Mapping Our World GIS Lessons for Educators



A GIS curriculum book and software package for teachers. A classroom resource for educators seeking to combine global geographic themes and issues, inquiry-based learning, and interactive mapping and analysis using geographic information system (GIS) technology.

What's Inside?

A complete instructional resource: a book with 19 standards-based GIS lesson plans, a one-year license of ESRI® ArcView® 3.x software for Microsoft® Windows® and Macintosh®, geographic data for all of the lessons, a teacher resource CD, and a companion Web site www.esri.com/mappingourworld.

Geographic inquiry is at the core of Mapping Our World: GIS Lessons for Educators.

- Ask geographic questions
- Acquire geographic resources
- Explore geographic data
- Analyze geographic information
- Act on geographic knowledge

From start to finish, teachers and students build upon GIS concepts and skills, acquiring an understanding of GIS theory as well as the "how to" of ArcView. In the process, the focus is on the application of GIS to global and regional geographic issues.

Seven Modules: 19 Lessons

- ArcView: The Basics
- Physical Geography I: Landforms and Physical Processes
- Physical Geography II: Ecosystems, Climate, and Vegetation
- Human Geography I: Population Patterns and Processes
- Human Geography II: Political Geography
- Human Geography III: Economic Geography
- Human/Environment Interaction

Each module in the book explores a geographic theme through three lesson types:

22 **Global Perspective**

Explores the topic from a worldwide point of view. Designed for beginning GIS users, these lessons provide detailed step-by-step instructions.

20 **Regional Case Study**

Examines an aspect of the geographic theme within a region of the world. These lessons also are designed for beginning GIS users.

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Provides students with an opportunity to conduct independent research on the key theme and incorporate data from outside sources such as the Internet or other GIS data sets. These lessons are designed for more experienced GIS users.



Acquire

Act on geographic knowledge

Ask

Explore geographic data

Analyze geographic information

module 2

Physical Geography I Landforms and Physical Processes







Instructional Design

Each of the 19 lessons in Mapping Our World: GIS Lessons for Educators contains information useful for the teacher, reproducible step-by-step GIS investigations for students, software and data, assessments, rubrics, and answer keys.

1. Teacher Information

This quick reference for teachers gives the lesson overview, estimated completion time, required materials, and the lesson's correlation to National Geography Standards. Details that educators need to teach the lesson in a variety of settings are provided in the lesson introduction, student activity description, and lesson conclusion.



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4. Evaluation -

Standards-based rubrics and answer keys enable teachers to evaluate student work efficiently and effectively.

2. GIS Investigation

Reproducible investigation handouts for each lesson include step-by-step instructions, illustrations, and questions designed to lead to the acquisition of broadbased problem solving skills.

3. Assessment

Reproducible assessment handouts included with each global perspective and regional case study lesson are tailored to middle school and high school students.

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ArcView Software, Data, and Teacher Resources

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Correlation of National Geography Standards to Mapping Our World Lessons

In addition to 535 pages of instructional materials, Mapping Our World: GIS Lessons for Educators includes two CDs.

ArcView Software and Data CD	Teacher Resource CD
One-year licensed copy of ArcView 3.2a for Windows platforms and ArcView 3.0a for Macintosh platforms	Adobe Acrobat [®] version of the entire book
Data and ArcView projects for all lessons	A "Getting Started" section for the first-time ArcView educator
Can be installed on multiple computers within the school for use with <i>Mapping</i> <i>Our World: GIS Lessons for Educators</i>	Print and media resources for all lessons
	Extensive multimedia GIS resources

What do I do after the one-year ArcView license ends?

The ArcView software accompanying *Mapping Our World: GIS Lessons for Educators* is provided to get schools started. For use beyond the one-year time limit, users must obtain fully licensed ArcView software (Windows or Macintosh). ArcView is licensed to K–12 schools as a building site license without time restrictions. Other license options are available such as for individuals or for higher education institutions.

For more information, visit www.esri.com/k-12 or e-mail k12-lib@esri.com.

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Mapping Our World: GIS Lessons for Educators

- Promotes inquiry-based learning in world geography and other disciplines through the use of geographic information systems, a technology that combines interactive mapping software and geographic data with students' natural curiosity about the world around them.
- Combines the open-ended exploration inherent in GIS with the structure of national standards, course content, classroom procedures, teacher notes, and student handouts and assessments. The result promotes far-ranging geographic explorations within a solid pedagogical foundation.



- Is designed for teachers and students new to GIS as well as experienced users. Each lesson
 includes step-by-step instructions, illustrations, and key questions and answers. It guides
 educators and students through existing course content in new ways, acquiring and building
 broad-based problem solving skills in the process.
- Contains 19 GIS lesson plans, step-by-step instructions, illustrations, important questions and answers, data, a Teacher Resource CD, and a one-year license for the use of ArcView 3.x on both Windows and Macintosh platforms, complete with a supporting Web site www.esri.com/mappingourworld.

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535-page book packed with educational material

- Seven modules, 19 lessons
- Teacher instructions and student handouts
- Assessments and evaluation rubrics
- Designed for photocopying

Companion CDs loaded with software, data, and resources

- One-year license of ArcView 3.x software for Windows/Macintosh for use with book
- 250 MB of GIS data used in the lessons
- Printable versions of the lessons
- Multimedia GIS resources and links to other data and resources

Standards-based content for grade 5–12 students

- Physical and human geography using GIS
- Inquiry-based learning
- New and experienced users of GIS