



## KENTUCKY GEOGRAPHIC ALLIANCE

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### **The Kentucky Geographic Alliance is proud to represent the Students of Kentucky in ESRI's National Story Map Competition for High School and Middle School Students**

The KGA is Kentucky's State Leadership Team for ESRI's 2021 Story Map Competition. This competition encourages students grades 4-12 to use their geographic knowledge to create story maps about Kentucky. The KGA will act as a resource for students and teachers interested in the competition. For more information, visit the [KGA website](#), or view our competition flyer.

The deadline for competition entry is March 31, 2021. The deadline for student/team submissions is April 7, 2021. School submissions to the state are due April 14, 2021.

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### **The Cartography and Geographic Information Society (CaGIS) has organized a Children's Map Competition for K-10 Students**



Drawing by Emiliano,  
2017 Finalist

The CaGIS is organizing a national competition for students under 15 years of age to promote imagination, creativity and artistry in children. Students can submit a handmade map to convey this year's theme "A Map of My Future World!", where students can think creatively about the future of the world. A child's perception of the future can mean Tomorrow's World, or even the next century's world! The competition does require age-appropriate features and includes a large portion of the world with recognizable continents. There are multiple age categories for this competition to select national winners, with the opportunity for submission to Barbara Patchenik's International World Map Competition! Deadline for submissions is **April 15, 2021**. Share this with your students to encourage geographic creativity! For more information, visit the [CaGIS website](#).

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## **The Kentucky Science Center Shares Digital Learning Programs to continue Doing Science throughout Kentucky**

The Kentucky Science Center is encouraging continued science education through their digitally recorded programs. Their programs are intended for K-8 classrooms, and function in a module-style format, making their programs easy to incorporate in online and in-classroom education. Their content is tied to the Next Generations Science Standards, with KET resources and worksheets incorporated into each module. The Kentucky Science Center also offers live programs for students in the classroom! To find out more about their recorded programs, visit the [Kentucky Science Center's website!](#)



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## **The University of Colorado Colorado Springs introduces GeoCivics Program to educate on Electoral Redistricting taking place across the United States**

The University of Colorado Colorado Springs (UCCS) is introducing a GeoCivics program to educate and create conversation about the electoral redistricting process ongoing in the United States. Understanding changes in population and how this affects electoral districts is an insightful resource for cartographers and geographers everywhere. UCCS has provided resources and tutorials for creating maps focused on electoral districting in each of the 50 states.

More information can be found on the [GeoCivics website](#).

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## **KAEE Introduces New Courses, Workshops, and Training Programs for 2021**

The Kentucky Association for Environmental Education is introducing new opportunities for training, workshops, and courses designed for environmental education and engagement. Their range of courses include opportunities for early childhood learning as well as K-12 professional development. KAEE is offering multiple eeCredential courses and various environmental education workshops. Members of the KAEE can register for up to two courses with a fee of \$50 per course. Non-members can register with a \$75 course fee. The deadline for registration is **February 11th**. For more information on these professional development opportunities, visit [KAEE's website!](#)



## **The Kentucky Historical Society is Offering a Virtual Workshop for Inquiry Teaching**

Following changes made by The Kentucky Academic Standards for Social Studies, *inquiry teaching* is now mandated for Social Studies teachers of Kentucky. The Kentucky Historical Society is providing the opportunity to become familiar with this teaching method with a virtual workshop led by veteran educator Dr. Jana Kirchner. The workshop will focus on questioning strategies for K-8 classrooms. This virtual course will take place February 13th and registration is **free**. For more information, visit the [Kentucky Historical Society's website!](#)

The Kentucky Historical Society will also be hosting their annual Kentucky History Education Conference on July 15th. They are currently looking for exhibitors to join the conference and are accepting proposals. Proposals are due April 15th. To be an exhibitor for this year's conference, visit their [website](#) for more information!

