

1. **Nominations** are open for two seats on the NDGA Board of Directors. Please nominate someone for one of two positions: Teacher Member or General Member. The General Member can be anyone outside of the K-12 classroom. Please submit your nomination to the NDGA office by October 6th.
2. The NDGA **Annual Meeting** is in Bismarck October 17th at 1:00 p.m. The location is to be announced.
3. **Geography Awareness Week** November 16th-27th. Please let us know what you are doing to celebrate in your school or classroom.
http://education.nationalgeographic.com/education/collections/geography-awarenessweek/?ar_a=1
4. **Vern Whitten Photography**—2 slideshows from the Bakken, one from the Badlands and the last one overs Central MN to the Middle of ND
SUMMER Bakken <http://www.vernwhittenphotography.net/wes62914/>
SIGHTS AND Progress <http://www.vernwhittenphotography.net/wes8914/>
CRUISING THE Badlands
<http://www.vernwhittenphotography.net/bad8914/>
SUMMERTIME Sights <http://www.vernwhittenphotography.net/sum2014/>
5. **What Was There**
Historical vs. current street view photographs taken in the exact same (or nearly the exact same) location, years apart. They are wonderful resources for analyzing changes in land use, transportation, styles of clothing, plus VERY interesting. <http://www.whatwasthere.com/>
6. **21 Map Creation Tools for Students and Teachers**
Over 20 links to map making sites and all free! The overall site is Richard Byrne's "Free Technology for Teachers" and has a lot to offer in addition to the 21 map suggestions.
<http://www.freetech4teachers.com/2012/06/21-map-creation-tools-for-students-and.html#.UPsPj44u1gY>
7. **IDEAS** National Geographic's newest tool to help you plan activities, projects and lessons.
http://education.nationalgeographic.com/education/idea/?ar_a=1
8. **Celebrate Earth Science Week: Earth's Connected Systems**
Earth Science Week takes place **Oct. 12-18**, and celebrates Earth's Connected Systems – from land to sea, ice to sky and everything living in between.
<http://nasaesw.strategies.org>.
9. **Connected Puzzles**—Promoting Geo-Literacy in ND
Connected Puzzles feature each of North Dakota's 53 counties as an

individual puzzle piece with a special code on the back to help students look up detailed information about the area on a smartphone or tablet. Please take a look at this project and let us know what you think.

<http://www.connectedpuzzles.com>

10. U.S Department of Education Announcement

Teach to Lead is a collaborative effort to advance student achievement by opening doors for all teachers to engage in meaningful leadership opportunities, while remaining in the classroom.

<http://www.teachtolead.org>

11. Start of the Year Videos

These are 'year-round' fabulous teaching tools!! All ABOUT geography, history and more. <http://www.geographyeducation.org/articles/start-of-the-year-videos/>