

# Monthly Newsletter



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## Geography and Foreign Language Resources

An amazing resource that can be used in a variety of ways and in a number of different grade levels is onlinenewspapers.com. It is said to be the largest collection of online newspapers from around the world and is searchable by continent, country, or region, and by newspapers in English, French, German, Portuguese, Spanish, or Italian.

#### http://www.onlinenewspapers.com/

Have students in your French, Spanish, German, Italian, Portuguese, or English classes locate an article that interests them. Then, share the article with the class by summarizing it in the foreign language and tell a bit about the country and its people.

- In what city does the article take place?
- What is the country and continent?
- What is the country's capital?
- What languages are spoken there?
- What are the physical characteristics of the country?
- What countries and/or bodies of water border the county?
- What seems to be the most important recent headline for this country or city?

#### **Elementary Ideas:**

https://bit.ly/3fNjiHg

## **Secondary Ideas:**

https://bit.ly/3fHojkW

Use online newspapers in your geography classes. Have students select an article from a country unfamiliar to them. Then, using a geography/map website, research that country.

- Map and flag
- Capital
- Natural resources
- Population
- Ethnicity
- Languages
- Religion
- Age distribution of the population
- Life expectancy
- And much more!

# Geography Resources and Maps:

https://www.cia.gov/the-world-factbook/ https://www.cia.gov/the-world-factbook/maps/

#### Welcome!

Welcome to the students and teachers from Winnipeg, Manitoba! We are happy you are using Infotopia.info, VirtualLRC.com, Infotrek.info, and Kidtopia.info for your research needs!

# infotopia



https://www.infotopia.info/foreign\_languages.html

Have you browsed our foreign language resources? So far, we have included Spanish, French, German, American Sign Language, and ESL. Each page includes free resources for learning each language. (Of course, there are additional paid resources on many of the sites.)

One of our favorites is The French or Spanish or German Experiment which includes children's stories and online lessons.

Another favorite is French in Action (French) and Destinos (Spanish) from Annenberg (learner.org). These two sites include a FREE streaming video series for high school and college students.

https://www.learner.org/series/french-in-action/ https://www.learner.org/series/destinos-an-introduction-to-spanish/

What language resources would you like to see included in our resources?

Japanese?

Mandarin Chinese?

Portuguese?

Arabic?

Hindi?

Russian?

Other ideas?

Please send us an email with your choice!













# **Educational Games recommended by Kidtopia**

https://www.kidtopia.info/educational\_games.html

Go to the link above and click on the type of game that interests you, then click the "Search" button.



Animals Math Fairy Tales Dinosaur Folktales Science Stories Space Spelling Reading Alphabet History Map Geography Word Sports Other Art

# Coding, anyone?

I was at an airport a few weeks ago and was talking to another passenger about Infotopia. He asked me if we have any resources on "coding" because his 10-year-old son was really interested. Because of that conversation, we have researched coding resources and included them below and on our new coding page. Send us some feedback!

https://www.infotopia.info/coding.html

https://edu.google.com/code-with-google/

https://scratch.mit.edu/parents/

https://www.tynker.com/hour-of-code/

https://code.org/learn

https://www.khanacademy.org/computing



Our search engines/web directories include:

https://www.infotopia.info

https://www.kidtopia.info

https://www.kidtopiagames.com

https://www.infotrek.info

https://www.virtualLRC.com

https://www.teachertopia.info

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We appreciate your feedback and we love to hear from you!

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It's never too early to start preparing for the SAT or ACT. Check out the free resources below that are recommended by Infotopia.

https://www.infotopia.info/sat.html

https://www.infotopia.info/act.html

We also have great college resources available for prospective students. Check them out.

https://www.infotopia.info/college.html