

# ELEMENTARY RESOURCES FOR GLOBALIZING CURRICULUM

## General:

[www.unc.edu/world](http://www.unc.edu/world)

World View's web site provides program information and resources for educators.

[www.ncintheworld.org/](http://www.ncintheworld.org/)

NC in the World, LEARN NC, World View, and the Asia Society offer online lesson plans, materials, and information for teachers globalizing schools and curriculum.

[www.mywonderfulworld.org](http://www.mywonderfulworld.org)

National Geographic's web site includes links to teacher resources, games, music exploration, geography quizzes, and downloadable maps.

<http://asiasociety.org/education-learning>

The Asia Society presents excellent general resources for global education (not limited to Asia). Resources for teachers include lesson plans, background essays, and maps. Resources for students explore themes and regions through articles and multimedia.

[www.un.org/Pubs/CyberSchoolBus](http://www.un.org/Pubs/CyberSchoolBus)

United Nations Cyberschoolbus includes interactive maps and lesson plans.

[www.learnnc.org](http://www.learnnc.org)

This site provides NC K-12 teachers with resources for lesson plans, classroom materials, and teaching strategies.

[www.ngsednet.org/ngca](http://www.ngsednet.org/ngca)

Join the NC Geographic Alliance and access information, announcements, and resources for teaching geography.

[www.nationalgeographic.com/xpeditions](http://www.nationalgeographic.com/xpeditions)

National Geographic shares lesson plans, activities, and maps based on the national geography standards.

[www.newseum.org/todaysfrontpages/](http://www.newseum.org/todaysfrontpages/)

Check and compare the front pages of newspapers in 49 different countries.

[www.readtofeed.org](http://www.readtofeed.org)

These educational resources created by Heifer International explore hunger, poverty, and other global issues.

## Web Images:

<http://micro.magnet.fsu.edu/primer/java/scienceopticsu/powersof10/index.html>

From quarks, to an oak tree in Florida, to the Milky Way 10 million light years away, students can examine the universe.

[www.cojoweb.com/earthlights.html](http://www.cojoweb.com/earthlights.html)

This earthlights image shows the concentration of the world's population and electricity resources.

## International Connections:

<http://asiasociety.org/education-learning>

This site includes publications and networking for international connections.

[www.ed.gov/teachers/how/tech/international/index.html](http://www.ed.gov/teachers/how/tech/international/index.html)

This Teacher's Guide to International Collaboration on the Internet was prepared by the Department of Education's International Education Initiative.

[www.peacecorps.gov/www](http://www.peacecorps.gov/www)

Peace Corps' World Wise Schools Web Site connects classrooms to volunteers serving abroad.

### **Lesson Plans:**

[www.nationalgeographic.com/xpeditions/activities/matrix.html](http://www.nationalgeographic.com/xpeditions/activities/matrix.html)

National Geographic shares classroom activities highlighting human systems, environment and society, geography, the world in spatial terms, and more.

[www.amnh.org/nationalcenter/it\\_takes\\_all\\_kinds/e/e.html](http://www.amnh.org/nationalcenter/it_takes_all_kinds/e/e.html)

The "You've Got the Whole World in Your Shopping Bag" web page illustrates the connections between common purchases and the world.

[www.gloaled.org/myself/intro.html](http://www.gloaled.org/myself/intro.html)

Myself and Others lessons provide interactive lessons to teach people and systems.

[www.wfu.edu/%7Emccoy/mgames.pdf](http://www.wfu.edu/%7Emccoy/mgames.pdf)

Leah McCoy's collection of math activities incorporates diverse cultures.

### **Collaboration Tools:**

[www.voicethread.com](http://www.voicethread.com)

Collaborative, multimedia slide show that allows students to contribute in 4 ways - using voice, text, audio file, or video.

[www.illuminate.com](http://www.illuminate.com)

Provider of live Web conferencing and eLearning solutions

[www.skype.com](http://www.skype.com)

Synchronous audio/visual conversations with other Skype users via the internet.

[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

Watch and share original videos worldwide.

Also see: [www.teachertube.com](http://www.teachertube.com)

### **Books:**

#### **K-2<sup>nd</sup>**

Smith, Jr., Charles B. *I am America*. Scholastic, 2003.

Poetry and photographs bring home the lesson that America is made up of many cultures, reflected in our looks, our music, and our traditions.

Stojic, Manya. *Hello, World! Greetings in 42 Languages Around the Globe*. Scholastic, 2002.

How we say hello in many different languages, paired with beautiful paintings of contemporary children from around the world.

Scillian, Devin. *P is for Passport: A World Alphabet*. Sleeping Bear Press, 2003.

Uses the alphabet to teach geography and cultural differences.

#### **3-5<sup>th</sup>**

Braman, Arlette N. *Kids Around the World Play!* Jossey-Bass, 2002.

Games from many countries including Mexico, Kenya, Egypt, China, Russia, and India.

Lord, Betty Bao. *In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson*. Harper Trophy, 2003

A story of a Chinese girl in Brooklyn in 1947 facing the challenge of gaining acceptance in a new country while keeping the traditions of her family. Online resources for teaching *In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson*: [www.teachervision.fen.com/multiculturalism/asian-americans/18566.html](http://www.teachervision.fen.com/multiculturalism/asian-americans/18566.html)

Marsden, Carolyn. *The Gold-Threaded Dress*. Candlewick Press, 2002.

A Thai-American girl is teased because of her culture by classmates whose parents come from Mexico, Somalia, China, and Finland. Information about the author (the girl in the cover photo is her daughter) [www.carolynmarsden.com/](http://www.carolynmarsden.com/)

Mortenson, Greg and David Oliver Relin. *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Journey to Change the World...One Child at a Time - Young Reader's Edition*. Penguin, 2009.

The story of an American man working to build schools in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Mortenson, Greg and Susan L. Roth. *Listen to the Wind: The Story of Dr. Greg and Three Cups of Tea*. Penguin, 2009.

This book tells the story of an American man working to improve education in Afghanistan and Pakistan. It is told in the voice of the children of the town of Korphe.

Smith, David. *If the World Were a Village*. Kids Can Press, 2002.

An illustrated book version based on the well-known metaphor "If the World Were a Village," making the world's population and make-up more understandable.

#### **Other Books for Young Audiences:**

Aardema, Verna. *Anansi Finds a Fool: An Ashanti Tale*. Dial Books for Young Readers, 1992

A folktale of West Africa, one of many Anansi favorites

Beeler, Selby, and G. Brian Karas, illus. *Throw Your Tooth on the Roof: Tooth Traditions from Around the World* (Paperback) Houghton-Mifflin, 1998. Tooth-losing traditions from many countries

Bliss, Corine Demas, and Kathryn Brown, illus. *The Littlest Matryoshka* Hyperion, 1999. A story of the traditional Russian nesting dolls (each named, so you have the opportunity to hear and recognize particular Russian names as part of the story)

Kindersley, Barnabas and Anabel. *Children Just Like Me*. DK Publishing, 1995.

A collection of child profiles (with photos) from around the world, great details for similarities and differences in daily life

#### **Books in Series:**

**Another Country Calling: The Adventures of Simon and Barklee** – ExplorerMedia. A series of adventure stories featuring two characters that travel the world; excellent accompanying activities and vocabulary enhancements. (ages 7 and up)

**Save the Planet:** Claire Llewellyn, Creative Publishers: 2006 (grade 1 and up)

Fight Pollution, Let's Recycle, Protect Natural Habitats, Save Energy, Stop Water Waste

**Environmental Disasters:** Jane Walker, Creative Publishers: 2005 (grade 4 and up)

Atmosphere in Danger, Oil Spills, The Ozone Hole, Vanishing Habitats and Species

**Let's Investigate:** Various, Creative Publishers: 2004 (grade 3 and up)

Australia, Costa Rica, India, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Mexico, Russia

**Start-up Religion:** Various, Cherrytree Publishing: 2005 (grade 1 and up)

Belonging, Celebrating Harvest, Gifts at Christmas, The Jewish Faith, Visiting a Church, Visiting a Gurdwara, Visiting a Mandir, Visiting a Mosque, Visiting a Synagogue

**Letters From Around the World:** Various, Cherrytree Publishing: 2004-2005 (grade 3 and up)

Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Costa Rica, Egypt, France, Germany, Greece, India, Indonesia, Italy, Kenya, Mexico, Pakistan, South Africa

**One World:** Guin & Rayner, Smart Apple Media: 2006 (grade 3 and up)  
Going to School, In the City, In the Country, On the Move, What We Wear, Where We Live

**Our Lives, Our World – Children around the World:** Susie Brooks, Chrysalis Education: 2006  
(grade 3 and up)  
Bangladesh, Denmark, Ireland, Japan, Mexico, Spain

**Beliefs and Cultures:** Various, Sea-to-Sea Publications: 2005 (grade 3 and up)  
Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim, Sikh

**Craft Topics:** Various, Sea-to-Sea Publications: 2005 (grade 3 and up)  
Aztecs, Castles, Dinosaurs, The Egyptians, The Greeks, Knights, Pirates, The Romans, The Vikings,  
Writing and Printing

**Ancient Wonders of the World:** Various, Creative Education: 2006 (grade 4 and up)  
Egyptian Pyramids, Great Wall of China, Machu Picchu, Statues on Easter Island, Stonehenge, Taj  
Mahal

**Clues to the Past:** Various, Sea-to-Sea Publications: 2006 (grade 4 and up)  
Everyday Life in Ancient Egypt, Everyday Life in Ancient Greece, Everyday Life in Roman Times,  
Everyday Life in Viking Times

**Country Topics:** Various, Sea-to-Sea Publications: 2006 (grade 4 and up)  
France, Germany, Great Britain, India, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Spain

**Rich and Poor In:** Various, Smart Apple Media: 2006 (grade 4 and up)  
Ancient Egypt, Ancient Greece, Ancient Rome, Mesopotamia

**Country Files:** Various, Smart Apple Media: 2003-2005 (grade 4 and up)  
Australia, Bangladesh, Brazil, The Caribbean, China, France, Great Britain, India, Ireland, Italy,  
Japan, Kenya, Nigeria, Pakistan, South Africa, Spain

**Focus on Europe:** Various, Stargazer Books: 2005 (grade 4 and up)  
Belgium, Luxembourg and The Netherlands, Britain and the British, France and the French, Germany  
and the Germans, Italy and the Italians, Spain and the Spanish

**Global Citizenship:** Various, Smart Apple Media: 2004 (grade 4 and up)  
Being Active Citizens, Improving the Quality of Life, Living Sustainably, Making Global Connections,  
Protecting Global Environments, Respecting Cultural Differences, Understanding Human Rights,  
Valuing World Heritage

**Religion in Focus:** Various, Smart Apple Media: 2005 (grade 4 and up)  
Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, Sikhism

**Precious Earth:** Jen Green, Chrysalis Education: 2003-2004 (grade 4 and up)  
Changing Climate, Energy Crisis, Feeding the People, The Polluted Planet, Rainforests at Risk,  
Saving Oceans and Wetlands, Waste and Recycling, Wildlife in Danger

**Around the World Series:** Betsy Franco, Evan-Moor Educational Publishers:1993-1995 (age 6 and  
up) Titles include Russia, India, China, Japan, Brazil