

WEBSITES FOR SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATORS: GEOGRAPHY*

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Teachers should not only use documents like this one as a resource, they should not forget to use the services of librarian-media specialists in their schools.

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[Regions of the World \(Russia and Eastern Europe\)](#)

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[Regions of the World \(Polar Regions, including Global Warming\)](#)

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Organizations

Missouri Geographic Alliance: Missouri Geographic Alliance Website, an excellent place to start, with lessons, links to other sites and much more:

http://www.ngsednet.org/community/index.cfm?community_id=424

National Council for Geographic Education: The NCGE has many resources for teachers:

<http://www.ncge.org/>.

National Geographic: National Geographic web page for teachers including lesson plans, activities, and maps for teachers: <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/education/>

National Geographic: The National Geographic website for kids:

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/kids/>

National Council for Geographic Education: The NCGE has a very useful website called EdNet, which provides information about and for state Geographic Alliances and for Geographic Alliance members from all over the United States: <http://www.ngsednet.org/>.

Association of American Geographers: Following is the website of the AAG for teachers:

<http://www.geography.org/Education/Intro.html>

Various State and Provincial Alliances: This website has links to many state and provincial Geographical Alliances: <http://www.mapping.com/alliances.html>.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration: The NOAA website offers much for teachers of geography, including maps, images, information about weather, coastal areas, conditions of the atmosphere, to name just a few of the many items one can find in this very rich website:

<http://www.noaa.gov/>.

Peace Corps: The Peace Corps has a website with rich educational opportunities and cross-cultural lessons, stories, activities, videos, and more: <http://www.peacecorps.gov/wws/>.

United Nations: The UN website has information about problems throughout the world:

<http://www.un.org/>

United States Geological Survey: The USGS is the Federal source for science about the Earth, its natural and living resources, natural hazards, and the environment: <http://www.usgs.gov/>

Lessons

National Geographic:

K-4: <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/resources/ngo/education/ideask4/index.html>

5-8: <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/resources/ngo/education/ideas58/index.html>

9-12: <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/resources/ngo/education/ideas912/index.html>

Lesson Plans 4 Teachers: This website provides links to many websites with quality geography lesson plans including those found in the ERIC system:

<http://www.lessonplans4teachers.com/geography.php>

Nebraska Earth Systems Education Network: This website includes links to many lessons related to physical science and mapping: <http://nesen.unl.edu/>

New York Times: The New York Times produces lessons related to articles it publishes:

<http://www.nytimes.com/learning/teachers/lessons/geography.html>

Peace Corps: Find many lessons related to cross-cultural understandings, environmental studies, service learning, regions of the world, and other facets of social studies from this website, developed by the Peace Corps in conjunction with Coverdell World Wise Schools (CWWS):

<http://www.peacecorps.gov/wws/educators/lessonplans/>

U.S. Geographical Survey: A website from the U.S. Geographical Survey with information and ideas for lessons pertaining to natural hazards, maps, and the history of the earth:
<http://education.usgs.gov/>.

Specific Lessons:

Lesson on Immigration Reform: The two-part lesson from PBS's Online NewsHour provides materials to help students analyze facts and statistics about immigration in the United States in order to understand the issue from different perspectives:
http://www.pbs.org/newshour/extra/teachers/lessonplans/socialstudies/immigration_reform.html

Planning a New Town: This lesson from National Geographic was created to help middle school students make decisions about businesses, housing, services, and buildings in planning the development of a new town:
<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/xpeditions/lessons/12/g68/newtown.html>.

Planning the Future of a City: This lesson plan from National Geographic was created for the high school to help students apply understandings in history and geography in planning for the future of a city: <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/xpeditions/lessons/18/g912/planning.html>.

General Geography Websites

About Geography: This website has links to many sites with good geographic information:
<http://geography.about.com/?once=true&>

Assessment in Geography: To find sample assessment items related to geography, go to this National Assessment of Educational Progress website:
<http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/geography/>

Cyber School Bus of the U.N.: The UN Cyber School Bus has many geography-related activities pertinent to geographic understanding and issues: <http://www.un.org/Pubs/CyberSchoolBus/>

CyberSleuth-Kids Geography: This internet search guide, which has a negative—namely, pop-ups on the computer screen—provides lots of links for teachers and students to different places, to geographic concepts, and to maps, many of which may be downloaded: <http://cybersleuth-kids.com/sleuth/Geography/>.

Geography World: This website developed by a Pennsylvania teacher, Brad Bowerman, has put together links to many geography resources. It is amazing in all that it has to offer:
<http://members.aol.com/bowermanb/101.html>.

Globalization 101 from the Center for Strategic and International Studies: This website, which has been developed by the CSIS, with current event information briefings, is organized around a series of lessons based on concepts and themes like trade, culture, migration, and health, which are interdisciplinary in nature: <http://www.globalization101.org/>.

Images: A website from Geography Computing Facility, University of California at Berkeley that presents geographic images of the surface of the earth to download:
<http://geoimages.berkeley.edu/>

Issues and News: The National Geographic website with current news pertaining to the natural world: <http://news.nationalgeographic.com/>.

Issues facing Children in the World from UNICEF: UNICEF USA has a website, using which teachers may find discussions and units related to issues facing children in the world:
<http://www.unicefusa.org>. http://www.unicefusa.org/atf/cf/%7BB35DBA70-2A32-4E25-999B-FA3A590864DB%7D/2007_RootCausesExclusionMS.pdf (middle school)

Maps that are Interactive: The “ILike2Learn” website has good map activities that upper elementary and secondary school children will enjoy while learning: <http://www.ilike2learn.com/>

National Geographic: This website from National Geographic has much good information for teachers and students: <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/education/>

National Geographic's EdNet: This frequently updated website for the *National Geographic* magazine community is a rich resource for teachers in the field of geography education: <http://www.ngsednet.org/>.

National Geographic Newsletters: National Geographic has many free electronic newsletters available that it will send to individuals at their request. For the sign-up page, check this website: http://newsletters.nationalgeographic.com/p/National%2520Geographic%2520Society/NG_Regist ration_Page.

National Geographic's Oceans for Life Website: This website is a good resource for teaching about the oceans and the causes and consequences of changes in oceans: http://www.ngsednet.org/community/index.cfm?community_id=128.

National Geographic's My Wonderful World Website: This website was started in May 2006 by National Geographic Society with ideas for parents, students, and teachers: <http://www.mywonderfulworld.org/>.

NOAA's Encyclopedia of the National Marine Sanctuaries: NOAA's aim with this website is to help its users in their quest to better understand the marine environments that thrive in our nation's one hundred plus marine sanctuaries: <http://noaa.ocean.com/>.

Parents' Guide to Geography: This archived website from the U.S. Government is made to help parents teach their children the basics of geography. It is also useful for teachers: <http://www.ed.gov/pubs/parents/Geography/>

Peace Corps' Coverdell World Wise Schools: This website from the Peace Corps has many resources for teachers, including lesson plans, ways of communicating with Peace Corps volunteers in the field, and ideas for service projects: <http://www.peacecorps.gov/wws/index.html>

Primary Sources: This website developed by Kathy Schrock has links to many primary source websites, including those focused on geography, and to websites focused on how and why to use primary sources: <http://kathyschrock.net/navigating/index.htm>

Social Science Information Gateway: This website provides links to many good geography websites: <http://www.sosig.ac.uk/geography/>

Teacher Oz: A Texas high school teacher who goes by the name of Teacher Oz has developed an extensive set of websites related to a variety of subjects, which include earth science, weather and atmosphere, and environmental and conservation issues: <http://www.teacheroz.com/CountryInfo.htm>.

Water Education: This website—Project WET—has as its mission the aim of reaching children, parents, educators, and communities of the world with resources to support water education: <http://www.projectwet.org/index.html>.

Cultures and Nations

Central Intelligence Agency Factbook: Learn about cultures all over the world from the CIA: <http://www.odci.gov/cia/publications/factbook/index.html>

Creative Connections: Learn how to connect with classrooms in other cultures using the resource of Creative Connections, an organization committed to promoting class-to-class exchanges between classes in the United States and classes in other parts of the world. <http://www.creativeconnections.org/>

Geography.org: This website has good information related to geography for teachers, parents, and children: <http://www.geographic.org/>

In My Other Life: This website from the National Endowment of the Humanities EDSITEMENT website provides ideas on a lesson pertaining to what it would be like to grow up in another culture: http://edsitement.neh.gov/view_lesson_plan.asp?id=272

Internet Public Library: Learn about cultures from around the world using this website for elementary students, which was developed by the Internet Public Library: <http://www.ipl.org/youth/cquest/>

Schools in the Developing World: See this website from the Academy for Educational Development to learn about how that organization helps children in countries like Afghanistan, which are in major need of help: <http://www.aed.org/>.

UN Cyber School Bus: The Cyber School Bus may be used to learn about countries and regions of the world. See, among other things, "Country at a Glance": <http://www.un.org/cyberschoolbus/>.

Demographics

AIDS: AIDS has had a major impact upon the demographics of many countries. See this website from the PBS Frontline Program "The Age of AIDS": <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/aids/>.

Census Bureau: The Census Bureau's website for kids, called "Fact Finder: Kid's Corner": <http://factfinder.census.gov/home/en/kids/kids.html>

Census Bureau: The website of the U.S. Census Bureau, which includes all kinds of information of interest to teachers studying demographics: <http://www.census.gov/>

Census Bureau: A website pertaining to free census materials for teachers from the U.S. Census Bureau: <http://www.census.gov/dmd/www/schmail.html>

Missouri University's Office of Social and Economic Data Analysis (OSED): This website, also very appropriate for sociology and economics, collects statistics on Missouri related to the census, the state of the state (Missouri), county facts, the status of children, and many other topics, often presented in the form of maps: <http://www.oseda.missouri.edu/>.

Environmental Education

The Aral Sea: Who Pays When People Lose a Sea? This website from National Geographic provides a lesson pertaining to the consequences that follow when a sea is lost: <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/xpeditions/lessons/14/g68/disappear.html>.

Biodiversity, Why Protect It? This website from National Geographic provides a lesson on why it is important to protect biodiversity and how people can do that: <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/xpeditions/lessons/08/g68/>.

Chocolate: Learn about the relationship between nature and culture in this website with lesson plans, which was designed to accompany an exhibit from the Chicago Field Museum of Natural History: <http://www.fieldmuseum.org/chocolate/education.html>.

Conservation Related Photos: The NRCS Photo Gallery contains downloadable, free natural resource and conservation related photos from across the USA. The Gallery is a joint project between NRCS Conservation Communications and the NRCS Information Technology Center in Ft. Collins, Colorado: <http://photogallery.nrcs.usda.gov/index.asp>

"Green Labels": Sometimes, when people want to buy products that are consistent with a sustainable environment, they look at the labels. This website from Consumers Union indicates which labels really mean what they imply: <http://www.eco-labels.org/labelindex.cfm>.

Edugreen: A website entitled "Edugreen," which is focused on environmental education: <http://edugreen.teri.res.in/>

Environmental Defense: A website from Environmental Defense, formerly the Environmental Defense Fund, an advocacy organization: <http://www.enviroliteracy.org/index.php>

Environmental Issues in the News: This website, Dot.Earth of New York Times reporter Andrew C. Revkin features blogs related to environmental issues: <http://dotearth.blogs.nytimes.com/>

Environmental Literacy Council: The website of this organization devotes itself to helping teachers and students understand the science related to environmental issues: <http://www.enviroliteracy.org/category.php/17.html>.

Forest History: This website from the Forest History Society provides teachers with units for teaching in a curriculum called "If Trees Could Talk": <http://www.lib.duke.edu/forest/Education/Curriculum/index.html>

My Community/Our Earth: "My Community, Our Earth" is holding a competition for secondary and university students pertaining to the building of a sustainable environment on earth. *This is a site worth visiting for any teacher of geography.* It offers wonderful downloadable sites pertaining to GIS and other items that are important tools for geography study: <http://www.geography.org/sustainable/index.html>.

Nature Conservancy: The website of the Nature Conservancy deals with environmental issues from an advocacy perspective. One could use it to learn about what people are doing to conserve biologically diverse environments in the United States and elsewhere in the world: <http://nature.org/>

Northeast Sustainable Energy Association (NESEA): This website offers educators a variety of materials that can be downloaded for free focused on earth-friendly solution to environmental issues: <http://www.nesea.org/education/materials.html>.

Rainforest Alliance: This website offers lesson plans, stories, and projects on the importance of protecting the world's natural resources, also providing opportunities for direct action: <http://www.rainforest-alliance.org/programs/education/index.html>.

Summit Conference: This website was developed especially for kids in relationship with the G8 Summit Conference of the summer of 2008 held in Toyako, Hokkaido, Japan: <http://www.g8summit.go.jp/eng/kids/index.html>.

Water Resource Activities and Links: This MarcoGram website from Marco Polo offers educators lessons and websites that focus on the precious resource of water: <http://www.marcopolo-education.org/MarcoGrams/Jul2006.html>

[Geopolitics](#)

The Pros and Cons of Transnational Alliances: This activity from National Geographic explores the question of whether it is to the benefit of a nation to join a transnational organization or alliance like the United Nations or the European Union: <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/xpeditions/lessons/10/g68/eurounion.html>.

[Maps and Mapping](#)

Maps: Google has a very user-friendly tool for mapping: <http://maps.google.com/>

Maps: Maps from National Geographic, which includes National Geographic's Map Machine, which allows viewers to drill down from a world map to detailed street maps, allowing viewers to select specific types of maps to answer specific questions the viewer might have: <http://ngm.nationalgeographic.com/maps>

Maps: This website comes from "The Best of History" series of websites: <http://besthistorysites.net/Maps.shtml>

Maps and Mapping from the Library of Congress: This is a rich website with historical information about maps, maps, and other images <http://www.locweb.loc.gov/rr/geogmap/gmpage.html>.

The Perry Castenada Map Library of the University of Texas:

<http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/index.html>.

World Map: This map is a very user-friendly physical map of the world:

<http://www.bosatlas.nl/international/maps/world.asp>

[Physical Geography](#)

U.S. Geological Survey: Learn about changes in the physical geography of the world and more from this website from the U.S. Geological Survey: <http://www.usgs.gov>

Forces of Nature: National Geographic Society has developed an interactive website dealing with forces of nature, such as earthquakes, volcanoes, and tornados:

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/forcesofnature/film/index.html>

Forces of Nature: This website has been set up by the National Geographic Society as a “Forces of Nature Education Community”: http://ngsednet.org/community/index.cfm?community_id=6 and <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/forcesofnature/>

Forces of Nature: The goal of this website is to teach students about how and why earthquakes cause damage: <http://www.teachingboxes.org/earthquakes/>

Nature Online: This website from the British Natural History Museum has links to some very good items related to biodiversity, the earth, and environmental change: <http://www.nhm.ac.uk/nature-online/index.html>

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Oceans and Lakes: This is the website of the Ozeaneum, a new German aquarium/museum Germany: <http://www.ozeaneum.de/rundgang.html?&L=1>.

Resources for Physical Geography: This website from Central Michigan University has many items organized by category useful for teaching physical geography: <http://webs.cmich.edu/resgi/>.

Teaching Box Activities: Teaching boxes are classroom-ready instructional units created by collaboration between teachers, scientists, and designers focused on such topics as earthquakes, weather, plate tectonics, marine feeding webs, and how mountains are made:

<http://www.teachingboxes.org/index.jsp>

[Places and Regions](#)

Greatest Places in the World: A website entitled “Greatest Places,” which explores the geography of such places as the Amazon, Greenland, Iguazu Falls, Madagascar, the Namib Desert, Tibet, and Okavango: <http://www.greatestplaces.org/>

Peace Corps Paul D. Coverdell World Wise Schools: Has lots of good information for global education, including links to other cultures and lesson plans:

<http://www.peacecorps.gov/wws/educators/lessonplans/>.

U.S. Community Atlas: A website called the U.S. Community Atlas, in which teachers and students across the country define the nature of “their community” and post descriptions and maps about it. Is “the community” for high schools in Juneau more like “the community” for those in Montpelier or in Honolulu? Do junior high kids in Chicago see things more like kids in Decatur or in Dallas? Participating classes create a profile of their community using HTML documents and GIF/JPG maps, and post them on the web. These presentations are combined on the web and can be searched by characteristic and explored for similarities and differences:

<http://www.esri.com/industries/k-12/atlas/index.html>

[Regions of Missouri](#)

Missouri Spatial Information Data Information Service: This website of the Missouri Spatial Information Data Information Service provides maps and census data pertaining to the State of Missouri and its counties and cities: <http://msdisweb.missouri.edu/>

[Regions of the United States](#)

Census Bureau's American Fact Finder: This user-friendly website from the Census Bureau enables teachers and students to find and show data of various kinds for different regions of the U.S. on maps: <http://factfinder.census.gov/home/saff/main.html?lang=en>

The Fifty States: A website on the states of the United States: <http://ipl.org/youth/stateknow/>

The Fifty States: This comprehensive state information Web site provides symbols, flags, maps, constitutions, representatives, songs, birds, flowers, and trees for each state. This is a must for every fourth grade teacher. <http://www.50states.com/>

Lewis and Clark Expedition: The Lewis and Clark Expedition explored different regions of the United States. This website was initiated by the University of Missouri-Columbia in September 2002. <http://lewisclark.geog.missouri.edu/index.shtml>

Chicago: This website, called "Building the Windy City," is devoted to the architecture of Chicago: <http://library.thinkquest.org/J002846/>

The Sonoran Desert: A website focused on the Sonoran Desert: <http://www.oneworldjourneys.com/sonoran/index2.html>

[Regions of the World \(General\)](#)

Animal Sounds from Different Countries: Children are taught to make sounds of animals and of vehicles in different ways in different countries, as the following website shows: <http://www.flat33.com/bzzzpeek/index1.html>. Elementary children may find this website to be of special interest.

Central Intelligence Agency: The CIA has its World Factbook on the Internet. It provides a wealth of information about specific countries. See <https://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/index.html>.

Teacher Oz: A Texas high school teacher who goes by the name of Teacher Oz has developed an extensive set of websites related to nations of the world and of other similar topics: <http://www.teacheroz.com/CountryInfo.htm>.

Library of Congress: The Library of Congress website that has links to countries of the world: <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/cshome.html>

[Regions of the World \(Africa\)](#)

All Africa.com: This website, which presents current news from many sources about Africa, presents readers with lots of information and photos regarding Africa today: <http://allafrica.com/>.

African Arts: This website provides many links to other websites dealing with the art and architecture (and more) pertaining to African cultures: http://www.sas.upenn.edu/African_Studies/About_African/ww_art.html.

African Studies Resource Center (University of Kansas): A website with links to other sites and useful information from the African Studies Resource Center of the University of Kansas: <http://www.kasc.ku.edu/>

AIDS in Africa: Learn through pictures and words about the devastation AIDS has caused in Africa: http://www.msnbc.com/modules/Aids_In_Africa/HI.asp

Center for African Studies (University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign): A website that links to other websites on Africa from the Center for African Studies of the University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign: <http://www.afrst.uiuc.edu/searchguides.html>

Peace Corps "Water in Africa" Website: A website from the Peace Corps, entitled "Water in Africa," designed to help students learn important knowledge and skills in geography, language arts, and other disciplines by studying the use of water in 24 African countries. This website, which features online lessons developed by teachers and is built around 600 photos & anecdotes, may be browsed by country, with basic country information and maps provided: <http://www.peacecorps.gov/wvs/educators/enrichment/africa/index.html>

The Triumph of Evil (Rwanda Genocide): This PBS program focuses on the 1994 Rwanda genocide: <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/evil/>.

University of Pennsylvania African Studies Center: This website from the University of Pennsylvania can place teachers in touch with information on Africa to use in K-12 programs: http://www.sas.upenn.edu/African_Studies/AS.html.

[Regions of the World \(Middle East, Arab World, and Islam\)](#)

The National Institute for Technology and Liberal Education has developed this outstanding site, with funds from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, as a resource for those who foster a better understanding of the Arab world. Focus is on Arab-Americans, Popular Culture, The Arabic Language (includes videos) and more. <http://arabworld.nitle.org/>

This website focuses on the history and religion of Islam: <http://www.theislamproject.org/>

This website focuses on Egypt: <http://ce.eng.usf.edu/pharos/>

This PBS website—America at a Crossroads—focuses on the challenges radical Islam poses for the United States and for Muslim nations: <http://www.pbs.org/weta/crossroads/>.

This PBS website—Islam: the Empire of Faith—focuses on the faith of Islam: <http://www.pbs.org/empires/islam/>.

[Regions of the World \(Asia\)](#)

[General](#)

- **Asia Society:** This website, called "Ask Asia," has much useful information for teachers: <http://www.askasia.org/>
- **Asia Source:** This website from the Asia Society has all sorts of links students of Asian studies will find to be useful: <http://www.asiasource.org/links/>
- **Asian Studies WWW Virtual Library:** This website provides lots of information about all countries of Asia: <http://www.coombs.anu.edu.au/WWWVL-AsianStudies.html>.
- **Center for East Asia Studies (U. of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign):** A listing of websites pertaining to the studies of Asia from the Asian Educational Media Service of the Center for East Asian and Pacific Studies, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign: <http://www.eaps.uiuc.edu/>
- **Center for East Asia Studies (U. of Wisconsin):** A listing of websites pertaining to China, Japan, and Korea from the University of Wisconsin's Center for East Asian Studies: <http://eastasia.wisc.edu/Resources/Countries.html>.
- **Global Connections:** This website—Global Connections: Putting World Events in Context—provides background information designed to help educators and others understand events occurring in the Middle East: <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/globalconnections/>

- **Indiana University East Asian Studies Center Bibliography of Resources for Middle School and High School Teachers:** This website provides resources on East Asia, Japan, China, and Korea with references to books, websites, and films, which may be borrowed from the university's East Asian Studies Center: <http://www.indiana.edu/~easc/bibliography/>.
- **University of Redlands (CA):** This website from the Asian Studies Department, University of Redlands, provides countless Internet links for the nations of Asia and also for topics related to Asian Americans: <http://newton.uor.edu/Departments&Programs/AsianStudiesDept/>.
- **University of Kansas Center for East Asian Studies:** A website from the University of Kansas Center for East Asian Studies, with information and links pertaining to East Asia, Japan, China, and Korea: <http://www.ceas.ku.edu/>
- **National Consortium for Teaching about Asia:** This website may be used to find all of the various state Consortiums for Teaching about Asia, such as the Kansas Consortium for Teaching about Asia, which follows, to find resources on China, Japan, Korea, and East Asia, which they have for teachers: <http://www.nctasia.org/>.

China

- **Ask Asia:** This website from the Asia Society has many good links for China, if one types in the word "China" in the search box provided in the website and then clicks on "Go": <http://www.askasia.org/teachers/search.php>
- **Links for Schools:** This webpage from the Center for East Asian Studies at the University of Wisconsin provides links for schools for China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong; Japan; and Korea: <http://eastasia.wisc.edu/Resources/Countries.html>
- **China Links For Schools:** This webpage comes from the John Poole Middle School Resource Center of Poolesville, MD: http://www.mcps.k12.md.us/schools/poolems/BethG/jpms_depts_media_studproj_china.htm
- **NPR Podcasts on China:** This website has podcasts of investigative reports on China made for NPR: <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=90432763>.
- **PBS Documentary (China from the Inside):** This PBS documentary, entitled "China from the Inside," focuses on political power, women, nature, and freedom and justice: <http://www.pbs.org/kqed/chinainside/about.html>.
- **PBS Documentary (Three Gorges Dam):** This documentary, "Up the Yangtze," presents the point of view of a young Canadian of Chinese heritage on the effects of the modernization of China on individuals and families using the Three Gorges Dam to communicate his message: <http://www.pbs.org/pov/pov2008/uptheyangtze/>
- **PBS Documentary (Three Gorges Dam):** This focuses on the construction of and on controversies related to the Three Gorges Dam: <http://www.pbs.org/itvs/greatwall/>.
- **WebQuest:** China-Quest website: <http://www.kn.pacbell.com/wired/China/ChinaQuest.html>

Japan

- **Ask Asia:** This website from the Asia Society has many good links for Japan, if one types in the word "Japan" in the search box provided in the website and then clicks on "Go": <http://www.askasia.org/teachers/search.php>

- **Japan Links for Schools:** This webpage from the Center for East Asian Studies at the University of Wisconsin provides links for schools for China, Japan, and Korea: <http://eastasia.wisc.edu/Resources/Countries.html>
- **Gateway Japan—Creating Culture and Community:** This website focuses on contemporary Japan. One can link to specific schools, to art museums, to specific businesses, and to all sorts of other organizations and features of modern Japan: <http://nationalcherryblossomfestival.org/gwjapan/>.
- **Kids Web Japan:** This website is developed to help kids understand Japanese culture. It includes geographic information about Japan, folk tales from Japan, information about Japanese daily life, Japanese recipes for kids, information about Japanese language, and many other matters elementary students will find to be of interest. The website, made for elementary students, has the following address: <http://web-jpn.org/kidsweb/index.html>.
- **Takarabako:** According to its Japanese authors, this website, published by The Japan Forum, provides “information and resources useful for teachers engaged in Japanese language education, education for understanding Japan, and global education at primary and secondary schools overseas.” The website does indeed provide “a veritable treasure chest *takarabako* of ideas for classroom activities and resources for use in lessons plans.” Teachers and students both will enjoy exploring the website, whose address is <http://www.tjf.or.jp/takarabako/>.
- **The Japan Forum:** Explore this website to learn about the daily life of Japanese students and about Japanese culture from this website: http://www.tjf.or.jp/index_j.html.
- **The Japan Forum Photo Database:** The Japan Forum has a database of photos about or taken by Japanese students which is available to educators who register to use it: http://databank.tjf.or.jp/intro_e.html.
- **The Japan Guide:** This website provides much information about Japan with plenty of links: <http://www.japan-guide.com/>.
- **National Clearinghouse for U.S.-Japan Studies (Indiana University)** Resources for teaching about Japan from the National Clearinghouse for U.S.-Japan Studies, based at Stanford University: <http://spice.stanford.edu/clearinghouse/>
- **Daily Life in Japanese Schools:**
 - Kids Japan:** This website called “Kids Japan” is a site for elementary and other students that shares information about Japan from Japanese children in ways that are entertaining: <http://web-japan.org/kidsweb/index.html>
- **Scenes of and Images from Contemporary Japan:**
 - <http://www.japan-guide.com/a/albume.html>
 - <http://www.artisandevelopers.com/web/tokyo/>
- **Understanding Japan:** This website contains many hot links to a wide variety of sites that would be of interest to teachers: http://www2.gol.com/users/coynerhm/understanding_japan.htm
- **University of Michigan Japan Resources/Links:** One must simply get into this website to find all that is available on it. There are scholarly articles and on-line magazines, resources for K-12 teachers, daily English language Japanese newspapers to name a few of the resources: <http://www.umich.edu/~iinet/cjs/resources/index.html>.

Korea

- **Ask Asia:** This website from the Asia Society has many good links for Korea, if one types in the word “Korea” in the search box provided in the website and then clicks on “Go”: <http://www.askasia.org/teachers/search.php>
- **Korea Links for Schools:** This webpage from the Center for East Asian Studies at the University of Wisconsin provides links for schools for China, Japan, and Korea: <http://eastasia.wisc.edu/Resources/Countries.html>
- **Click Korea:** This website from the Korea Foundation has all sorts of information about Korea: <http://www.clickkorea.org/>
- **Hidden Korea:** This website comes from PBS: <http://www.pbs.org/hiddenkorea/>

Indonesia

- **America at a Crossroads: Struggle for the Soul of Islam in Indonesia: Can Democracy and Islam Coexist:** http://www.pbs.org/weta/crossroads/about/show_indonesia.html.

Regions of the World (Australia)

- This website on Australia was created by students in an Australian school: <http://www.stemnet.nf.ca/CITE/auzzie.htm>
- This website on Australia was developed by Australia’s Charles Sturt University: <http://www.csu.edu.au/australia/about.html>
- This website, well worth browsing, is that of the National Library of Australia: <http://www.nla.gov.au/>

Regions of the World (Europe)

- **Germany:** This website from the German Information Ministration presents an interactive map that allows a person to find information about heritage sites, famous people, and information about where various products are produced: <http://germanoriginality.com/>
- **Germany for Kids:** This website from the German Information Ministration presents information for teachers, which would be helpful for teaching about Germany, fun links for kids, and a variety of other topics: http://www.germany.info/relaunch/culture/life/G_Kids/index.htm.

Regions of the World (Latin American and Caribbean Studies)

Latin American Resource Center of the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign: This website has been developed for K-12 teachers: <http://www.clacs.uiuc.edu/>

Latin American Data Base: A website from the Latin American Data Base (LADB) of the University of New Mexico: <http://ladb.unm.edu/retanet/>

Latin American Network Information Center (LANIC): This website provides plenty of links to a wide variety of resources on Latin America: <http://lanic.utexas.edu/>.

Regions of the World (Russia and Eastern Europe)

Russian and East European Center of the University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign: A website maintained by the Russian and East European Center of the University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign: <http://www.reec.uiuc.edu>.

Russian and East European Center of the University of Kansas: A website of links to many resources maintained by the Russian and East European Center of the University of Kansas: <http://www.crees.ku.edu/>

Soviets: This website is based on Shepard Sherbell's book, *Soviets: Pictures from the End of the USSR*, which presents excellent photographs showing many scenes from the USSR in its final days: <http://www.sovietsbook.com/index2.html>.

[Regions of the World \(Polar Regions, including Global Warming\)](#)

Frontline Program on Global Warning:

- This program, entitled "Heat," focuses on global warming:
<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/heat/>.

National Geographic Informative Websites:

- http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2004/12/1206_041206_global_warming.html.
- http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2004/12/photogalleries/global_warming/

National Geographic Lesson Plan Websites:

- Grades K-2:
<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/xpeditions/lessons/05/gk2/polar.html>
- Grades K-2:
<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/xpeditions/lessons/09/gk2/migrationbeluga.html>
- Grades 3-5:
<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/xpeditions/lessons/05/g35/expedition.html>
- Grades 3-5:
<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/xpeditions/lessons/08/g35/antarctica.html>
- Grades 6-8:
<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/xpeditions/lessons/05/g68/knowabout.html>
- Grades 6-8:
<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/xpeditions/lessons/18/g68/seaspenguin.html>
- Grades 9-12:
<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/xpeditions/lessons/05/g912/polarregions.html>