

1. Capitol Toss (grade 4 & up but lots of things on abcya website for K-3)

This is a free geography game from ABCya. The game has a state capitals mode and a country capitals mode. http://www.abcya.com/capital_toss.htm

2. Variety of Incredible Scrollable Night Sky Views

An incredible panoramic picture of the night sky. What makes this picture so unique in addition to the musical score and the awesome imagery of the Maine seacoast, is what the picture shows. This particular one is a time-exposure picture that shows star trails for the entire sky.

http://www.aaronpriestphoto.com/panorama/2013/2013-09_Bold_Coast/

3. Book asks, "Is Technology Making Us Ignorant?"

As we approach the inevitable change of what education looks like both in and out of our classrooms, the need for understanding grows. Read this blog entry. Then, read online or download this free book.

<http://www.chicoer.com/opinion/20141103/esther-cepeda-is-technology-making-us-ignorant>

4. Facebook pages you might like to join either for content of as a Professional Organization:

[Organized Classroom](https://www.facebook.com/TheOrganizedClassroomBlog)

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[World Atlas](https://www.facebook.com/worldatlas?fref=ts)

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5. Science Demonstrations for Young Learners

A very wide assortment of short videos demonstrating all kinds of ideas – plate tectonics, rocks & minerals, volcanoes, size of our planets, moving water shapes the land, coral reef habitat (the list is not endless but very long). Time is displayed on each video. <https://www.youtube.com/user/funsciencedemos>

6. World of 7 Billion Video Contest (middle and high school)

The *World of 7 Billion* student video contest can help you bring technology and creativity into your middle and high school classes. The contest challenges your students to create a short (60 seconds or less) video illustrating the connection between world population growth and one of three global challenges dealing with either Deforestation, Public Health, or Water Scarcity. Students can win up to \$1,000 and their teachers will receive free curriculum resources. The contest deadline is February 25, 2016. Full contest guidelines, resources for research, past winners, and more can be found at www.worldof7billion.org/student-video-contest.

7. The Skull in the Rock

National Geographic explorer Lee Berger made a shocking announcement last month: He and his team discovered the fossilized remains of a distant relative of modern humans, *Homo naledi*, in a South African cave. His story is now part of a kid-

friendly book aimed at inspiring the next generation of explorers. Learn more about Berger and his earlier discoveries in "[The Skull in the Rock](#)."

8. Educational Resources for *He Named Me Malala* (according to an unofficial source, this film will be available on DVD by December 15)

As a young girl, Malala Yousafzai defied the Taliban in Pakistan and demanded that girls be allowed to receive an education. She was shot in the head by a Taliban gunman in 2012, but survived.

Study guides and trailers are available on the Internet from several sources. Here is one: <http://worldview.unc.edu/free-curriculum-guide-for-he-named-me-malala/>

9. Remember Japanese Internments

Do your students know there was a camp in ND?

<http://www.foitimes.com/internment/Snow%20Prison.htm>

<http://landmarkcases.c-span.org/Case/6/Korematsu-v-United-States>

10. Database for Classroom Movie Worksheets

Movie Sheets contains one of the largest databases of classroom movie worksheets on the net. <http://moviesheets.com/>

11. Flash Mob "One Day More"

While the West Des Moines Community School District Superintendent was beginning her speech to the staff at the district-wide welcome back meeting, the teachers of the district created a flash mob to the enjoyment of their unsuspecting colleagues. The teachers shared their talents by performing a parody of the song, "One Day More" from Les Miserables.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cGMIPDIY094&feature=youtu.be>