

**1. ND GeoTour**

50 individualized tours of the states and Canada. Have fun learning about the amazing characteristics that make up the "landscapes and landmarks" of North America from "insiders" in those states. Thanks to Joe Super and Julia Koble, Minot High School, for designing the ND GeoTour!

<http://alliances.nationalgeographic.com/detail/geotours/ednFDB1602C981FEBCD2>

**2. Videos About Geography**—Short, fun and not just for start of the year. Seth is a geography professor at [Rhode Island College](#) within the Political Science Department and serves as the coordinator for the [Rhode Island Geography Education Alliance](#).

<http://geographyeducation.org/articles/start-of-the-year-videos/>

**3. NOAA Education Resources**

There is a huge list of resources here including downloadable posters, games & activities as well as lessons at every grade level. Be sure to check out the archived material too. <http://www.education.noaa.gov/>

**4. MAPfrappe**—this is very cool. For example, students will have fun comparing the size of ND to TX or to European countries. This interesting site allows you to draw outlines on one world map, which will appear on the one below for comparison. Whatever outline you draw in the top map stays centered in the bottom map."

<http://mapfrappe.com/>

**5. Apps—dwellr**—Free App from the Census Bureau

[http://www.census.gov/mobile/?eml=gd&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](http://www.census.gov/mobile/?eml=gd&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

Download the U.S. Census Bureau's dwellr app today to discover the top 25 U.S. cities and towns that best fit your lifestyle. Power your phone with neighborhood-level statistics on topics such as home values, education, and how people get to work.

**America's Economy** -- App from the Census Bureau (free)

<http://www.census.gov/mobile/economy/>

Take the pulse of the U.S. Economy straight from your phone. The America's Economy app provides real-time updates for 19 key economic indicators and allows those who follow the U.S. economy to be the first to see whether the indicator has gone up or down since the previous report, and trends over time.

**6. Tour the Solar System**—awesome!

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/space/tour-solar-system.html>

Interactive model of the solar system. You can visit Saturn, Venus, or the other planets and then spin and explore them in three dimensions. The interface uses NASA calculations to precisely position all celestial bodies. Click the play button at the bottom of the screen to watch the positions of the planets and moon change as time passes.

**7. TweenTribune** - Compelling News for Kids from the Smithsonian

<http://www.tweentribune.com/>

Welcome to TweenTribune and TTJunior – the daily news sites for kids, tweens and teens – where you'll find the most compelling, relevant and interesting news for 55 million kids in K-12. Stories are selected by professional journalists working closely with teens, tweens and teachers.

**8. 18 months in ND Slide show from Vern Whitten**

This slide show is a little different. 18 months comparison in change. Very interesting.

[www.vernwhittenphotography.net/pro2014](http://www.vernwhittenphotography.net/pro2014)

**9. When They Brought These Wolves Into The Park, They Had No Idea This Would Happen**

In 1995, wolves were re-introduced into the Yellowstone National Park, after being wolf-free for 70 years. What naturalists and biologist never imagined, was that the most remarkable thing would take place. Thanks, Kim Schultz for sending in this site address.

<http://themetapicture.com/when-they-brought-these-wolves/>

**10. This is How One Dad Deals with Texting at the Table**

“Matthew Abeler is one dad who was fed up with texting at the table, so he decided to funnel his frustration into a short film called "Pass the Salt". Watch and you'll see why it recently won a best comedy award.”

<http://www.wimp.com/watchtexting/>