Geography (Web Resources)

National Geographic: Provides facts, photos, videos, and more about countries around the world -- something NatGeo knows a lot about.

<u>World Atlas</u>: An educational resource for world maps, atlases, and in-depth geography information. Provides teachers and students free maps of Europe, Asia, the U.S., Canada, Florida, the Caribbean Islands and much more.

World Data Atlas: Great source of world statistics on every country. Includes data on more than 2500 indicators. Topics cover Economics, Demographics, Health, Education, Energy and other socioeconomic information. Includes interactive visualizations like rankings, graphs and maps. All information can be exported and embedded onto the web. You can also access the <u>site/app through the Google Chrome web store</u> for free.

History & Politics (Web Resources)

<u>50States.com</u>: Offers copious information about the fifty United States of America.

A Biography of America: This video series for high school and college students presents

American history as a living narrative rather than a collection of facts and dates.

Produced by WGBH Boston in cooperation with the Library of Congress and the

National Archives and Records Administration.

A Crash Course in World History: Best-selling author John Green gives you a playful and highly visual crash course in world history, taking you from the beginning of human civilization 15,000 years ago through to our modern age. The videos are animated and fun. We have a few more details here.

Abraham Lincoln at the Crossroads: An educational game for advanced middle- and high-school students. Learn about Lincoln's leadership by exploring the political choices he made.

<u>Ancient Web</u>: This site positions itself as the best online destination for information and resources related to the Ancient world. It includes educational <u>videos</u>, <u>images</u> and <u>maps</u>.

Ben's Guide to U.S. Government: A primer on American government for grades K-2.

<u>Bridging World History</u>: Created by Learner.org, this site offers multimedia materials designed to help learners discover world history. The material is organized into 26 thematic <u>units</u>, which include <u>videos</u> and an <u>audio glossary</u>.

<u>Democracy Web</u>: The site features an interactive world map and an online study guide for teachers. Designed for use with upper secondary- and lower college-level students, this resource provides an overview of the principles of democracy and their origins, as well as an examination of how a variety of contemporary political systems function.

Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History: The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History is a nonprofit devoted to the improvement of history education. The GLI web site features video/audio with experts discussing various topics in American history. Don't miss their iTunesU collection with talks including: Famous Americans, American
Presidents, The American Civil War, The American Civil War, The American Civil War, The American Civil War, and Slavery and Anti Slavery.

Google Cultural Institute: Google has built a robust, umbrella Cultural Institute to house 42 new online historical exhibitions. Each exhibit features, in Google's words, "a narrative which links the archive material together to unlock the different perspectives, nuances and tales behind these events." Topics currently covered include the Life and Times of Nelson Mandela, the Fall of the Iron Curtain, the Spanish Civil War, the Life of Anne Frank, D-Day, and Apartheid in South Africa. The Cultural Institute also gives you access to super high resolution images of The Dead Sea Scrolls.

Google Historical Voyages and Events: This site is dedicated to the explorers, voyages, events, and historical backgrounds of countries throughout the world, and uses Google technology to bring this history back to life.

History and Politics Out Loud: A searchable archive of politically significant audio materials for scholars, teachers, and students. It is a component of "Historical Voices," funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities in partnership with Michigan State University.

<u>History Matters</u>: Designed for high school and college students and teachers, *History Matters* serves as a gateway to web resources and offers other useful materials for learning and teaching U.S. history.

<u>iCivics</u>: Founded by Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, iCivics prepares young Americans to become knowledgeable and engaged 21st century citizens by offering free and innovative educational materials. iCivics has produced <u>16 educational video games</u> as well as <u>vibrant teaching materials</u> that have been used in classrooms in all 50 states.

<u>Liberty's Kids:</u> An animated educational historical television series originally broadcast on PBS Kids. Teaches 7 to 14 year olds about the founding of the United States.

The Living Room Candidate: An archive of presidential campaign commercials from 1952 to the present, organized by year, type, and issue, with teacher resources and playlists created by experts.

<u>The Internet History Sourcebooks</u>: This site features collections of public domain and copy-permitted historical texts presented cleanly for educational use. Hosted by Fordham University, this resource is broken down into sub-areas: <u>Ancient History</u>, <u>Medieval</u>, <u>Modern</u>, <u>Byzantine Studies</u>, <u>African Studies</u>, <u>East Asian Studies</u>, <u>Global Studies</u>, <u>India</u>, <u>Islamic</u>, <u>Jewish</u>, <u>Lesbian and Gay</u>, <u>Science</u>, and <u>Women's Studies</u>.