for creating both parent and student accounts.

- We highly recommend you start here to get registered: <https://khanacademy.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/360040168512-Parent-Quickstart-Guide>.
- Additional parent resources: <https://khanacademy.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/categories/200175830-Parents>.
- Parent FAQ: <https://khanacademy.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/360040167432>.



NOTE: On the BHP website (<http://bighistoryproject.com>), you will find a more comprehensive version of the course aimed at classrooms. The Khan Academy version includes activities that have been revised so students working on their own can use them. These revisions appear in the comments section of each page. We are recommending this over the classroom version for folks working at home, but feel free to use the version that best fits your needs.

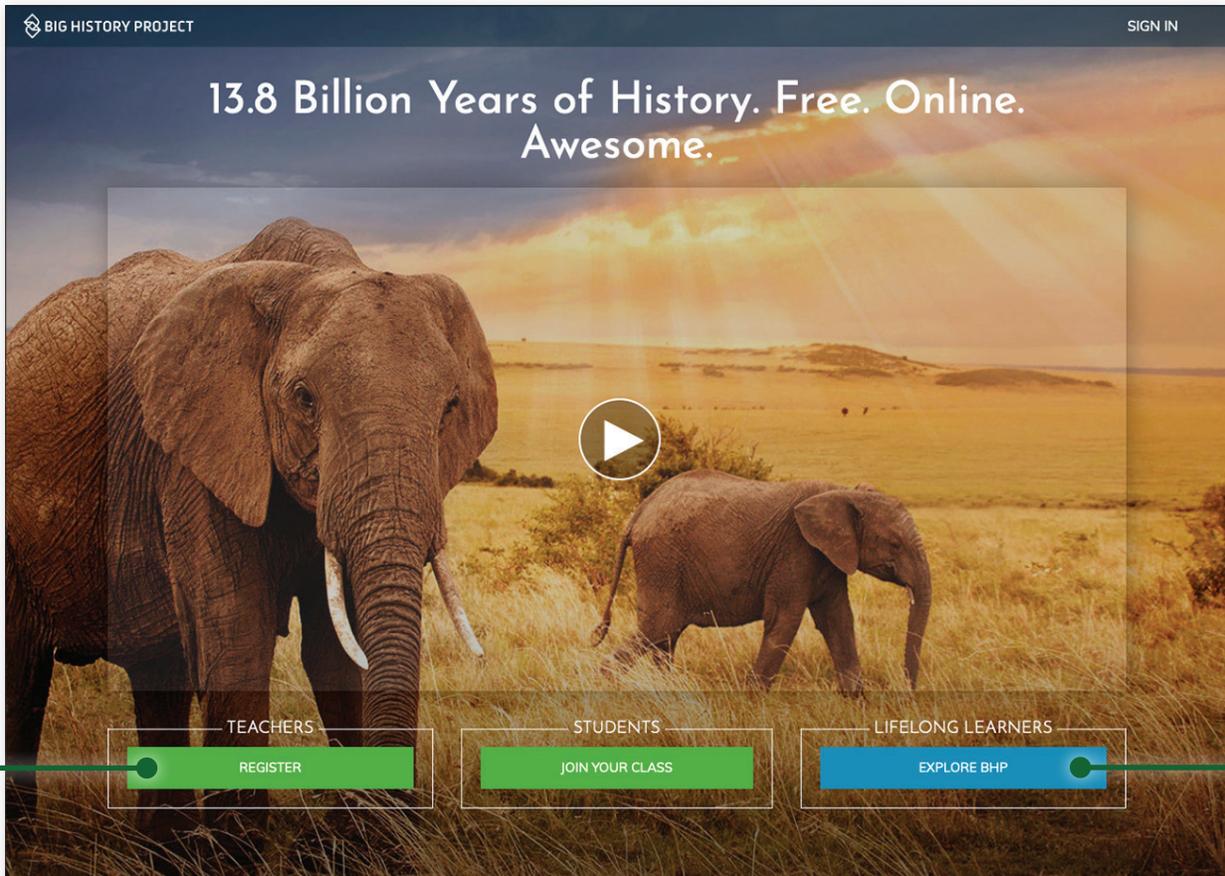


The screenshot shows the Khan Academy interface for the Big History Project course. At the top, there are navigation options for 'Courses' and 'Search', along with the Khan Academy logo. Below this, the page is titled 'Partner content Big History Project'. A 'Topics' section lists 10 topics: 1. What Is Big History?, 2. The Big Bang, 3. Stars & Elements, 4. Our Solar System & Earth, 5. Life, 6. Early Humans, 7. Agriculture & Civilization, 8. Expansion & Interconnection, 9. Acceleration, and 10. The Future. The main content area is titled 'GET STARTED 1.0—Welcome to Big History' and contains a paragraph about the course's scope and a 'Start learning' button. Below this, a 'Course summary' section provides a detailed list of course topics and sub-topics, including '1.0—Welcome to Big History' (with sub-topics like Scale, Origin Stories, and Disciplines) and '1.4—My Big History' (with sub-topics like Glossary, Other Materials, and Resources).

Step Two

Talk to other parents! Big History Project supports a vibrant, supportive community of parents who are teaching the course. Additionally, you can find advice from veteran BHP teachers in the community. To access the community:

1. Register for a teacher account by visiting bighistoryproject.com.
2. Click on the **REGISTER** button under **TEACHERS**.



WHAT IS BIG HISTORY PROJECT?

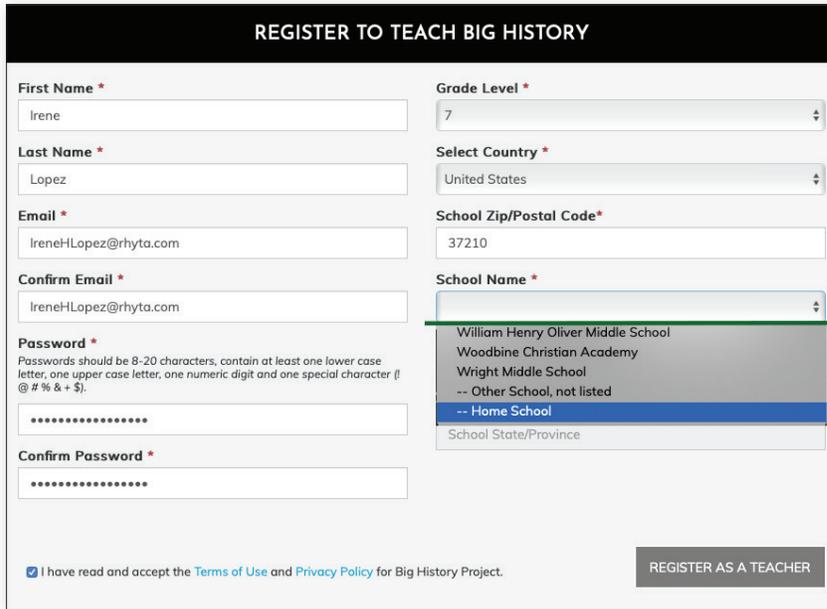
WE ARE ALL CURIOUS, CREATIVE AND CONNECTED

Harness the curiosity and creativity of your middle and high school students with a supercharged social studies curriculum that gets beyond facts. Big History Project is a free, online social studies course that emphasizes skill development as students draw mind-blowing connections between



NOTE: The Lifelong Learners option is great, and takes just five hours to complete, but does not include access to the BHP community or the essay-scoring service BHP Score.

- When you register, you will be asked to enter the name of your school. Please register as a **Home School** (do not enter the school that your child normally attends). It's WAY down at the bottom of the list. This will let us know to send you resources that best fit your situation.



REGISTER TO TEACH BIG HISTORY

First Name *
Irene

Last Name *
Lopez

Email *
ireneHlopez@rhyta.com

Confirm Email *
ireneHlopez@rhyta.com

Password *
Passwords should be 8-20 characters, contain at least one lower case letter, one upper case letter, one numeric digit and one special character (! @ # % & + \$).

Confirm Password *
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Grade Level *
7

Select Country *
United States

School Zip/Postal Code *
37210

School Name *
William Henry Oliver Middle School
Woodbine Christian Academy
Wright Middle School
-- Other School, not listed
-- Home School
School State/Province

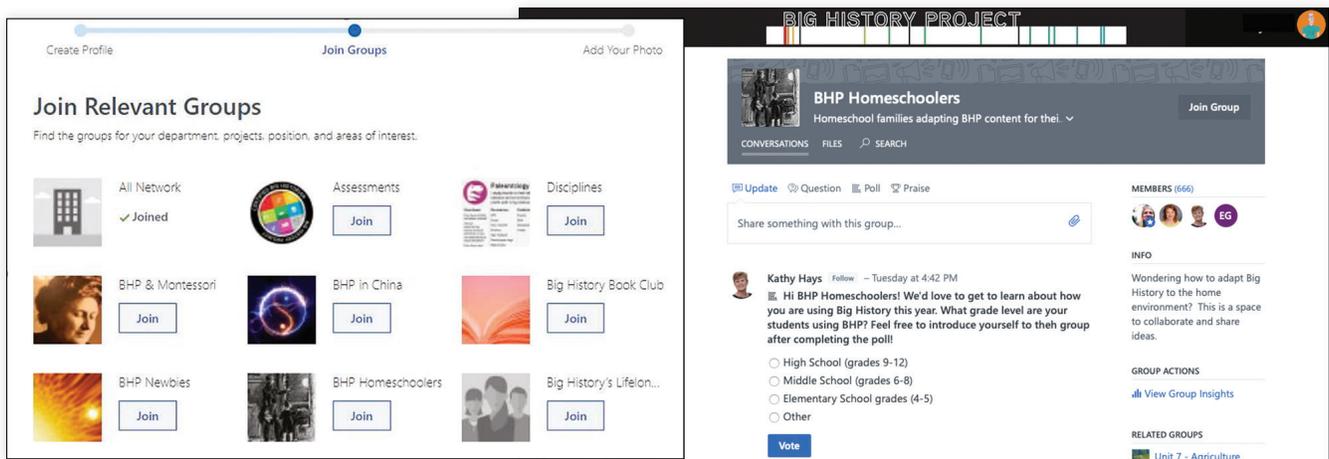
I have read and accept the [Terms of Use](#) and [Privacy Policy](#) for Big History Project.

REGISTER AS A TEACHER

- After you have registered, you will receive a confirmation email from **Big History Project** with the subject **Confirm your account**. If it doesn't show up in your inbox pretty quickly, check your spam/junk folder. It's probably there.
- Once you are registered and logged in, click **Community** from the home page.



- Follow the prompts to join the community.
- When you sign in for the first time, you will be asked to join relevant groups. We recommend joining **BHP Homeschoolers**. (Once you've joined the group, you can return directly to it at any time via this link: https://www.yammer.com/bhpteachercommunity/#/threads/inGroup?type=in_



Join Relevant Groups
Find the groups for your department, projects, position, and areas of interest.

All Network (Joined) | Assessments (Join) | Disciplines (Join) | BHP & Montessori (Join) | BHP in China (Join) | Big History Book Club (Join) | BHP Newbies (Join) | BHP Homeschoolers (Join) | Big History's Lifelon... (Join)

BHP Homeschoolers
Homeschool families adapting BHP content for thei...
Join Group

Update | Question | Poll | Praise

Share something with this group...

Kathy Hays Follow — Tuesday at 4:42 PM
Hi BHP Homeschoolers! We'd love to get to learn about how you are using Big History this year. What grade level are your students using BHP? Feel free to introduce yourself to their group after completing the poll!

High School (grades 9-12)
Middle School (grades 6-8)
Elementary School grades (4-5)
Other

Vote

MEMBERS (666)

INFO
Wondering how to adapt Big History to the home environment? This is a space to collaborate and share ideas.

GROUP ACTIONS
View Group Insights

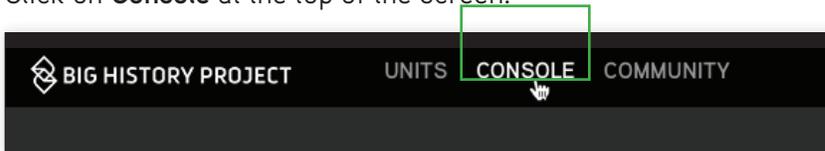
RELATED GROUPS
Unit 7 - Agriculture

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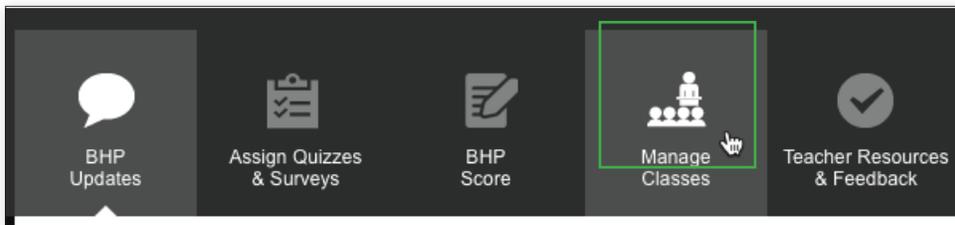
Step Three

Help your child practice and improve their writing skills! BHP offers BHP Score, a free essay-scoring service that gives students and teachers immediate writing feedback. The feedback is based on the BHP Writing Rubric and is provided via Turnitin’s Revision Assistant. You will receive your child’s results, which you can then use to review and strategize with your child on how to improve their writing. We have a [BHP Score Guide](#) that is indispensable for activating and using this service, but FIRST, make sure your child has a student account! You will need to have a Teacher BHP account (see above if you haven’t created one yet). Now, you’ll need to sign up your child for a student account. Here’s how:

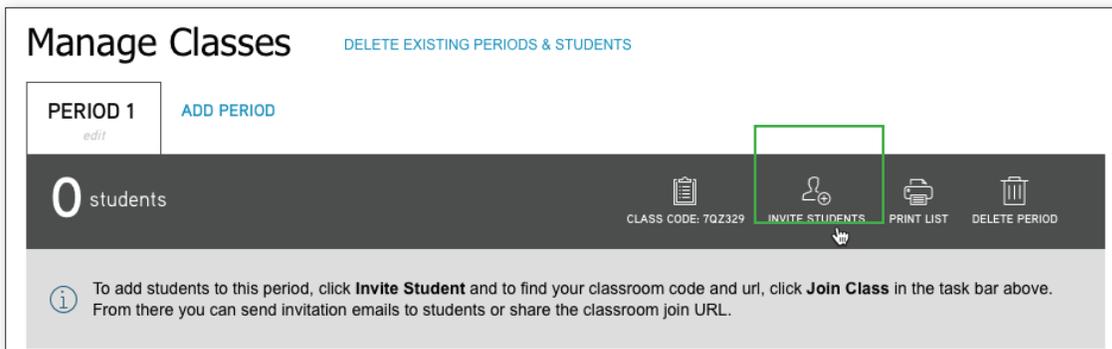
1. Click on **Console** at the top of the screen.



2. Next, click the **Manage Classes** tab along the top.



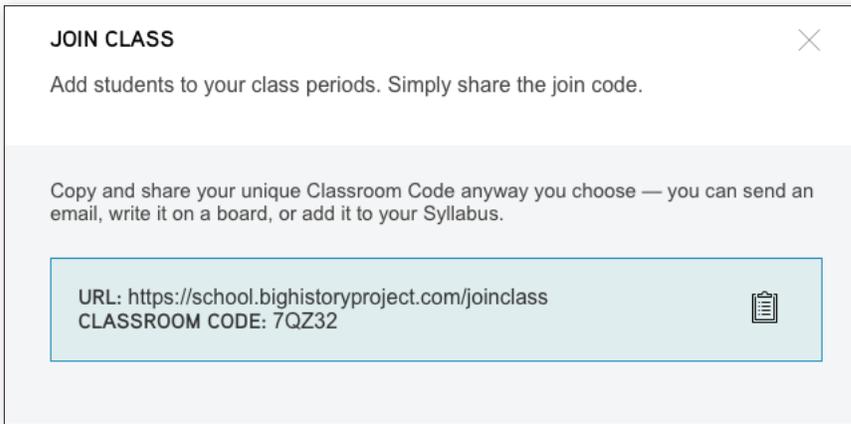
3. Click **ADD PERIOD**. Your new period is created and **Period 1** is added to the **Manage Classes** page.



4. Click on **Invite Students**. The Join Class dialog box opens. Take note of the **CLASSROOM CODE**.

5. Have your student visit the page <https://school.bighistoryproject.com/joinclass> and enter the **CLASSROOM CODE** from your page.
6. Your child will get an email (have them check their spam/junk folder if it doesn't appear in their inbox).
7. Once they click on the link in the email, they will be taken to the login page to create a password.

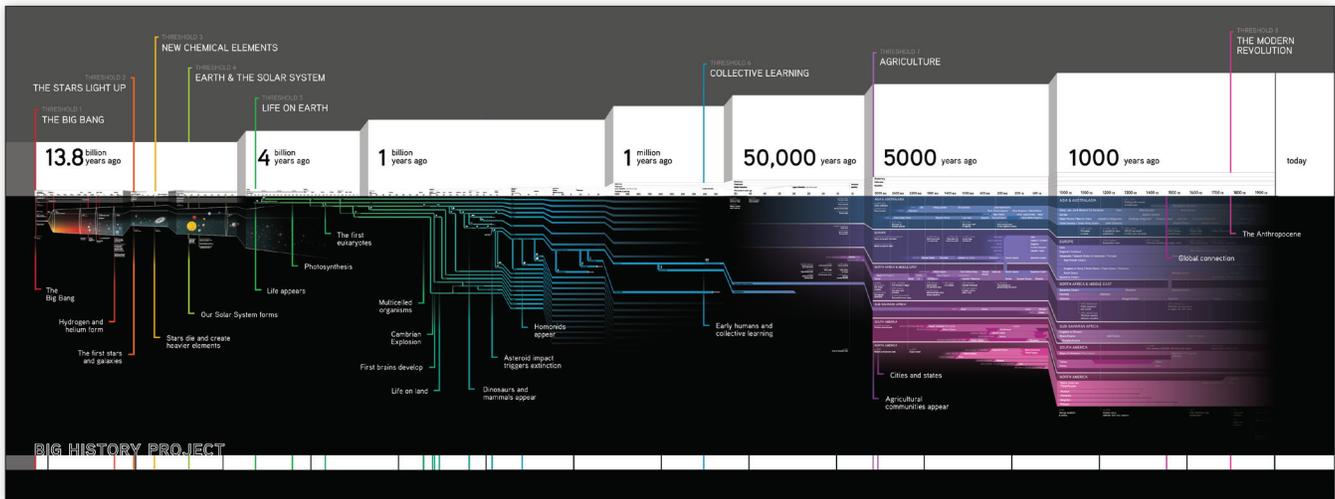
You learn out BHP As needs these help points



are now ready to assign writing to your student. To about those details, check our [Score Guide](#).

you'll quickly see, the Big History Project is, well... BIG. However, that doesn't mean it to be overwhelming. We hope three steps we've outlined provide manageable entry to the course. Please don't

hesitate to reach out, either to the community (see Step Two), or to our team at help@bighistoryproject.com. If you would like a more detailed introduction to the course, one with information about the course structure, content, and online training, check out the [BHP Quick Start Guide](#).



Big History timeline