



## 60 IDEAS FOR USING Google MYMAPS

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Can your students effectively use maps in any subject? Matt Miller, a former Spanish teacher and Google-Certified Innovator, has developed a web site called **Ditch the Textbook** and he has included ways for students to use MyMaps from Google Maps to enhance learning in many subjects and at all grade levels.

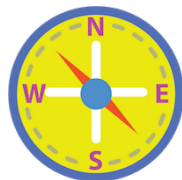
MyMaps allows students (and teachers) to create customized maps that plot historical events, the settings of fictional works, to locate regions where endangered species live, and much, much more.

Some of the ideas that are included are maps of the following:

- Civil war or other historical battles
- Local sites in your state
- Important sites in your community
- Maps of where animals live around the world
- Maps from settings in fictional stories
- Maps from current new articles
- Measure perimeter and area of certain locations with math tools

Need more help using MyMaps? Check out Matt's YouTube video here.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bz2Ohi16ED8>



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- Infotrek.info--High school and college

How are you using them? I know middle school students who use Kidtopia when they want quick information about a topic. Advanced scholars are using Infotrek for research purposes.

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- Don't look a gift horse in the mouth.
- It's raining cats and dogs.
- A stitch in time saves nine.
- Between a rock and a hard place.

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- In a pickle.
- A horse, a horse, my kingdom for a horse.
- Wear your heart on your sleeve.
- Discretion is the better part of valour.
- Eaten out of house and home.

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