MIDDLE SCHOOL RESOURCES FOR GLOBALIZING CURRICULUM

General:
www.unc.edu/world
World View’s web site provides program information and resources for educators.

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
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
United Nations Cyberschoolbus includes interactive maps and lesson plans.

www.learnnc.org
LEARN NC provides NC K-12 teachers with resources for lesson plans, classroom materials, and teaching strategies.

www.ngsednet.org/ncga
Join the NC Geographic Alliance and access information, announcements, and resources for teaching geography.

www.nationalgeographic.com/xpeditions
National Geographic shares lesson plans, activities, and maps based on the national geography standards.

www.nytimes.com/learning
New York Times Learning Network provides activities and lessons covering global history, current events, and other content areas.

www.southerncenter.org/educational_materials.html
Southern Center for International Studies’ web site presents the World in Transition series for incorporating international affairs into middle and high school classrooms.

www.newseum.org/todaysfrontpages/
Check and compare the front pages of newspapers in 49 different countries.

www.choices.edu
The CHOICES Program at Brown University shares curriculum, professional development, “teaching with the news” activities, and more.

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

www.dawcl.com

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The Database of Award Winning Children’s Literature allows you to search multicultural literature by language, ethnicity, and nationality.

The CIA World Fact Book provides succinct country profiles including summaries of the country’s history, government, and population.

www.atlapedia.com/
Atlapedia is an atlas and encyclopedia for the world.

www.xe.net/ucc/
This site is a resource for currency conversion.

www.sciencemadesimple.com/conversions.html
Web site offers a history of the metric system as well as a metric converter.

www.elite.net/~runner/jennifers/
This language page lists greetings and common phrases in over 800 languages.

www.katw.org
Kids Around the World shares a collection of interviews and photographs of children in several different countries.

www.earth.google.com
This educational resource shows students anywhere on earth via satellite imagery, maps, terrain, and 3D buildings. Create your own tour or use the provided tours to complement lessons in science, history, and literature.

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

www.peacecorps.gov/wws
Peace Corps’ World Wise Schools web site connects classrooms to volunteers serving abroad.

Web Images:
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
This earthlights image shows the concentration of the world’s population and electricity resources.

Lesson Plans:
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.nationalgeographic.com/xpeditions/lessons/11/g68/products.html
National Geographic’s web site presents “Products Across Borders” and other 5-8 lessons highlighting human systems, environment and society, geography, the world in spatial terms, and more.

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

**Collaboration Tools:**

- [www.voicethread.com](http://www.voicethread.com)
  Create a collaborative, multimedia slideshow that allows students to contribute in 4 ways - using voice, text, audio file, or video.

- [www.elluminate.com](http://www.elluminate.com)
  Elluminate provides live Web conferencing and eLearning solutions.

- [www.skype.com](http://www.skype.com)
  Skype enables free 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:**

  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/)

  This collection of photos of families around the world with their possessions shares personal accounts of their daily lives. It’s a real eye-opener.

  A Newbery Award winning book about Korea

  An illustrated book version of the well-known metaphor for making the world’s population and make-up more understandable

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

**Books in Series:**

- **Environmental Disasters**: Jane Walker, Creative Publishers: 2005
  Atmosphere in Danger, Oil Spills, The Ozone Hole, Vanishing Habitats and Species

- **Looking at Landscapes**: Various, Creative Publishers: 2005
  Earthquakes and Volcanoes, Flooding and Drought, Plate Tectonics and Continental Drift, Weathering and Erosion

- **Earth’s Changing Landscapes**: Various, Creative Publishers: 2005

**Ancient Wonders of the World:** Various, Creative Education: 2006
Egyptian Pyramids, Great Wall of China, Machu Picchu, Statues of Easter Island, Stonehenge, Taj Mahal

**Clues to the Past:** Various, Sea-to-Sea Publications: 2006
Everyday Life in Ancient Egypt, Everyday Life in Ancient Greece, Everyday Life in Roman Times, Everyday Life in Viking Times

**Country Files:** Various, Smart Apple Media: 2003-2005
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
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
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
Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, Sikhism

**Campaign for Change:** Various, Smart Apple Media: 2006 (grades 6 and up )

**Flashpoints:** Various, Smart Apple Media: 2006
The Balkans, Central Africa, Central America, The Gulf States, The Indian Subcontinent, Israel and Palestine, Northern Ireland, The Russian Republics

**Uncovering History- Everyday Life:** Various, Smart Apple Media: 2004 – 2006
Ancient Arab & Islamic Life, Ancient Egypt, Ancient Greece, Ancient Rome, Aztecs. Incas and Mayas, Bible Lands, Celts, Medieval Europe, Native America, Prehistory, Vikings Times

**World Issues:** Various, Chrysalis Education: 2002-2004
Animal Rights, The Arms Trade, Capital Punishment, Consumerism, Drugs, Equal Opportunities, Euthanasia, Food Technology, Genocide, Human Rights, Poverty, Racism, Refugees, Terrorism

**Issues of the World:** Various, Stargazer Books: 2006
Fair Trade, Immigration, New Europe, Terrorism

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