

## **USGS Education Resources for Teachers**

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Discover a wealth of curricular ideas, scientific data, maps, and other resources to support biology, geography, geology, geospatial data, and hydrology!

Where Can I Find It?	What Can I Do With It?	What Does It Look Like?
Educational Resources for Primary, Secondary, and University Educators and Students http://education.usgs.gov	Tap into over 130 years of USGS research in the natural sciences in the form of lesson plans and activities, maps, podcasts, online lectures, videos and animations, and much more. Browse thousands of ideas for using these resources in elementary, secondary, university, and informal educational settings.	Ceologic Hazarda at Volcanoes Geologic Hazarda at Volcanoes Geologic Hazarda at Volcanoes Sustainability of Ground-Water Resources  Sustainability of Ground-Water Resources  Transaction
Online Lectures  http://education.usgs.gov/common/ video_lectures.html	Bring USGS scientists directly into your classroom through high-resolution online lectures covering topics from biology to volcanoes. Most lectures are targeted to a general audience and are suitable for grades 8 through university.	USGS Line in the part of the
Educational Animations and Films  http://education.usgs.gov/common/ video_animation.htm	Enliven classroom presentations with this collection of USGS videos and animations for use in stand-alone lessons or lesson planning. Contents represent the broad scope of USGS science and range from 10 second animations to hour-long, award winning films.	
Earthquake Hazards  http://earthquake.usgs.gov	Did you feel an earthquake today? Check out real-time earthquake information, record your own earthquake observations, and sign up for automatic earthquake notification. Explore links to ShakeMaps, earthquake FAQs, summary maps, historic information, preparedness, and much more.	
Volcano Resources for Educators	Learn about volcanoes in the U.S. and around the globe! Check out the Volcano	<b>⊠</b> USGS
http://volcanoes.usgs.gov/about	Status Map for real-time information, read volcano FAQs, download educational posters, view volcano movies, and explore additional teaching resources.	

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Schoolyard Geology  http://education.usgs.gov/schoolyard	Wish you could take more field trips? You can! Your own schoolyard is filled with features analogous to geologic concepts. Discover activities and methods for turning your schoolyard into a rich geologic research area.	Building Pavement Tree Grass Art Wall Sidewalk
The Life Cycle of a Mineral Deposit  http://pubs.usgs.gov/gip/2005/17	This teacher's guide offers 10 activity-based learning exercises that cover basic geologic concepts; the processes of finding, identifying, and extracting mineral resources; and the uses of minerals. Includes a glossary and a list of minerals and their uses.	
3D Parks  http://3dparks.wr.usgs.gov	Immerse yourself in our natural treasures. Take a 3D tour of our national parks featuring photographs, geology, and natural history. Explore, interpret, and identify selected park landscapes. Let your 3D glasses be the portal of discovery for you and your students.	
This Dynamic Planet & This Dynamic Earth http://pubs.usgs.gov/imap/2800	Gain an understanding of the forces that shape our continents through our top-selling poster ( <i>This Dynamic Planet</i> ) showing tectonic plates, earthquakes, volcanoes, and impact craters. Includes a link to <i>This Dynamic Earth</i> , the most referenced source on plate tectonics. Both of these publications were created for classroom use.	The second of th
The Geologic Time Spiral: A Path to the Past  http://pubs.usgs.gov/gip/2008/58	The evolution of the Earth's plants and animals is recorded in its rock layers. Download or view this poster showing a bird'seye look at the progression of geologic time and life on Earth	The Geologic Time Spiral—A Path to the Post
Astrogeology  http://astrogeology.usgs.gov	Use "Map-a-Planet" to customize and download your own images of the Moon, Mars, Venus, and other planets and moons. View beautiful planetary images and topography from various missions. Explore a planetary GIS database consisting of digital geologic maps, feature maps, topography, and remote-sensing data.	Venus Moon Mars  Callisto Europa Ganymede

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Real-Time Water Flow and Water Quality Data for Rivers Near Your School, Home, and Across the USA http://water.usgs.gov	Access real-time hydrographs that show how water levels have changed over time at thousands of gaging stations along streams and rivers. Compare years of floods to years of drought, and contrast the quality of water in your community with that in other locations.	USGS 82118500 HUNTING CREEK MERR HURHONY, NC  1800  18
Water Science for Schools  http://ga.water.usgs.gov/edu	Water is the world's lifeline. This interactive Web site is a terrific primer on everything you need to know about water and its crucial role on planet Earth. It includes pictures, data, maps, and tests of your water knowledge. An excellent glossary of water terms and several useful links to other water sites are included. The Water Cycle portion of the site is translated in 50 languages, and the entire site is available in Spanish.	Water storage in ice and snow Water storage in the atmosphere Condensation Sublimation Evapotranspiration  Evaporation  Surface runoff to streams  Streamflow Evaporation  Freshwater storage in oceans  Water storage in oceans  Ground-water storage
Global Climate Change  http://www.usgs.gov/global_change	Explore aspects of climate change science including sea-level change, impacts on polar bears and other species, carbon sequestration, drought, glaciers, coral mortality, and more.	
The National Biological Information Infrastructure  http://www.nbii.gov	Learn about biological and environmental issues critical to our world. Visit NBII Kid's for coloring pages, fun projects, and games and explore the growing library of diverse images at NBII Life.	
North America Amphibian Monitoring Program  http://www.pwrc.usgs.gov/naamp	Join a collaborative effort to monitor populations of vocal amphibians. The USGS provides coordination and database management. Regional partners recruit and train volunteer observers, like you, to collect amphibian population data by their unique vocalizations, such as "frog calls."	
North American Breeding Bird Survey  http://www.pwrc.usgs.gov/bbs	Get involved by collecting data to contribute to a long-term avian monitoring program that tracks the status and trends of North American bird populations. More than 400 species are monitored. Take the Bird Quiz after exploring videos, descriptions, and bird songs.	

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Looking at the Earth  Image Gallery http://eros.usgs.gov/imagegallery	Image Gallery: High-resolution, downloadable satellite images that showcase individual states and scenes of distinctive aesthetic beauty.	
Earthshots http://edc.usgs.gov/earthshots/ slow/tableofcontents	<b>Earthshots:</b> A collection of before-and-after Landsat satellite images showing environmental change and introducing remote sensing concepts.	
EarthNow! Landsat Image Viewer http://earthnow.usgs.gov	EarthNow! Landsat Image Viewer: Watch a mesmerizing live feed of images from the Landsat 5 and Landsat 7 satellites that monitor changes in the Earth's land surface.	
The National Atlas  http://nationalatlas.gov	Make your own customized maps using data sets from the USGS and 17 other organizations — everything from A (aquifers) to Z (zebra mussels). Also download pre-made page size maps including outline maps of the U.S., presidential election maps, territory acquisitions, and more	
Teaching with Topographic Maps  http://education.usgs.gov/common/ lessons/index.html	Discover over 27 ways to use USGS topographic maps as an effective teaching tool, learn how to interpret topographic map margins, build 3D topographic models, use maps to teach coordinate systems, and much more.	
Find a Map!  http://education.usgs.gov/common/ map_databases.htm	Maps R Us! Find and use topographic maps, aerial photographs, satellite images, geologic maps, and other map data to enrich your curriculum.	
USGS Store http://store.usgs.gov	Use the Map Locator to find and download free digital topographic maps including the new generation US Topo maps. Browse the Education Products section for a wonderful selection of maps, posters, and publications appropriate for classroom use.	Lupe Proof in the Unit When They Region and When Th
ASK USGS - Personalized, Expert Help  http://ask.usgs.gov  or  1-888-ASK-USGS (1-888-275-8747)	The USGS is more than scientific studies in maps, books, and online. Discover how to access and use the best USGS resource of all — its people. Our Science Information and Library Services (SILS) network of information specialists can help you find and use our resources, whether you are an educator, student, or interested citizen.	