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ArcGIS Bundle Opportunity

Bring Geographic Information Systems to your classroom by getting the ***FREE*** ArcGIS bundle! This includes a free license for ArcGIS software for public, private, and home schools. This is a special opportunity for you to teach your kids about the unexplored STEM industry that they most likely did not know about before.

Below is a link to the ArcGIS school bundle presented by ESRI:
Schools Mapping Software Bundle

<https://www.esri.com/en-us/industries/education/schools/schools-mapping-software-bundle>

Did you Know?

- There are 4 places in the United States with “Turkey” in their name.
- There are 11 townships containing the name “Turkey”.
- Minnesota was the leader in raising live turkeys with 46.5 million birds (out of 248 million for the entire United States).
- 99.7% of imported live turkeys are from Canada.
- Wisconsin produced the most green beans (258,320 tons) of all the states.
- Sweet potatoes were produced in the highest amount in North Carolina (972 million pounds).
- Illinois was the leader in producing pumpkins (427 million pounds).

<https://www.gislounge.com/thanksgiving-maps/>



<https://cdn.britannica.com/q:60/06/187306-050-0287B644/cornucopia-pumpkins-gords-leaf.jpg>

Teaching Plan

Do you want to use GIS in the classroom, but do not know where to start? Do not worry, because this article will help you begin your GIS journey, starting with a very simple use of GIS with the help of Google Earth. The article linked below provides helpful information to help you get started with GIS lessons and activities!

<https://www.thoughtco.com/geographic-information-systems-in-class-45882>

NCGE Conference

The National Council for Geographic Education (NCGE) will be hosting a virtual professional development meeting on December 4th, 2021. You will definitely want to be at this conference for an engaging and informative meeting. NCGE states that one reason you should go is to “Enhance your professional learning by participating in dozens of quality geography grade level sessions.” Registration is now open!

Below is the link to the NCGE 2021 Annual Conference website:

<https://ncge.org/professional-development/annual-conference/>



Macy's Parade Story Map

With Thanksgiving right around the corner, it is only right that we include Thanksgiving content, right? Below is a link to an ArcGIS StoryMap that explains and visualizes the origin of the iconic Macy's Parade. This storymap dives into how it evolved to the parade it is today, starting from the Macy's Christmas Parade! Check it out, and pay attention to the elements that are used in the storymap, as these are all at your disposal if you want to create your own storymap as well!

<https://story.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Cascade/index.html?appid=182562bbd85a461aab39f1b31d57e74a>

AGO Competition

The ArcGIS Online (AGO) Competition for Middle and High School students is a few months away! Kentucky is participating in this national competition, and you can enter. The AGO Competition is sponsored by ESRI, an international supplier of geographic information system software, web GIS and geodatabase management application. The GOAL of this competition is for students to conduct and share projects about something in their home state (Kentucky).

Here is a link to the KGA website that includes more info about the ArcGIS competition and how to get started:

<https://www.kgalliance.org/2021-arcgis-online-competition-for-us-hsms-students.html>

Turkey From Where?

On the topic of storymaps and Thanksgiving, I would like to present you with another story map to get you in the holiday spirit. This storymap shows us where our Thanksgiving day food staple's come from, presented by Esri's StoryMaps team.

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/d33a1386d15d4fce82462e3db8686549>

GIS Day 2021 🎉

Happy belated GIS day! Geographic Information Systems day was officially on November 17th, 2021 and was recognized worldwide. Ralph Nader inspired GIS Day as a day for geography awareness, with the first GIS day being held on November 19, 1999, during Geography Awareness Week.

Read more about GIS Day here:

<https://gisgeography.com/gis-day/>



<https://gisgeography.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/GIS-Day-2021.jpg>

Please forward this to any Kentucky educator you think would be interested in
the KGA's free geography resources.
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The KGA uses third party websites and does not provide the content for all resources in the newsletter.
We send you the resources to make you aware of various opportunities
that you might find useful in teaching geography.