



KENTUCKY GEOGRAPHIC ALLIANCE

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The Kentucky Geographic Alliance (KGA) is back!

The Kentucky Geographic Alliance is fully operating and is continuing to provide a variety of resources for P-12 teachers in the commonwealth of Kentucky.

Resources available on our website include:

- Kentucky in the News - information about the geography of Kentucky.
- Geographic information systems (GIS) ideas for use in the classroom.
- Story maps – a gallery of story maps that you can use in your classroom.
- Links to many other teacher resources, such as National Geographic.

Check out the [new website](#) and be sure to share it with your educator friends and colleagues

2021 ArcGIS online competition for US High School & Middle School students:

Kentucky is participating in the national ArcGIS Online Competition. The Kentucky Geographic Alliance (KGA) will represent the State Leadership Team for the competition. The competition allows students to harness their GIS skills to create and submit unique story maps at the state and national level.

- Information to get started can be found at <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/70cb6f2ba85f4dd183f2e1eb72fc7a86>.
- All questions regarding submissions and deadlines should be directed to the KGA at kga@wku.edu.

More information on the competition and deadlines can be found on the KGA's [website](#).

ESRI license: Connect with a GeoMentor



[US K12 GIS - ArcGIS](#)

GeoMentors Willing to Help Educators. Many GIS professionals want to help educators and youth use GIS and are willing to be a GeoMentor. These GIS users have provided links for learning about and connecting with them.

National Geographic Educator Certification:

National Geographic presents pre-k through 12th grade instructors with a free opportunity to be educator certified. Certified educators go through a three stage process of (1) participating in skill building workshops, (2) developing activities based on those skills, and (3) creating an inspiring capstone project that demonstrates self-growth. This opportunity is ideal for those who wish to inspire the next generation by teaching them how they can change the world.

Why be certified?

- Build skills on creating multi-disciplinary content
- Network with other instructors across all subject areas
- Lead National Geographic by advising content and programming
- Serve as a mentor to other educators

Enrollment is not yet open for certifications, but you can [sign up](#) to be notified when it does open or when new courses are launched.

COVID-19 remote learning fund:

With COVID-19 creating many new obstacles for teachers across all disciplines, National Geographic has developed emergency funding for educators. Funds range from \$1,000 to \$8,000. To be eligible for funding, educators need to have designed resources for helping other teachers adjust to changes due to the pandemic.

More information on funding as well as a detailed list of eligibility can be found at <https://www.nationalgeographic.org/funding-opportunities/grants/what-we-fund/covid-19-emergency-fund-educators/>



NCGE AP Human Geography Bellringers:

The [National Council for Geographic Education](#) is the national organization for all state geographic alliances. Subscribe to a free membership to receive weekly AP human geography bell ringers. An annual \$50 membership is also available to have access to more resources and events such as:

- Workshops and GIS training
- Networking opportunities with other educators
- Annual conference and teaching awards
- Subscription to *The Journal of Geography* and *The Geography Teacher*

If you are interested in becoming a member of the NCGE, you can subscribe [here](#).



Kentucky Council for the Social Studies (KCSS) secondary economic professional development:

The KCSS is hosting a two-part professional development webinar for secondary social studies teachers on January 21st and 28th from 7-8:30 PM . The first part of the series will focus on modifying existing curricula to meet the new Kentucky Social Studies standards while the second part will be open-format with networking opportunities for teachers. To learn more details about this webinar, view the session flyer [here](#).

- Theme: Using What You Know: Adopting Current Curriculum to Kentucky’s New Standards for Economics and Social Studies
- Presenters:
 - David Perkis, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis – Louisville Branch
 - Cynthia Harter, ECU Center for Economic Education
- Fee: \$10 for KCSS members, \$25 for non-members
- [Registration](#)

If you are also interested in becoming a KCSS member, you can join for \$15. Membership is included with registration for the annual conference. To read more about a KCSS membership you can click [here](#). For more events and resources from the Kentucky Council for the Social Studies, join their mailing list by filling out this [form](#).

