

Global Education Resources



National Geographic Bee:

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/geographybee/index.html>

Each year thousands of schools in the United States participate in the National Geographic Bee using materials prepared by the National Geographic Society. The contest is designed to encourage teachers to include geography in their classrooms, spark student interest in the subject, and increase public awareness about geography.

Schools with students in grades four through eight are eligible for this entertaining and challenging test of geographic knowledge.



[EducationUSA](#) offers various resources on U.S. higher education, supports overseas advising centers, and collaborates with U.S. educational organizations to strengthen international exchange.

World Wise Schools



[Coverdell World Wise Schools](#), a domestic program of the Peace Corps, has helped more than 3 million U.S. students communicate directly with Peace Corps Volunteers all over the world. The [World Wise Schools website](#) offers free, dynamic cross-cultural classroom materials, literature, videos, stories, and lessons to enrich K–12 students, such as the [Global Issues: Working With Communities](#) module and the award-winning educational game [Peace Corps Challenge](#).



[TeachUNICEF](#) is a portfolio of global education teacher resources designed and collected by the U.S. Fund for UNICEF's Education Department for teachers, afterschool instructors, and parents. TeachUNICEF resources cover grades PK-12, are interdisciplinary (social studies, science, math, English/language arts, foreign/world languages), and align with national standards. The units, lesson plans, stories, videos and multimedia cover topics such as the Millennium Development Goals, poverty, and water and sanitation.

[e-Pals](http://www.epals.com/) <http://www.epals.com/>

E-Pals connects registered classrooms with students and educators in 191 countries, allowing classroom-to-classroom project sharing. Students practice language and literacy skills through teacher-supervised global penpals.



[Paintbrush Diplomacy](http://www.paintbrushdiplomacy.org/index.html) <http://www.paintbrushdiplomacy.org/index.html>

Paintbrush Diplomacy encourages awareness of international issues and supports children's causes through a variety of programs including educational exchanges, community exhibits, and special events.

Taking it Global TakingITGlobal.org

is an online community that connects youth to find inspiration, access information, get involved, and take action in their local and global communities. It's the world's most popular online community for young people interested in making a difference.

Youth Leadership Initiative (YLI) <http://www.yli.org/>

The YLI is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization based at the University of Virginia Center for Politics.

YLI is funded by the United States Congress, the Virginia General Assembly, and private donations.

YLI develops free K-12 civic education resources designed to encourage student interest and participation in the American political process.

Chat the Planet <http://chattheplanet.com/>

Chat the Planet is a global dialogue company and connects young people from around the world to talk about everything from politics, prejudices and war, to music and life in general.

[Friendship Through Education \(FTE\)](http://friendshipthrougheducation.org/index.html) <http://friendshipthrougheducation.org/index.html>

The FTE, launched by the U.S. Department of Education in response to the events surrounding September 11, 2001, continues to work to build strong and lasting relationships between American children and those from other countries and cultures.

iEARN <http://www.iearn.org/>

iEARN is the world's largest non-profit global network that enables teachers and young people to use the Internet and other new technologies to collaborate on projects that both enhance learning and make a difference in the world.

International Communication and Negotiation Simulations (ICONS) <http://www.icons.umd.edu/>

The ICONS Project offers high school and university students from around the world the opportunity to participate in Internet-based simulations that teach communication and negotiation skills while exploring some of the most contentious political issues of the day.

Americans for Informed Democracy (AID) <http://www.aidemocracy.org/>

Americans for Informed Democracy (AID) is a non-partisan non-profit organization working to raise global awareness on more than 500 U.S. university campuses and in more than 10 countries. AID coordinates town hall meetings on America's role in the world, hosts leadership retreats, and publishes opinion pieces and reports on issues of global importance.

U.S. Center for Citizen Diplomacy- <http://uscenterforcitizendiplomacy.org/>

The U.S. Center for Citizen Diplomacy promotes opportunities for all Americans to be citizen diplomats and affirms the indispensable value of citizen involvement in international relations.



United States Institute of Peace: Classroom simulations <http://www.usip.org/>

The United States Institute of Peace is an independent, nonpartisan, national institution established and funded by Congress. Its goals are to help prevent and resolve violent conflicts, promote post-conflict stability and development, and increase peacebuilding capacity, tools, and intellectual capital worldwide. The Institute does this by empowering others with knowledge, skills, and resources, as well as by directly engaging in peacebuilding efforts around the globe.

Teaching Tolerance <http://www.tolerance.org/>

Teaching Tolerance was founded by the Southern Poverty Law Center and provides educators with [free educational materials](#) that promote respect for differences and appreciation of diversity in the classroom and beyond.

EarthCam for Kids <http://www.earthcamforkids.com/> - Designed for children- webcams that are kid friendly, fun, and educational.

International Education Week (IEW) <http://iew.state.gov/>

This joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education is to promote programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn, and exchange experiences in the United States.

Library of Congress

The web site of the Library of Congress offers many resources on U.S. Diplomacy, including: [Frontline Diplomacy](#), [The Foreign Affairs Oral History Collection of the Association for Diplomatic Studies](#) <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/diplomacy/>

Embassy Information

Many U.S. and foreign embassies have resources on their web sites. For a list of U.S. embassies worldwide, visit <http://usembassy.state.gov>. For a list of foreign embassies in Washington, DC, visit <http://www.embassy.org/embassies>.

Online Geography Games

GeoSpy Game: Can you find your way around a blank map? We tell you the place-name, you click the correct location to win. <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/geospy>

<http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/Geography.htm> - Name the Continents, Countries, Rivers, & other global geographic features

WizQuiz- on World Info Zone website: <http://www.worldinfozone.com/index.php>

