

## Maps and Geography Resource List for Grades K through 4

The Resources in this document can be used with the Maps and Geography Curriculum Packet for grades K-4.

### Books

#### Nonfiction and Biography

- The 50 States: Explore the U.S.A. with 50 Fact-Filled Maps, 2015 by Gabrielle Balkan (Author), Sol Linero (Illustrator).  
*The 50 States* explores 50 illustrated maps, each featuring state capitals, famous residents and key historical moments to learn all about. You'll also get a guide to the state flags and presidents of the USA.
- Around the World Right Now, 2017 by Gina Cascone (Author), Bryony Williams Sheppard (Author), Olivia Beckman (Illustrator).  
In this multicultural travelogue through each of the 24 time zones, readers are invited to travel the world and experience all the people, places, and things that exist on our planet right now. A perfect read-aloud to help introduce geography and time-telling.
- Follow That Map!: A First Book of Mapping Skills, 2009 by Scot Ritchie (Author, Illustrator).  
Maps help us understand and explore both everyday environments and faraway places. This book that explains and demonstrates key mapping concepts.
- Geography from A to Z: A Picture Glossary, 1997 by Jack Knowlton (Author), Harriet Barton (Illustrator).  
This picture glossary is filled with accessible information to help children better understand geography and the physical environment.
- The Librarian Who Measured the Earth, 1994 by Kathryn Lasky (Author).  
A perfect introduction to mathematical concepts for young readers, this illustrated biography of the Greek philosopher and scientist Eratosthenes, who compiled the first geography book and accurately measured the globe's circumference, is just right for budding mathematicians, scientists, historians, and librarians
- Maps, 2013 by Aleksandra Mizielinska (Author), Daniel Mizielinski (Author).  
This is a visual feast for readers of all ages, with lavishly drawn illustrations. It features not only borders, cities, rivers, and peaks, but also places of historical and cultural interest, eminent personalities, iconic animals and plants, cultural events, and many more fascinating facts associated with every region of our planet.
- Map Keys (Rookie Read-About Geography), 2012 by Rebecca Olien (Author), Laura McCormick (Consultant Editor).

This book helps readers will learn why map keys are important and how to use them to interpret the data on different kinds of maps.

- Me on the Map, 2009 by Joan Sweeney (Author), Annette Cable (Illustrator).  
A young girl shows readers herself on a map of her room, her room on the map of her house, her house on the map of her street--all the way to her country on a map of the world. Then she demonstrates how readers can find their own country, state, and town--all the way back to their room--on each colorful map.
- National Geographic Kids World Atlas, 2013 by National Geographic (Author).  
Packed with data, bold images, large maps, a brand-new design, and lively information this atlas is a world reference for elementary learners.
- National Geographic Kids United States Atlas, 2017 by National Geographic Kids (Author).  
World-renowned cartographers have paired up with education experts to create maps of the 50 states, U.S. territories, and Washington, D.C., that pinpoint the physical features, capitals, and towns and cities of each state.

#### Fiction

- And the Dish Ran Away with the Spoon, 2016 by Janet Stevens (Author), Susan Stevens Crummel (Author).  
Every night the rhyme gets read. Every night Dish and Spoon run away. And every night they return--until they don't! Cat, Cow, and Dog search for their missing friends using Fork's map.
- How I Learned Geography, 2008 by Uri Shulevitz (Author, Illustrator).  
This work is based on the authors childhood memories of World War II and features stunning illustrations that celebrate the power of imagination. An author's note includes a brief description of his family's experience, two of his early drawings, and the only surviving photograph of himself from that time.
- Mapping Penny's World, 2003 by Loreen Leedy (Author, Illustrator).  
Lisa and her dog, Penny, make a map of Penny's world. Making maps is so much fun that Lisa and Penny decide to visit some of the exotic places that they've drawn, but they won't forget to take a map along!
- Show Way, 2005 by Jacqueline Woodson (Author), Hudson Talbott (Illustrator).  
A Show Way is a quilt with secret meanings (A map to freedom), and the image works as both history and haunting metaphor in this book. The story is based on the author's own history, and tells of African American women across generations, from slavery and the civil rights movement to the present.

#### Magazines, Journals, Miscellaneous

- Google Earth: This downloadable free program from Google is a must have.  
<https://www.google.com/earth/>

- Nat Geo Kids: Excellent magazine from the renowned teams at National Geographic. Suitable for ages 6+.  
<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/subscribe/kids-magazines-bundle/?key=NAVKDS6>

### **Online Links**

These sites are all maintained by institutions with an involvement in Cartography and/or Geography. They have a rich array of resources, including background information, simulated experiences, and much more.

- National Geographic Kids: <http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/Places/Find>
- USGS: The National Map. Customize maps for study or travel.  
<https://viewer.nationalmap.gov/launch/>
- World Atlas.com: <http://www.worldatlas.com/>

### **Background information for the Educator**

- National Geographic Society Education Resources.  
<https://www.nationalgeographic.org/education/teaching-resources/>
- National Geographic Educational Mapping Resources  
<https://www.nationalgeographic.org/education/mapping/>
- The USGS offers free topographic maps along with ideas for using them with students.  
<https://education.usgs.gov/lessons/teachingtopomaps.html>