

3rd Grade World Communities: Geography

New York State Learning Standards for Social Studies

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The location of world communities

World communities can be located on maps and globes (latitude and longitude).

The spatial relationships of world communities can be described by direction, location, distance, and scale.

Regions represent areas of Earth's surface with unifying geographic characteristics. World communities can be located in relation to each other and to principal parallels and meridians.

Geographic representations such as aerial photographs and satellite-produced images can be used to locate world communities.

Earth's continents and oceans can be located in relation to each other and to principal parallels and meridians.

Physical, human, and cultural characteristics of world communities

The causes and effects of human migration vary in different world regions.

The physical, human, and cultural characteristics of different regions and people throughout the world are different.

Interactions between economic activities and geographic factors differ in world communities.

The factors that influence human settlements differ in world communities.

People depending on and modifying their physical environments

People living in world communities depend on and modify their physical environments in different ways.

Lifestyles in world communities are influenced by environmental and geographic factors.

The development of world communities is influenced by environmental and geographic factors.

Books

The World's Smallest Country and Other Geography Records by Melissa Abramovitz (2014)

Where was the world's first city? What is the world's tallest building? Includes bibliographical references (page 23) and index. Simple text and colorful photos present record-breaking facts featuring geography topics.

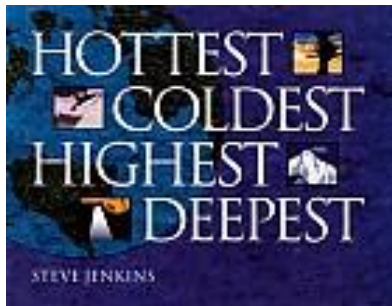


Guided Reading: K

24 Pages

Hottest, Coldest, Highest, Deepest by Steve Jenkins (1998)

Includes bibliographical references. Describes some of the remarkable places on earth, including the hottest, coldest, windiest, snowiest, highest, and deepest.

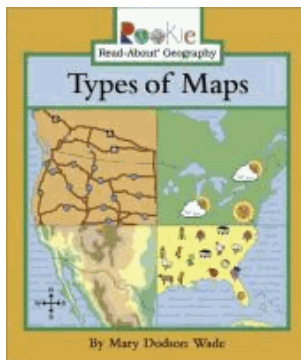


Guided Reading: M

32 Pages

Types of Maps by Mary Dodson Wade (2003)

Introduces different types of maps and how they are used, including those that show how to get to a place and those that show what you will find when you arrive.

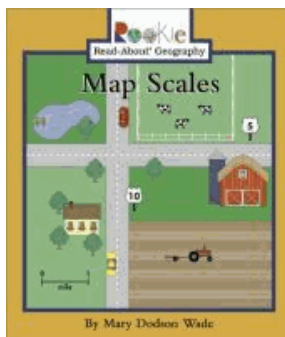


Guided Reading: J

31 Pages

Map Scales by Mary Dodson Wade (2003)

Includes index. Explains what a map scale is, and shows how to use them to measure distances between places on the map.



Guided Reading: J

31 Pages

We Need Directions by Sarah De Capua (2002)

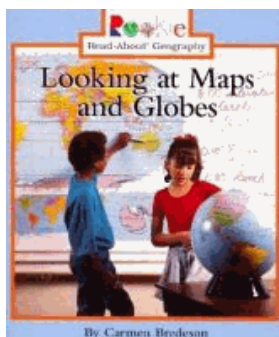
Includes index. An introduction to the cardinal directions and how to find them using a compass, the Sun, and a map.



Guided Reading: I
31 Pages

Looking at Maps and Globes by Carmen Bredeson (2001)

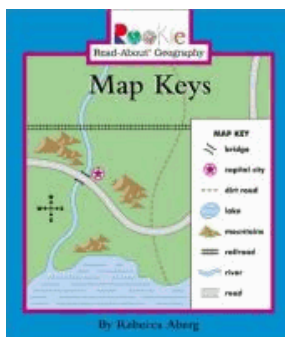
Introduction to maps and globes. Covers legends, directions, and scale.



Guided Reading: K
31 Pages

Map Keys by Rebecca Aberg (2003)

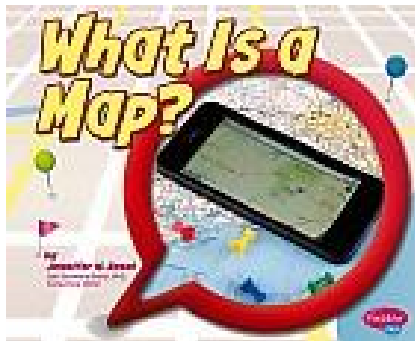
Introduces how to read and use a map key, and provides instructions on how to create a map of one's own bedroom and a key to its symbols.



Guided Reading: J
31 Pages

What Is a Map by Jennifer M. Besel (2014)

Includes bibliographical references (page 23) and index. Simple text with full-color photos and illustrations provide basic information about maps.

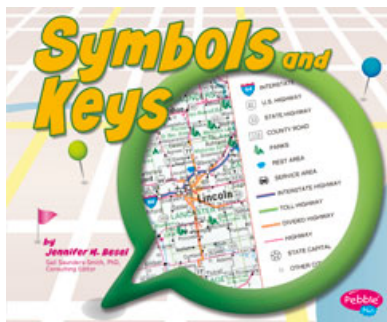


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24 Pages

Symbols and Keys by Jennifer M. Besel (2014)

Includes bibliographical references (page 23) and index. Learn how to find where to go using symbols and keys.

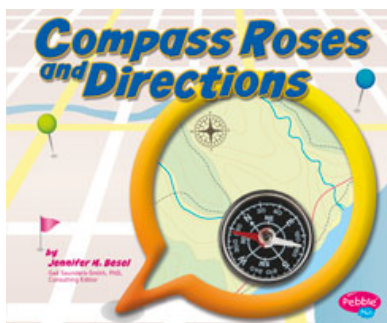


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24 Pages

Compass Roses and Directions by Jennifer M. Besel (2014)

Includes bibliographical references (page 23) and index. Learn how to get from here to there using a map and compass.

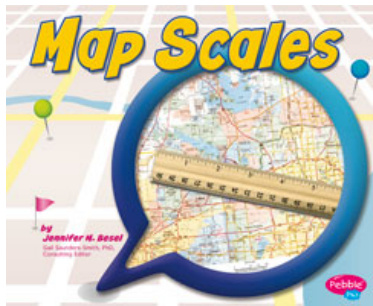


Guided Reading: J

24 Pages

Map Scales by Jennifer M. Besel (2014)

Includes bibliographical references (page 23) and index. Learn how to use map scales to find distances.

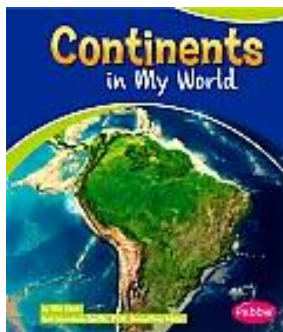


Guided Reading: J

24 Pages

Continents in My World by Ella Kane (2014)

Includes bibliographical references (page 23) and index. Simple text, a map, and illustrations introduce young readers to the seven continents of the world.



Guided Reading: I

24 Pages

Longitude and Latitude by Rebecca Olien (2013)

This title shows readers the difference between longitude and latitude, how to find them on both maps and globes, and how the lines can be used to pinpoint locations and give directions.

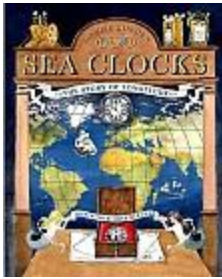


Guided Reading: L

32 Pages

Sea Clocks: The Story of Longitude by Louise Borden (2004)

Presents an illustrated account of eighteenth-century Englishman John Harrison's forty-year quest to create a perfectly accurate sea clock that would allow sailors to measure longitude.



Guided Reading: R

48 Pages

Explore Earth's Five Oceans by Bobbie Kalman (2011)

Includes index. Provides general information about oceans and the life forms found in the ocean zones, and features descriptions of each of Earth's five oceans, including the Arctic, Indian, Atlantic, Pacific, and Southern.

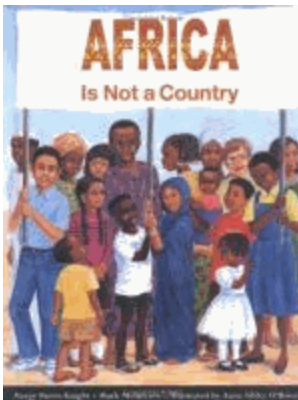


Guided Reading: M

32 Pages

Africa is Not a Country by Margy Burns Knight (2000)

Demonstrates the diversity of the African continent by describing daily life in some of its fifty-three nations.

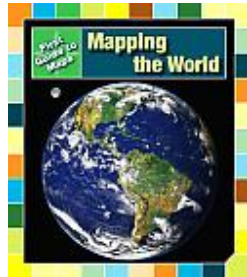


Guided Reading: R

39 Pages

Mapping the World by Marta Block (2008)

Includes bibliographical references (p. 31) and index. Presents an illustrated guide to globes and various types of maps about countries, land, water, climate, people, the economy, and history, discusses latitude and longitude, how to read maps, and includes activities and a glossary.



Guided Reading: N
32 Pages

Mapping the World by Ana Deboo (2007)

Includes bibliographical references (p. 31) and index. An introduction to map reading that focuses on where and how people live in the world, discussing political, time zone, thematic, and historical maps. Includes related activity. Maps aren't just about places, they're about people, too. This book shows how different kinds of maps tell us different things about the world and the people in it.



Guided Reading: R
32 Pages

Where On Earth by Helen Abramson (2013)

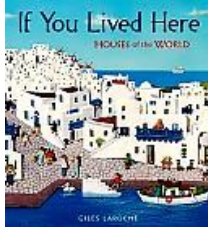
Maps on endpapers. Includes index. Text, illustrations, and eighty world maps look at history, culture, land, sea, air, and other topics. Where are the world's tallest buildings? Where are earthquakes most likely to occur? Where can you find animals that glow? Showcasing the most fascinating places on the planet, *Where on Earth?* is a collection of more than 75 3-D maps that show not only where everything is, but also why it's there.



Guided Reading: T
192 Pages

If You Lived Here: Houses of the World by Giles LaRoche (2011)

With intricate bas-relief collages, Giles Laroche uncovers the reason why each home was constructed the way in which it was, then lets us imagine what it would be like to live in homes so different from our own. Showing the tremendous variety of dwellings worldwide—log cabins, houses on stilts, cave dwellings, boathouses, and yurts—this book addresses why each house is build the way that it is.



Guided Reading: V
32 Pages

A Child's Introduction to the World : Geography, Cultures, and People--from the Grand Canyon to the Great Wall of China by Heather Alexander (2010)

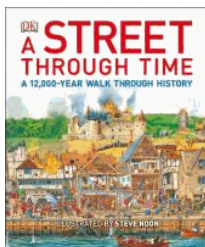
Includes a removable pop-up paper globe in pocket.;Includes bibliographical references (p. 96) and index. An introduction to the continents of the world that discusses climates, biomes, mountain ranges, bodies of water, people, cultures, governments, wildlife, and more, and includes sidebars with biographies of explorers, facts, and projects.



Guided Reading: R
96 Pages

A Street Through Time by Steve Noon (2012)

Traces the development of one street from the Stone Age to the present day, from dirt track to the rebuilding of inns as wine bars, showing how people lived and what they did all day.



Guided Reading: Q
45 Pages

Digital Resources

Databases: (To access these databases remotely, ask your librarian for your school's username and password.)

Brainpop Jr.: *Brainpop, Jr. is a database that provides a 3-6 minute video on informational topics followed by a comprehension quiz. The database includes activities and lesson plans as well. It is geared towards grades K-3.*

Brainpop Jr. includes this video on continents and oceans that supports the world geography aspect of New York State Standards for third graders.



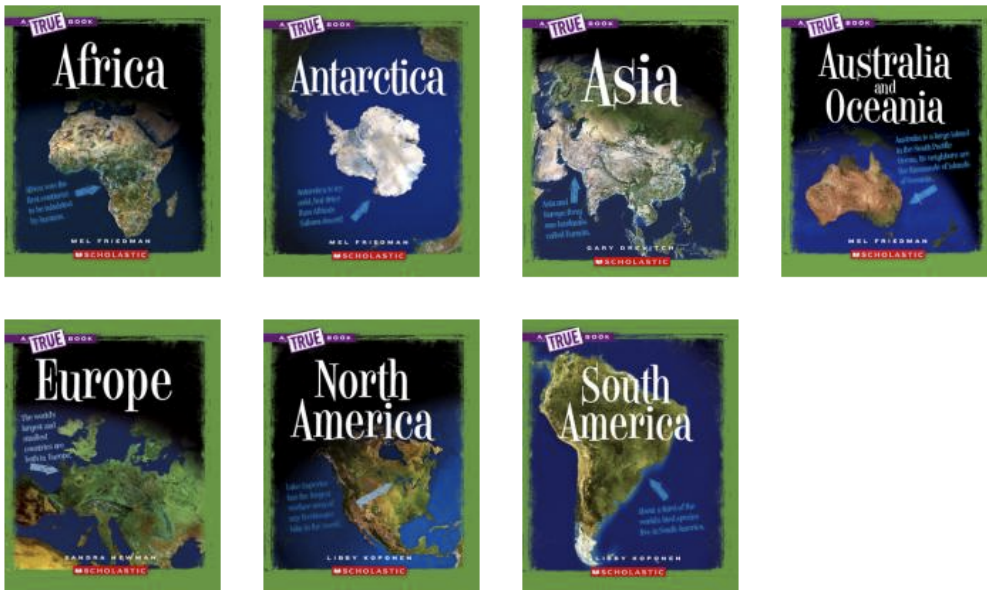
Two different online quizzes are offered after each video to check for understanding. They are entitled "Easy" and "Hard" with 5 questions each.



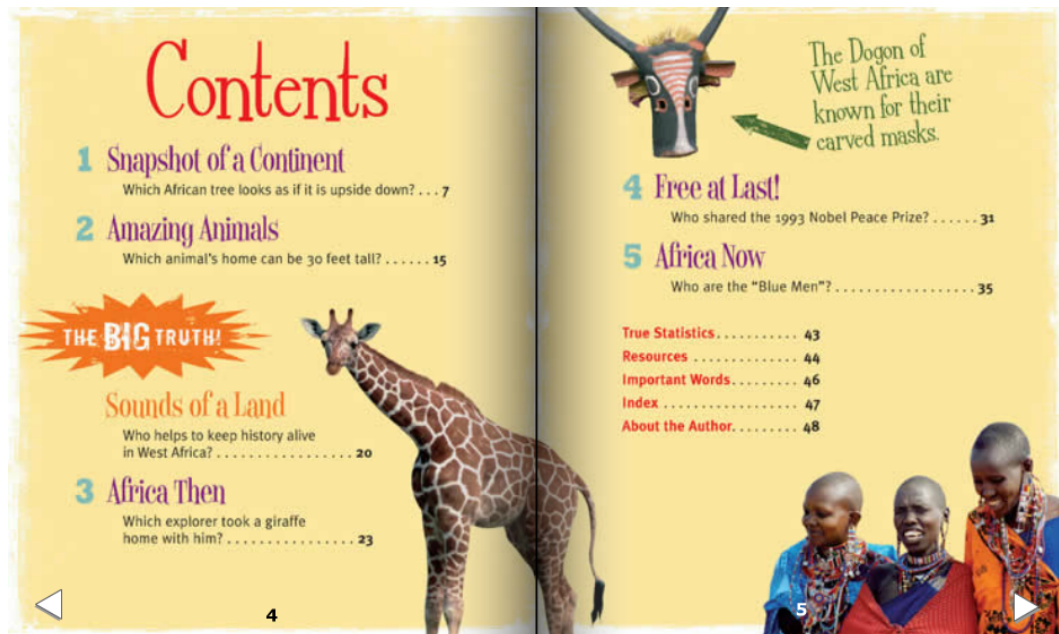
TrueFlix: Trueflix is a database that includes non-fiction electronic books. Within each selected book you will find a 3-6 minute informational video on the subject, and a list of recommended websites.

Trueflix contains these books which support the New York State Social Studies Standards on World Communities for 3rd Grade. The books are 48 pages long, and include a “Read-Along” button which highlights each word as it is read aloud.

Continents



Here is the contents page for the Africa book:



Each subject in *Trueflix* has a part called “Show What You Know.” This is a ten question quiz that can be used to check understanding from the text.

Show What You Know

1. What takes up almost all of North Africa?



- the Oregon Trail
- Machu Picchu
- the Sahara Desert
- the Baltic Sea

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Trueflix also offers word match activity that can be done online. Word match gives a clue that can then be matched with a keyword from the text. As you can see from the toolbar on the left, there are project ideas for the classroom, a list of other non-fiction resources on the same topic in “Explore More,” related websites that have been tested and recommended, and a 3-6 minute video in “Watch the Video.”



- Start
- Watch the Video
- Read the Book
- Explore More
- Project Idea
- Activity Center
 - Show What You Know
 - Word Match
- Explore the Web
- More Space

Word Match

Read the clue below. Click on the word it matches.
Match all the words to uncover a picture.

CLUE: to supply with water by artificial means

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|---------|-----------|-------------|
| nomad | fossil | irrigate |
| drought | ecosystem | equator |
| colony | savanna | environment |

Pebble Go! *Pebble Go is a database that includes non-fiction books, videos and activities. The target audience for Pebble Go is Kindergarten through 3rd grade, however Pebble Go can be a great way to pique interest in a topic for 4th and 5th graders. Each book is 5 pages long and includes a read-aloud button that highlights each word as it reads aloud. There are often one or two very short videos on the topic embedded within each book.*

Pebble Go Social Studies has a section called “Culture and Awareness.” Within Culture and Awareness you will find “Customs Around the World” that directly aligns with New York State Social Studies Standards on World Communities for third grade.

Here is a sample of one of the books:

Homes Warm and Cool Homes River Homes Rainy Weather Homes Apartment Homes Related Articles

 In cold Slovenia, people live in **cabins**. **Cabins** have thick wood walls to keep out the cold. In the southern United States, people live in **adobe** homes. **Adobe** homes stay cool in the hot desert sun.


Slovenia cabin (top) and an adobe home (bottom)

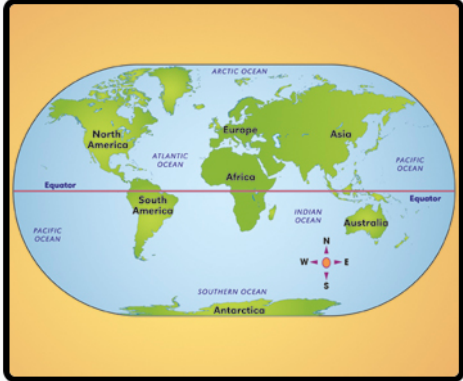
The “In My World” section of Pebble Go Social Studies also includes these two books which could work for studying World Communities:

“In My Continent” includes information on people, geography and government.

Home > [Book 1] > [Book 2] > [Book 3] > **In My Continent**

What Is a Continent? | My Continent | People | Landforms | Government | Related Articles

 A continent is one of the seven large landmasses of Earth.
The continents are:
North America, South America, Africa, Antarctica, Asia, Australia, and Europe.
The largest is Asia.




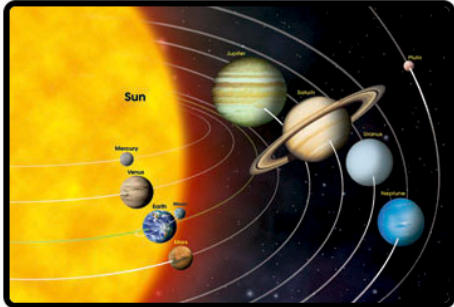
Map of Earth and its continents

“In My World” discusses continents and people.

Home > [Book 1] > [Book 2] > [Book 3] > **In My World**

Earth Is Our World | Earth and the Planets | Oceans | Continents | People | Related Articles

 Our world is called Earth.
Earth is one of eight major planets in our solar system.
The eight major planets are:
Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune. Earth is the third planet from the sun.



The eight planets in our solar system

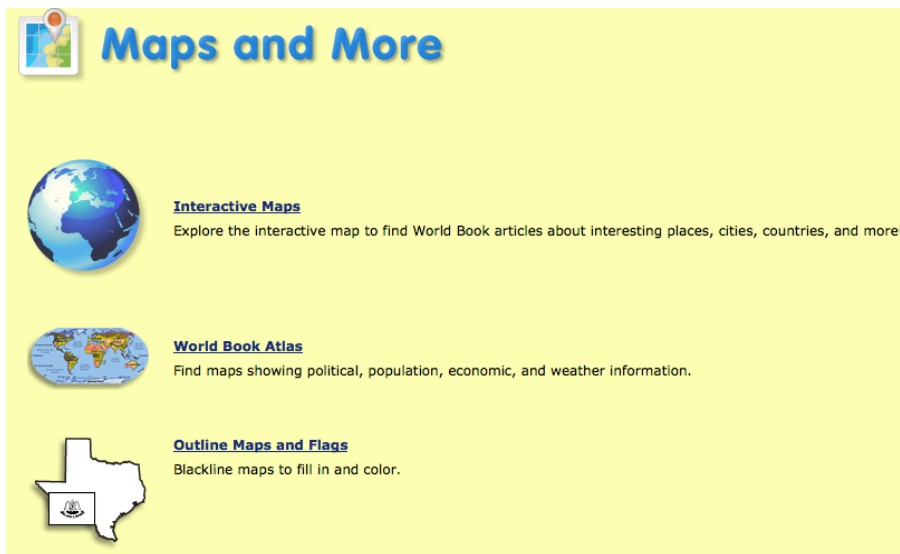
World Book Web:

The World Book Web is a suite of online research tools that includes encyclopedia articles, primary source collections, educator tools, student activities, pictures, audio, and video, complemented by current periodicals and related Web sites. Most all of these World Book Web research tools include options where text can be read aloud to the user. All Ithaca elementary school libraries currently subscribe to **Worldbook Kids**, **Worldbook Student**, **Worldbook Discover**, **Worldbook Timelines** and **Worldbook Classroom: Early World of Learning**. For specific training in how to use these amazing tools consult Worldbook's training website or ask your school's librarian. <http://www.worldbookonline.com/training/>

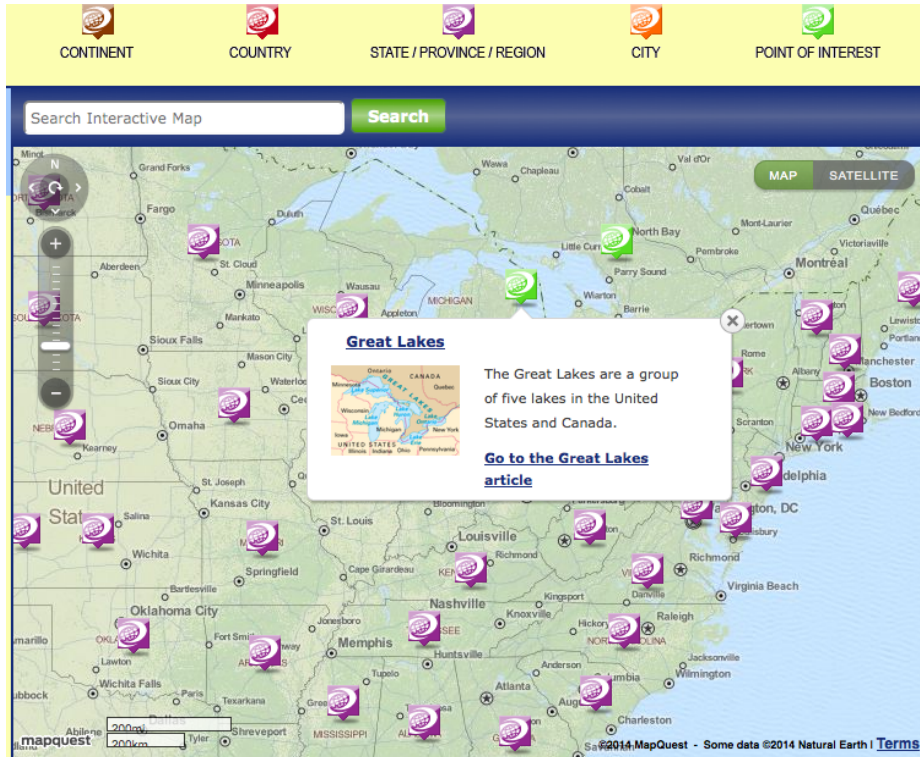
There is a map section of World Book Kids that is called "Maps and More." See below:



"Maps and More" includes interactive maps, a world book atlas and outline maps to print, fill in, and color. The interactive maps section is a lot like google maps, but it has little World Book flags for cities, countries, states, rivers and other points of interest that can be clicked on to lead directly to their World Book Kids encyclopedia articles. It is a very useful feature!



Notice the colored tags at the top of the screen. They can narrow down a search on the map. Students can also look at the map from a satellite view. You can see how when the point of interest “Great Lakes” was clicked a bubble came up that gives a quick fact and then offers to take you to the Great Lakes article.



Using World Book Kids “Maps and More” you can select an outline map and flag from any country or continent in the world to print and use. These could be very useful for third graders exploring Africa through the Project LookSharp curriculum currently used by Ithaca City School District.



Websites:

Kids World Geography Games

<http://www.kidsgeo.com/geography-games/>

Includes Africa map match, oceans and world map match.

Kids World Geography Games

<http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/Geography.htm>

Map games of the world's continents, countries, capitals, & landscapes!

ABCya's World Geography: Countries and Maps

http://www.abcya.com/world_geography_maps.htm

Match country names to their corresponding map. There are several levels to complete.

U.S. and World Maps

<http://www.yourchildlearns.com/geography.htm>

Interactive maps and map puzzles to learn continents, countries, states, capitals, borders, physical features and cultural monuments.

Geography Worksheets:

<http://www.jumpstart.com/parents/worksheets/geography-worksheets>

A collection of free, printable geography worksheets on subjects like continents and oceans and the world around us.

iPad apps:

Earth 3D - Amazing Atlas - by 3Planesoft

Cost: \$0.99

This interactive 3D globe features wonders of the world, political and geographic maps and weather.

Map My Globe Full by KidsAndBeyond, LLC

Cost: \$2.99

Along with learning the location of each country, users are also presented with flash cards, which give them information on each country. Listen and read along to learn about capital cities, regional languages, currencies, and bordering countries. Includes quizzes.

Globe for iPad - by Alan Smith

Cost: Free

A 3D globe that can be manipulated by dragging your finger to rotate it. Avoid tapping on the countries as it will lead out of the app to a wikipedia article on that country.

Whole Wide World 2 Premier - by Fingerprint

Cost: \$4.99

Meet kids from all corners of the globe and learn about their customs and cultures. Includes several African countries.

National Geographic World Atlas - by National Geographic Society

Cost: \$1.99

High resolution maps, flags and facts section, lines of latitude and longitude. Spin, span and zoom in on the world with this interactive 3D globe. Place pins to make spots and save them for later lessons. There is up-to-date information on every country and capital city including socio-economic data, weather and currency.

Barefoot World Atlas - by Touch Press

Cost: \$4.99

Learn everything from cultures to insects in this easy-to-navigate globe. Includes animations, illustrations, photographs, and voiceovers. Encounter world wildlife, famous landmarks, natural features, and remarkable buildings.

Great tutorial by Barefoot Atlas creator: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z55L2xdcOyA#t=73>

Geo Walk HD - 3D World Fact Book - by Vito Technology Inc.

Cost: \$2.99

Interactive globe model with articles on various topics like animals, plants, history, people and inventions of the world.

World Map Puzzle - by Gloding, Inc.

Cost: Free

Learn the countries in the world with a jigsaw puzzle. Includes all continents and countries.