Selected Resources

The following resources have been provided by Dr. Jervis and others to provide further background information for teachers. This list contains hypertext links or pointers to information created and maintained by other public and private organizations. These links and pointers are provided for the user's convenience. The New York State Education Department does not control or guarantee the accuracy, relevance, timeliness, or completeness of this outside information. Further, the inclusion of links or pointers to particular items in hypertext is not intended to reflect their importance, nor is it intended to endorse any views expressed, or products or services offered, on these outside sites, or the organizations sponsoring the sites.

Books for teachers:


Websites for teachers:

1. General information on world cultures

The Cyber Schoolbus: a United Nations website with interactive maps leading to information on U.N. member states.

http://cp.settlement.org/
Cultural Profiles Project: a Canadian website (bilingual French and English) with links to country information.

http://www.sil.si.edu/SILPublications/Anthropology-K12/anth-k12.htm
Anthropology on the Internet for K-12 from the Smithsonian Institution Libraries.

http://www.nationalgeographic.com/history/
History and Culture: a section of the National Geographic Society's website.

http://www.folklife.si.edu/index.html
Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage.
http://www.loc.gov/folklife/ndl.html
Online Collections and Special Presentations from the American Folklife Center.

http://www.globalschoolnet.org/GSH/index.html
The Global Schoolhouse: teacher opportunities to connect their class with people in other countries; global learning opportunities.

http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/
CIA World Factbook contains a page with flags, maps, and profiles of countries.

http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/
Background Notes: this site is managed by the U.S Department of State, containing information on countries from around the world.

2. Arts

http://www.amnh.org
American Museum of Natural History.

http://www.metmuseum.org/toah
The Metropolitan Museum's Timeline of Art History: the index feature is useful for accessing specific objects and themes.

http://www.bc.edu/bc_org/avp/cas/fnart/Artweb_frames.html
Non-Western Art Links on the World Wide Web from Boston College.

http://www.artsmia.org/world-myths/
World Myths & Legends in Art from the Minneapolis Institute of Arts.

3. Folklore and Mythology

http://www.windows.ucar.edu/
Windows to the Universe-Mythology covers mythology from all over the world, particularly myths relating to the cosmos.

www.bulfinch.org
Bulfinch's Mythology: a classic collection of European myth and legend online.

http://www.darsie.net/talesofwonder/
Tales of Wonder-Folk and Fairy Tales from Around the World.

http://www.nyfolklore.org/
Website of the New York Folklore Society.

4. Geography

World Wise Schools from the Peace Corps: lessons in five separate learning standard areas, folk tales, streaming video on countries, letters from Peace Corps volunteers, opportunities to partner with a Peace Corps volunteer.

http://www.missiongeography.org/k4master.htm
Mission Geography: managed by NASA with lesson for teachers and online materials to use
with students. Lessons related to scale, perspective, and water; lessons that use satellite images from the U.S. and other countries.

http://alliance.la.asu.edu/azga
Arizona Geographic Alliance: outline maps of Mexico and regions of the world, maps that show different perspectives (e.g., the Pacific Ocean in the center of the map).

http://www.worldclimate.com
WorldClimate: information, precipitation, temperature.

http://visibleearth.nasa.gov
Visible Earth: satellite images from areas across the globe

http://nysgis.state.ny.us/
New York State GIS Clearinghouse.

http://www.gisday.com/
GIS Day website.

5. New York State Education Department


Social Studies Instructional Strategies & Resources: Prekindergarten Through Grade 6 - grade 3 section (pages 127-156).

http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/ciai/pub/pubss.html

http://eservices.nysed.gov/vls
The New York State Education Department's Virtual Learning System (VLS) offers the full text of New York State's learning standards with their key ideas and performance indicators, as well as alternate performance indicators for students with severe disabilities. It provides resources that classroom teachers can use to support preK-12 standards-based instruction, such as sample tasks, learning experiences and lesson plans.

Books for children:


