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## Educators: 10 Ways to Give Students the World

### 1. Show students that geography is everywhere.

It's a global world. People, ideas, and products are constantly moving greater distances across our planet than ever before. How we live shapes, and is shaped by, where we live—and what happens in the natural environment. Have your students test their Global IQ and play fun online games.

### 2. Bring it up.

Is your school doing enough to prepare students for a global future and to tap into their natural curiosity about real-world issues, from the local to the global? Are the offerings for geography at your school relevant, meaningful, and engaging? Start the discussion with other teachers, parents, administrators, and students.

### 3. Find global connections close to home.

Have your students log their global connections: who they talk with, what they eat, what they wear, what they read, watch, listen to. Make maps and globes focal points in your classroom and use them often. Bookmark an online atlas or print out outline maps. Use posters, pictures, and other visuals to show global connections near and far.

### 4. Explore the planet using technology.

From free 2-D satellite maps to 3-D Earths, there's possibility like never before to see our planet in new ways. And zooming into places can create a new perspective on how geography impacts current events. Learn about Geographic Information Systems (GIS) software and how it's changing the way we explore.

### 5. Make geography part of every subject.

Every subject—from reading and writing to science and economics—can include geography. Use real-world examples and data when teaching other topics. When you can, use geography standards-based lesson plans.

### 6. Make it extracurricular.

Ask your parent-teacher organization to study the issue and devise ways to bring more geography learning into school. Enlist administration and parent leadership for evening or Saturday programs, festivals, field trips, geography/international clubs, and other events. Enter your school in the National Geographic Bee and other competitions. And join your local geographic alliance to connect with peers.

### 7. Connect students with people from other countries and cultures.

More and more kids are using digital and online tools to interact with friends. Help them connect with peers overseas in order to practice languages, develop collaborative projects—even get to know time zones or the International Date Line.

### 8. Help students envision their futures.

Kids today travel through technology. Inject geographic themes into career exploration.

### 9. Go there!

Take your kids on field trips and look for opportunities to seek adventure and educate yourself about the world firsthand. Consider study abroad, field research, teaching overseas, or getting a grant to support new practices in your classroom.

### 10. Sign up for the My Wonderful World e-newsletter.

You'll get helpful tips, the latest news, links to great resources and fun games, information about contests and offers, and much more. Sign up now at [www.MyWonderfulWorld.org](http://www.MyWonderfulWorld.org)—and help give your students the power of global knowledge.

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