



## **Compton's by Britannica Revised for 2010**

### **Hundreds of articles rewritten, hundreds of new photos, images**

**CHICAGO, March 18, 2010**—The 26-volume [Compton's by Britannica](#) student encyclopedia has been revised for 2010, the publisher, Encyclopaedia Britannica, Inc., said today.

The lavishly illustrated set, which is popular among students in grades 6-12, has seen hundreds of its main-text articles revised and boasts hundreds of new photos, images and other additions.

Entries on geography and nations are among the subjects most extensively updated. Articles on China, India, Brazil, Peru, France and their major cities have been completely rewritten or revised. Articles on Latin America and The Philippines have also been heavily rewritten.

"As always, our guiding principles were editorial quality, currency and alignment to the school curriculum," said Anthony Green, the encyclopedia's editor. "We've tried to make Compton's even more useful in the classroom, in the library and at home."

Among the new articles replacing older entries under the same titles are "American Indians," revised under the direction of Beth Pauls, former state archaeologist of Iowa; "radio" and "telecommunication," both by Dr. Christopher Sterling, professor of media and public affairs, George Washington University; "television," by Dr. Gary Edgerton, professor, Old Dominion University; "pharmacy"

and “medicine,” both written and updated by Ellen Bernstein, former editor of the Britannica Medical and Health Annual; “petrochemicals” and “petroleum” by Dr. Norman Hyne, University of Tulsa. All include new images.

The encyclopedia includes new entries on Barack Obama, Joe Biden, Hillary Clinton, Sonia Sotomayor, John McCain, Sarah Palin, Dmitry Medvedev, Benjamin Netanyahu, Cristina Fernández de Kirchner (first woman elected president of Argentina), Jon Stewart, Stephen Colbert and others.

Heavily revised articles include:

- “nuclear energy” and “nuclear weapons,” both by Dr. Robert Bari of Brookhaven National Laboratory;
- “Hinduism,” “Judaism,” “Christianity,” and “Middle Ages,” reviewed and revised by Dr. Michael Frassetto, University of Delaware;
- “family” and “family law,” by Dr. Sylvia Vatuk, professor emerita, department of anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago;
- “women’s rights,” Dr. Ellen Carol DuBois, professor of history, University of California.

All of these articles include new images.

Over 400 new photographs are included in the set as well as more than 100 other images—maps, flags and art. A number of black-and-white page spreads have been turned into color.

Compton’s was first published as Compton’s Pictured Encyclopedia by Frank E. Compton in 1922. It has been published under Encyclopaedia Britannica’s editorial direction for most of the past five decades. Schools or libraries interested in Compton’s by Britannica or any other Britannica product can call (800) 621-3900 or go to <http://info.eb.com>.

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