



THE BEST WEBSITES FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING 2019-20

National Geographic Education -

<https://www.nationalgeographic.org/education/> - Explore resources that cover a wide variety of activities, interactive material, mapping (of course), and guides for instructors. Click on "Resources" at the top of the page to narrow your search by resources, grade, and subject. Once you click on a resource, you'll find supporting documents and links for the lesson. Resources include information such as objectives, preparation needs, and background / vocabulary. Sign-in to the website if you want to save lessons and activities.



NC Museum of Art - <https://learn.ncartmuseum.org/> - NCMA Learn is

designed for educators, students, and anyone interested in learning through works of art. Teachers and students can explore works of art along with videos that discuss specific works. Lesson plans include activities, assessments, and resources. Click on "All Lesson Plans" to filter your search by concept, grade, and subject. Once you click on a lesson, you'll see objectives, activities, assessments, and related content.



NowComment - <https://nowcomment.com/> - This online platform allows students to converse about documents, videos, and images in a way that supports students' enjoyment of social media. Upload and discuss documents privately with people you invite or through the "public" option. Sign in with Google to save work and comments in your own library. Use the "Search" box--top right--to find exactly what you are looking for. Once you open a document, set your screen for "2-Panel" to see comment beside the articles. Sections can be highlighted for annotation and either printed or downloaded for sharing.



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Pulitzer Center - <https://pulitzercenter.org/> - The Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting promotes in-depth engagement with critical global issues with the goal of increasing students' global competency, critical thinking and communication skills, while also inspiring participants to become active consumers and producers of information. No log-in is required - begin by clicking on 'Reporting' or 'Education' at the top of the page to search for stories, as well as accompanying lesson plans. All are searchable by issue, date, author, region and grade level. In addition, the Pulitzer Center offers in-person and Skype journalist visits to classrooms, workshops and professional development opportunities.



Teaching Tolerance - <https://www.tolerance.org/> - These supplemental resources help to inform our practices and to create civil and inclusive school communities. This site offers lesson plans, teaching strategies, printable posters, frameworks for teaching difficult topics, webinars, podcasts, and more. You might need to create an account to access and save some of the resources. Click on "Classroom Resources" to see what's available. Searches can be filtered by grade, social justice domain, grade, and topic. Lessons give texts, strategies, and student tasks. Resources can be bookmarked, printed, or shared through Google Classroom.




Anchor - <https://anchor.fm/dashboard> - Both an app and a website, Anchor makes it easy to create high-quality podcasts. It includes a library of sound effects and audio clips and lots of transitions / sound effects that can be included. Podcasts can be shared straight from the site, through social media, or through a link and/or an embed code. You must sign in to do anything. Once you've logged in, it will walk you through the steps to create the podcast.



Bootstrap - <https://www.bootstrapworld.org/> - Here you'll find modules that integrate computational thinking in algebra, physics and coding. It's a way for non-computer science teachers to deliver computer science instruction. Click on "Courses" on the left; this will bring up the list of courses at the top. Hour of Code is one, contained, lesson. Algebra, Reactive, and Data Science have multiple units available, along with handouts, teacher notes, and slides to teach from. The Physics module is still in development.



Explore - <https://explore.org/livecams> - Observe animals in their natural habitats through these live videos, films, and snapshots. Stream the video or download snapshots for use later. For each stream, scroll down to find information about the video / stream, a map showing its location, and a blurb on who's hosting it. Click on  in the top left to search Films, Live Streams, and Snapshots. Clips are also labeled when searching from the top categories; snapshots can be found by clicking on "Gallery" on the right.



Live = Live Stream -- Highlight = Short Clip -- Film = Longer Video --
Snapshots = Pictures

