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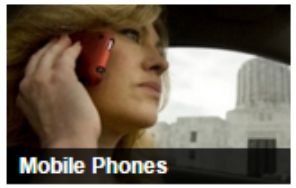

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Marguerite Reardon is a senior writer at CNET, where she writes an advice column on technology, "Ask Maggie."

> Parents may want to give their elementary or middle school-aged child a cell phone for convenience. But it can become a big distraction by connecting him or her to their friends at all times, so parents may want to hold off until the child is in high school. Experts agree, pointing out that cell phones give kids the opportunity to socialize without supervision. Instead, parents should use an old or simple phone as a "family" phone to be loaned out as needed. As for giving a child a smartphone, the appropriate age is when he or she is already in high school, when parents are comfortable with their child using social networks and having mobile Internet access.

More than 90 percent of Americans own a cellphone today, and a growing number of those cellphone users are children. But how young is too young for a cellphone?

Cellphone or Smartphone for Kids?

Dear Maggie,

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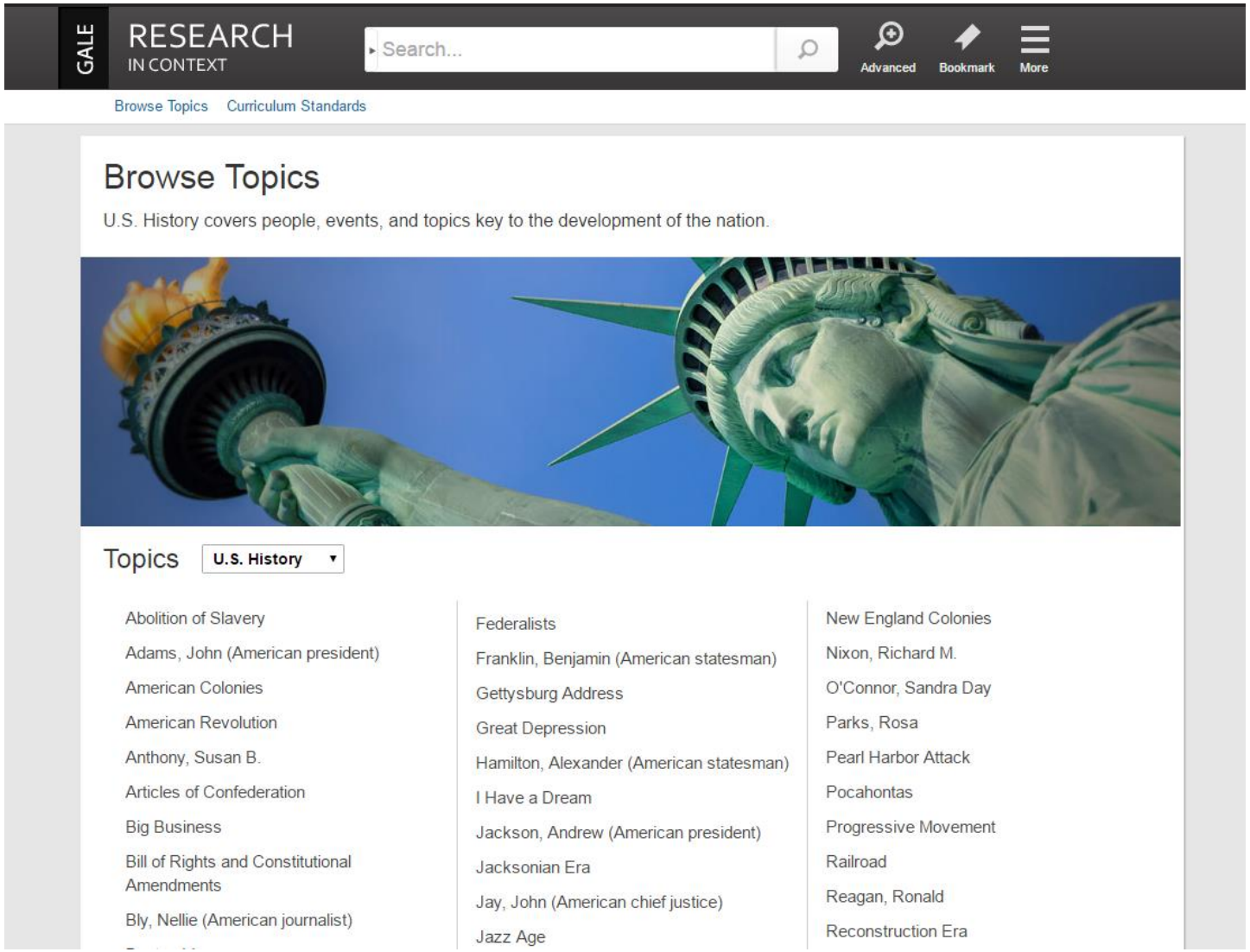
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Students picked one of five topics

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