

Google Maps



Google Maps is an interactive web service that provides detailed geographical information. It is a familiar tool used to view maps and as a route planner for drivers, bikers, walkers, and public transportation. Google Maps also includes street and satellite views of many places. With a Google account, you can create your own maps and add additional data, such as traffic information, photos, and annotations.

PURPOSE

Google Maps can be used to compile, organize, and present a variety of location-related information. Map projects are interactive and can be used for storytelling: students can gather and communicate geographical information, interact with and distinguish between relevant geographical data, use images for nonverbal communication, and gain knowledge of historical, geographical, political, cultural, social, and economic perspectives.

PROCEDURE

1. Sign in to Google Maps (requires Google account).

2. Click *My custom maps* at the top left panel.
3. Click *Create*.
4. Google Maps will open *Maps Engine Lite* in a new tab.
5. Use Google Maps editing features to add or edit places, lines, and shapes.

CONSIDERATIONS

- » Students must have a Google account to create and save maps.
- » Privacy concerns with place-based identification and student data/information
- » Google can update or eliminate services unexpectedly.



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