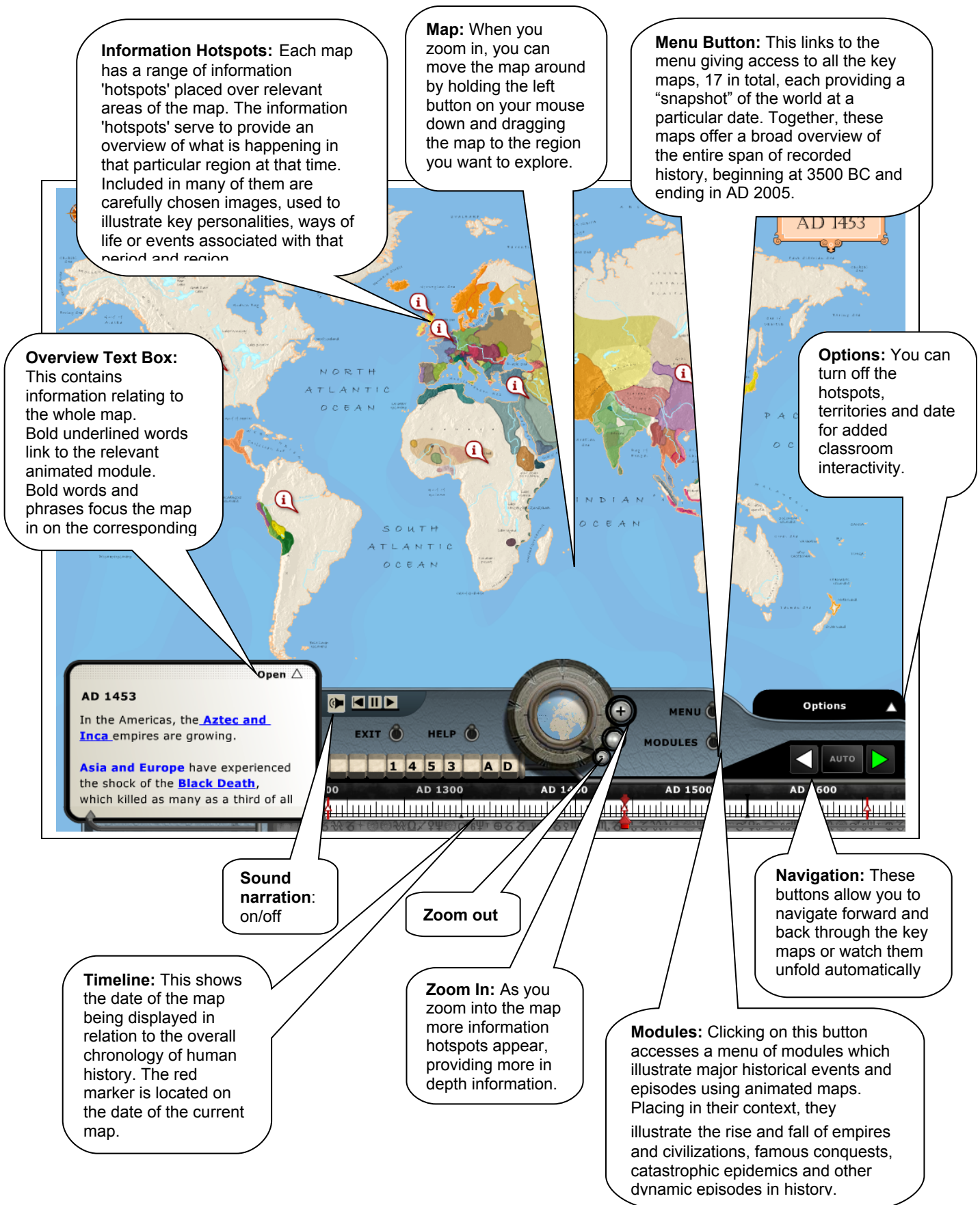


How to Navigate This Software



Information Hotspots: Each map has a range of information 'hotspots' placed over relevant areas of the map. The information 'hotspots' serve to provide an overview of what is happening in that particular region at that time. Included in many of them are carefully chosen images, used to illustrate key personalities, ways of life or events associated with that period and region.

Map: When you zoom in, you can move the map around by holding the left button on your mouse down and dragging the map to the region you want to explore.

Menu Button: This links to the menu giving access to all the key maps, 17 in total, each providing a "snapshot" of the world at a particular date. Together, these maps offer a broad overview of the entire span of recorded history, beginning at 3500 BC and ending in AD 2005.

Overview Text Box: This contains information relating to the whole map. Bold underlined words link to the relevant animated module. Bold words and phrases focus the map in on the corresponding

Options: You can turn off the hotspots, territories and date for added classroom interactivity.

AD 1453
 In the Americas, the **Aztec and Inca** empires are growing.
Asia and Europe have experienced the shock of the **Black Death**, which killed as many as a third of all

Sound narration: on/off

Zoom out

Zoom In: As you zoom into the map more information hotspots appear, providing more in depth information.

Navigation: These buttons allow you to navigate forward and back through the key maps or watch them unfold automatically

Modules: Clicking on this button accesses a menu of modules which illustrate major historical events and episodes using animated maps. Placing in their context, they illustrate the rise and fall of empires and civilizations, famous conquests, catastrophic epidemics and other dynamic episodes in history.