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Welcome

• Good morning!

• Introductions – us and you 😊
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Goals for today

• To familiarize you with available online GIS programs to be used in your classroom or educational setting

• Give you the time and assistance to (hopefully) find something you can readily go out and use in your classroom or educational setting

• Spark new interests for using maps in STEM
Building the Case for GIS and Mapping
The Power of Maps


• Go to this website, look at the maps, and take 5 minutes discussing with your neighbor the most fascinating maps
Benefits of using maps and GIS in your classroom...

• Supports integrated teaching of multiple subjects

• Assists with the use of dual-encoding

• Works well with inquiry-based activities
  • Incorporates well with the STEM and technology movements

• Presents a significant amount of content in a geographical context

• Contemporary technology that introduces students to an in-demand job skill
Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

- any information system capable of integrating, storing, editing, sharing, analyzing, and displaying geographically referenced information

The Ghost Map by Steven Johnson

John Snow's 1855 map of the Soho cholera outbreak showing the clusters of cholera cases in the London epidemic of 1854
What makes GIS unique?

- Use of layered data
- Stacking or breaking apart of the whole
GIS in the World Around Us

- Mapping
- Planning and zoning
- Disaster relief
- Route planning
- Crime analysis
- Health

STEM!!!
Core Elements of GIS

- Create Geographic Data
- Analyze Data Spatially
- Represent Data
How Can I Use GIS in My Classroom?

- Examples of projects that can use GIS:
  - Demographics information for countries of the world
  - Visualization of historic events
  - Natural change over time
  - Earthquake and volcano location
  - Travel routes
  - Locations of a books plot
  - Explore the location and spread of disease/illness
  - Community projects and involvement

http://www.cityoflakeforest.com/ps/fd/ps_fd2c10.htm
Multiple GIS Options

- Story Maps – premade, focused on exploration, narrative, and patterns
- GeoInquiries – premade, actual activities
- ArcGIS Online - free reign use of the tool

- National Geographic MapMaker
- Google Earth
- Google Maps
- EdGIS
Story Maps
(literally maps that tell a story)

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**Story Map Task**

- Explore the gallery
  - Scrolling
  - Search bar
  - By story map type
- Find at least one map that you could use and plan to share which map and why
Reaction to Story Maps and the most useful maps you found
GeoInquiries are short, standards-based inquiry activities for teaching map-based concepts found in commonly used textbooks.

- Used to integrate ArcGIS Online technology to support subject matter content teaching.
- Lessons include learning objectives, technical “how-to’s”, textbook references, and formative whole-class assessment items – all packed into one page.
- These activities can be delivered in a classroom with as little as a tablet and a projector.
- Any teacher can use a GeoInquiry, regardless of their prior experience with digital mapping tools.
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Description
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For questions or concerns, email geoinquiries@esri.com.

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Reaction to Geoinquiries and the most useful Geoinquiries you found
ArcGIS Online

• Online mapping program

• Create interactive web maps using provided data or your own data

• Share maps on the internet

• Access content shared by other users

• There are thousands of premade maps and data layers ready for you to use
But first, a quick demo...
Reaction to the 5 x 5 Activities
Can you visualize yourself using GIS in your classroom or education setting? How so? Share with us!
Final Questions?

Thank you!

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