

3rd Grade World Communities: People

New York State Learning Standards for Social Studies

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Communities around the World:

People of similar and different cultural groups often live together in world communities. World communities have social, political, economic, and cultural similarities and differences.

World communities change over time.

Important events and eras of the near and distant past can be displayed on timelines. Calendar time can be measured in terms of years, decades, centuries, and millennia, using BC and AD as reference points.

All people in world communities need to learn and they learn in different ways.

Families in world communities differ from place to place.

Beliefs, customs, and traditions in world communities are learned from others and may differ from place to place.

Different events, people, problems, and ideas make up world communities.

People in world communities may have different interpretations and perspectives about important issues and historic events.

Governments around the world

Governments in world communities organize to provide functions people cannot provide as individuals.

Governments in world communities have the authority to make, carry out, and enforce laws and manage disputes among them.

Governments in world communities develop rules and laws. Governments in world communities plan, organize, and make decisions.

Cultures and civilizations

What is a culture? What is a civilization?

How and why do cultures change?

Where do people settle and live? Why?

People in world communities exchange elements of their cultures.

People in world communities use legends, folktales, oral histories, biographies, autobiographies, and historical narratives to transmit values, ideas, beliefs, and traditions.

People in world communities celebrate their accomplishments, achievements, and contributions.

Historic events can be viewed through the eyes of those who were there, as shown in their art, writings, music, and artifacts.

Books

We by Alice Schertle (2007)

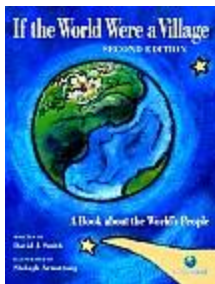
Includes bibliographical references. Lyrical verse describes the emergence of humankind out of Africa, charting humanity's course from a million years ago to the present day, highlighting the development of diversity among peoples and the ability to invent and discover.



Guided Reading: R
32 Pages

If the World Were a Village: A Book about the World's People by David J. Smith (2011)

Includes bibliographical references (p. 32). Breaks down the population of the world into a collection of one hundred representative people and describes what one would find in this global village, covering languages, ages, religions, food, air and water, schooling, and possessions, accompanied by vivid color illustrations.



Guided Reading: S
32 Pages

Desert Communities: Past and Present by Cindy Jenson-Elliott (2014)

Includes bibliographical references (page 23) and index. Compares and contrasts the way people lived in a North American desert over the course of centuries.



Guided Reading: L
24 Pages

River Communities: Past and Present by Danielle Smith-Llera (2014)

Includes bibliographical references (page 23) and index. Compares and contrasts the way people lived near a North American river over the course of centuries.



Guided Reading: L

24 Pages

Plains Communities: Past and Present by Megan O'Hara (2014)

Includes bibliographical references (page 23) and index. Compares and contrasts the way people lived on the Great Plains over the course of centuries.

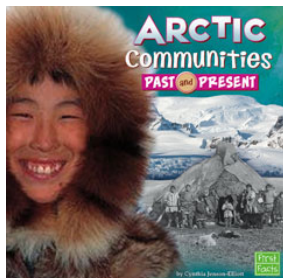


Guided Reading: L

24 Pages

Arctic Communities: Past and Present by Cindy Jenson-Elliot (2014)

Includes bibliographical references (page 23) and index. Compares and contrasts the way people lived in the Arctic over the course of centuries. To live in the Arctic, people have had to adapt to a freezing climate of ice and snow. Learn how Arctic communities have survived for thousands of years in this harsh environment. Discover how villagers find food in a land with few animals and plants. Examine how these communities are changing in a world of computers and global climate change.



Guided Reading: L

24 Pages

School in Many Cultures by Heather Adamson (2008)

All over the world, students go to school. How are these schools the same as yours? How are they different?



Guided Reading: I
24 Pages

Homes in Many Cultures by Heather Adamson (2008)

Step inside homes all over the world. What makes them the same as yours? What makes them different?



Guided Reading: I
24 Pages

Families in Many Cultures by Heather Adamson (2007)

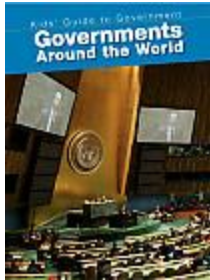
Includes bibliographical references (p. 23) and index. Full-color photographs and simple text describe various families and cultures from around the world.



Guided Reading: I
24 Pages

Governments Around the World by Ernestine Giesecke (2010)

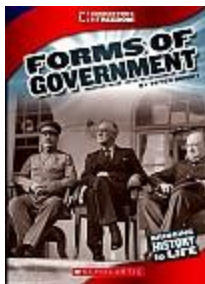
Includes bibliographical references (p. 31) and index. Introduces the concept of government, exploring various types of systems, including democracy, communism, and socialism, and presenting international organizations such as the UN and NATO.



Guided Reading: U
32 Pages

Forms of Government by Peter Benoit (2014)

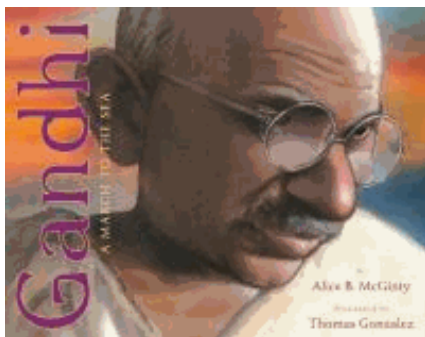
Includes bibliographical references (page 61) and index. Examines the variety of governments that lead different countries and discusses how they have shaped the world today.



Guided Reading: U
64 Pages

Gandhi: A March to the Sea by Alice B. McGinty (2013)

Recounts the March to the Sea, in which, Mohandas Gandhi and seventy protesters marched from Ahmedabad to Dandi, in twenty-four days, to protest the laws and taxes that Great Britain put on salt.



Guided Reading:
40 Pages

People by Peter Spier (1980)

Emphasizes the differences among the four billion people on earth.



Guided Reading: L
44 pages

We All Have Different Cultures by Melissa Higgins (2012)

Americans come from many different backgrounds and cultures. What's yours like? Let's share and celebrate what makes our cultures special!



Guided Reading: K
24 Pages

How Are We the Same and Different by Bobbie Kalman (2009)

Includes index. Same and different? Photographs and simple text introduce young readers to the ways that people around the world are both similar and different, and discusses physical similarities, cultural differences, and more.



Guided Reading: N
32 Pages

We Are the Earth by Bobbie Kalman (2009)

Includes index. Photographs and text introduces young readers to the reasons why, despite cultural and religious differences, everyone lives together on the Earth.



Guided Reading: O

32 Pages

What is Culture by Bobbie Kalman (2009)

Includes bibliographical references (p. 32) and index. What is culture? -- Continents and countries -- What is history? -- The story of you -- Different beliefs -- The culture of clothing -- Tasting culture -- Music and dance -- Celebrating culture -- Sports -- The culture of art -- Our multicultural world -- Fun with culture -- The culture of peace.

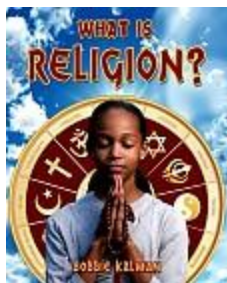


Guided Reading: P

32 Pages

What is Religion by Bobbie Kalman (2009)

Includes index. Photographs and easy-to-follow text provide an introduction to religions, and briefly describes different spiritual ways and traditions from around the world.

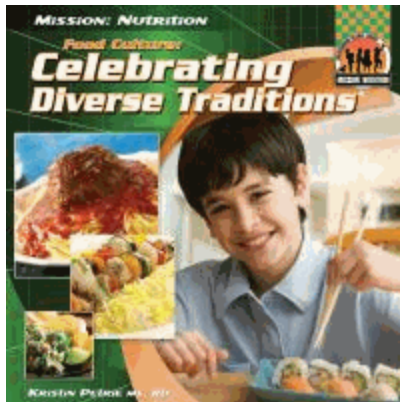


Guided Reading: O

32 Pages

Food Culture: Celebrating Diverse Traditions by Kristin Petrie (2012)

Explores the culinary traditions of various cultures and religions around the world.



Guided Reading: O

32 Pages

Music Everywhere by Maya Ajmera (2014)

Photographs from around the world celebrate the universal joy that kids get from making music, whether they are playing instruments, clapping their hands, stomping their feet or singing.

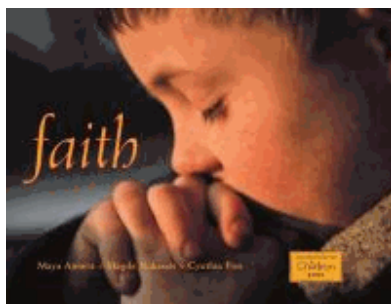


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Faith by Maya Ajmera (2009)

Photographs and simple text describe the various ways people express their faith, such as praying, singing, and helping others.

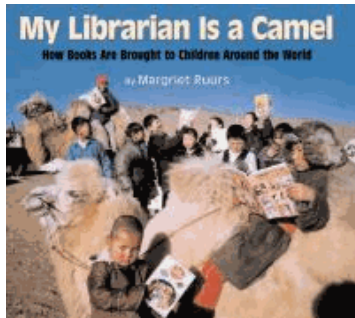


Guided Reading: J

48 Pages

My Librarian is a Camel: how books are brought to children around the world by Margriet Ruurs (2005)

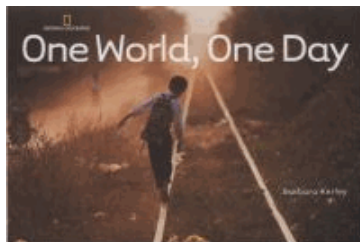
Contains photographs, information, and personal stories about mobile libraries and their young patrons in countries around the world, showing some of the unique ways by which books are delivered, including boat, camel, and elephant.



Guided Reading: T
30 Pages

One World, One Day by Barbara Kerley (2009)

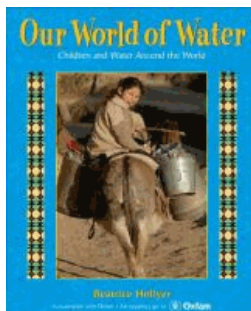
Photographs and poetic text describe the shared daily activities of people around the world, such as preparing breakfast.



Guided Reading: J
48 Pages

Our World of Water: Children and Water Around the World by Beatrice Hollyer (2009)

Explains how vital water is to human survival, and examines where water comes from, along with the ways children in Peru, Mauritania, the United States, Bangladesh, Ethiopia, and Tajikistan use this natural resource.



Guided Reading: Q
47 Pages

Digital Resources

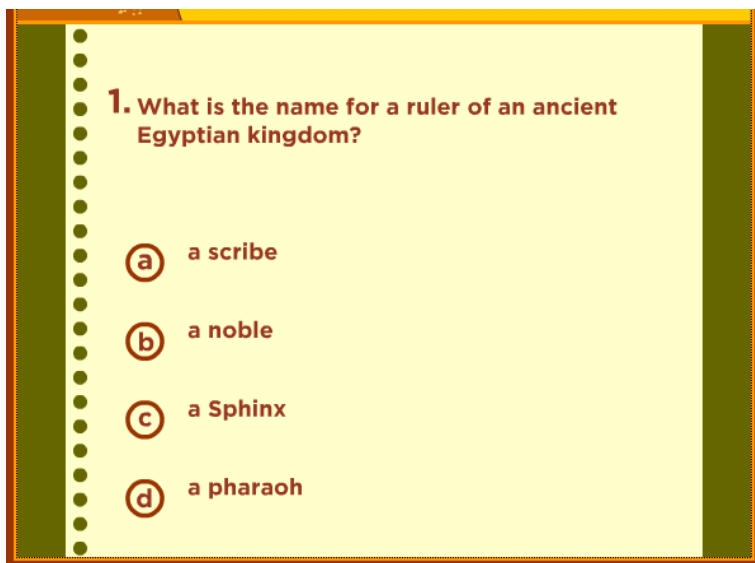
Databases: (To access these databases remotely, ask your librarian for your school's username and password.)

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.*

These videos on ancient history show world peoples and discuss their cultures. These can be used to support New York State Social Studies 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.



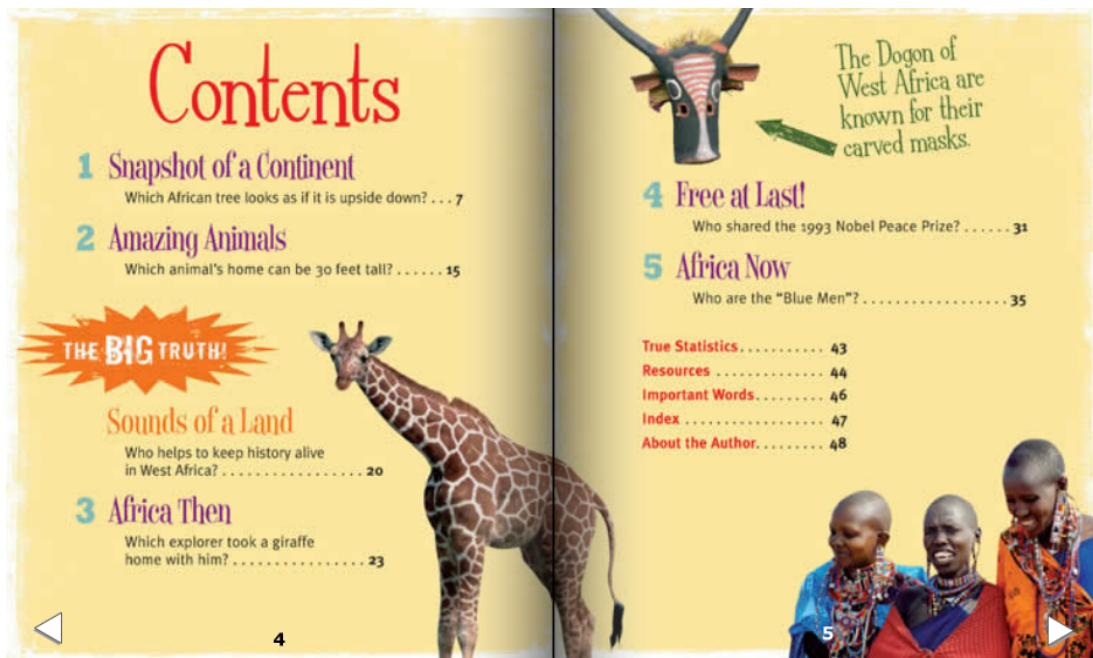
TrueFlix: Trueflix is a database that includes non-fiction electronic books. Within each selected book you will find a 3-6 minute informational video on the subject, and a list of recommended websites.

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

SUBMIT

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

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” which 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)

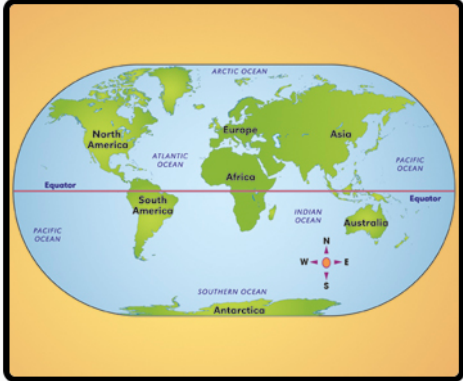
The “In My World” section of Pebble Go Social Studies also includes these two books which could work for studying World Communities:

“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.




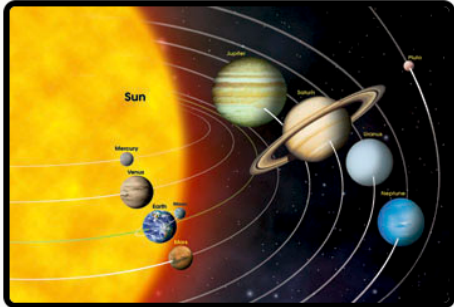
Map of Earth and its continents

“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/>

WORLD BOOK

KIDS

Dig deeper!

More subjects:

- Biographies
- Business and Industry
- Community
- Customs and Beliefs
- Education
- Ethnic Groups**
- Festivals and Holidays
- House and Home
- Organizations

People To continue,

As you can see below - World Book Kids offers a lot of information on the people, governments and economies of the world.

Business, industry, ethnic groups, and community are all things that students can explore in greater depth. If you select a broad subject heading like the ones you see on the left, you will be taken to a page of articles that are organized alphabetically. I find it helpful to know what ethnic group or festival you are searching for specifically, otherwise you can get lost in the list of articles.

World Book Student as opposed to World Book Kids offers a wider variety of articles. There are articles on many African ethnic groups that could be used in third grade. Below is a glimpse of an article on the Zulu including a sound bite of Zulu and Xhosa music. This article can be found by clicking on this link: <http://www.worldbookonline.com/student/article?id=ar617650> or by typing Zulu into World Book Student and selecting the first article.

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Zulu, [«ZOO loo»](#), are one of the main Bantu-speaking peoples of Africa. About 7 million Zulu live in the Republic of South Africa, mostly in the province of KwaZulu-Natal. They make up the largest language group in that country. Many Zulu live in urban areas. For many years, the Zulu and other black South Africans have suffered severe discrimination at the hands of South African whites.

During the early 1800's, a Zulu king named Shaka led his nation in a series of military conquests. In 1838, the Zulu clashed with invading white settlers called *Boers*. The Zulu remained independent until the British conquered them in 1879.

Sound Zulu and Xhosa music

World Book Student also has a great feature called “Compare Places” in their explore section.

EXPLORE

Explore World Book's rich collection of articles, tables, maps, and multimedia on the world:

[Explore New York](#)
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After clicking on “Compare Places” you will see these options:

Compare Places

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Here's a sample of the continent compare:

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Africa		Europe
	Area	
	Population	
	Highest Elevation	
Africa	Continent	Europe
Lake Assal, 509 ft (155 m) below sea level	Lowest Elevation	Caspian Sea, 92 ft (28 m) below sea level
The world's largest desert, the Sahara, stretches across northern Africa.	Interesting Fact	The countries of Europe include the world's largest country, Russia, as well as the world's smallest, Vatican City.
	Coastline	
Atlantic, Indian	Neighboring Oceans	Arctic, Atlantic
Cairo, Egypt, 7,786,640	Largest City, Population	Moscow, Russia, 10,126,424
53	Number of Independent Countries	49

[Explore Africa](#)
[View Article](#)

Population: 1,116,547,000

[Explore Europe](#)
[View Article](#)

Population: 722,305,000

Here is an example of the country compare:

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Kenya		Tanzania
	Area	
	Population	
	Highest Elevation	
	Life Expectancy Males	
	Life Expectancy Females	
	Internet Users per 100	
	Armed Forces	
Nairobi	Capital	Dodoma
Republic of Kenya	Official Name	United Republic of Tanzania
Africa	Continent	Africa
Sea level	Lowest Elevation	Sea level
Republic	Government	Republic
President	Head of State	President

[Explore Kenya](#)
[View Article](#)

Population: 45,046,000

[Explore Tanzania](#)
[View Article](#)

Population: 48,760,000

Websites:

Explore and More: World Cultures for Kids

<http://www.exploreandmore.org/world/default.htm>

Use Cultures for Kids to explore different countries. Learn about languages, clothing, music and more.

Global Trek

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/globaltrek/>

This site is a way for students to travel the world without having to leave their classroom. The travel itinerary provides links to background information and a chance to read about a country's people and culture. There is even the opportunity to correspond and talk with people in their native language with the help of instant translation.

Population Clock

<http://www.census.gov/popclock/>

A daily update of the world and U.S. population by the U.S. Census Bureau.

National Geographic Kids: Countries of the World

http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/content/kids/en_US/explore/countries/italy.html

National Geographic's site for young readers is one of the best resources for information on the Net about the world, its people, and its wildlife.

Culture Quest: World Tour

<http://www.ipl.org/div/cquest/>

Internet Public Library's links to websites and information on a selection of countries from the continents of the world.

Around the World: Time for Kids

<http://www.timeforkids.com/around-the-world>

celebrates the culture, people, landmarks and geography of places around the world through photographs, maps, diagrams, charts, folktales, language and activities.

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.

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.