

## Lesson Plans and Student Resources with an International Focus

The following websites contain lesson plans or educational materials designed for teaching students about global issues and weaving international themes into subject-specific curriculum.



- **[The United Nations' CyberSchoolBus](http://cyberschoolbus.un.org/)**: a collection of U.N. Global Teaching & Learning Project resources including lesson & project plans on many global issues; an Information Database; Global Issues briefing papers for students; Peace Education units; Poverty Curriculum and more. (<http://cyberschoolbus.un.org/>)
- **[TeachUNICEF](http://teachunicef.org/)** is a portfolio of UNICEF-focused resources designed and collected by UNICEF's Education Department for educators, afterschool instructors, and parents. TeachUNICEF resources cover grades PK-12, are interdisciplinary, and align with national standards. The units, lesson plans, stories, and multimedia cover topics ranging from the Millennium Development Goals to water and sanitation. All TeachUNICEF resources can be downloaded for free. (<http://teachunicef.org/>)
- **[WorldView Magazine Lesson Plans](http://peacecorpsconnect.org/discussion-guides-worldview-magazine)**: WorldView Magazine is a source of news and information relating to the developing world. The materials are suitable for high school level and higher and were written by Dr. Angene Wilson and her graduate students at the University of Kentucky. (<http://peacecorpsconnect.org/discussion-guides-worldview-magazine>)
- **[Edutopia](http://www.edutopia.org/)** is a site sponsored by the George Lucas Educational Foundation. It offers "practical, hands-on advice, and invaluable tips and tools" for teachers. Edutopia offers resources on project based learning, education technology, assessment, and social and emotional learning. The site also differentiates resources by grade level. Space is also provided for educators to learn more about certain issues and connect with other educators. (<http://www.edutopia.org/>)
- **[World Youth News](http://worldyouthnews.org/)** is an global online news project for secondary school students from around the world. It is managed by iEARN. Adhering to the highest journalistic standards, students select the issues they want to report on, and write, edit and publish their articles on the web-based news service. School publications can reprint articles from World Youth News to add an international component to their news. Any secondary school student (between 14-19 years old) can join this project as a reporter after successfully completing an online training and certification course. (<http://worldyouthnews.org/>)
- **[WorldSavvy Monitor](http://worldsavvy.org/monitor/)** is published by World Savvy as a tool for educators to explore world events. The publication offers strategies and lessons for the use of current events within the classroom. (<http://worldsavvy.org/monitor/>)
- **[TeachGlobalEd.net](http://teachglobaled.net/)** is a resource for teachers created The Ohio State University's Social Studies and Global Education Program in collaboration with the area studies centers. TeachGlobalEd.net provides education resources for teachers organized by regions, themes, and issues. It also provides additional information on opportunities for professional development and study. (<http://teachglobaled.net/>)
- **[The Center for Teaching International Relations](http://www.du.edu/ctir/)** is the outreach arm of the University of Denver and the Josef Korbel School of International Studies. CTIR has a 40 year history of helping K-12 educators teach about global affairs. (<http://www.du.edu/ctir/>)
- **[National Geographic Society](http://education.nationalgeographic.com/education/)** offers online activities, maps, lesson plans, an educator network, TV programs, and a searchable database. (<http://education.nationalgeographic.com/education/>)

- **Outreach World**: Interdisciplinary, cross-regional and standard-specific units, lessons and instructional aids designed by teachers and scholars. (<http://www.outreachworld.org/>)
- **Critical Multicultural Pavilion** is a project to provide curriculum, activities, and trainings to educators about multicultural issues and communities for use in the classroom. (<http://www.edchange.org/multicultural/>)
- **Sesame Workshop** is the non- profit organization behind Sesame Street. It produces materials for educators that support the themes of health, multiculturalism, literacy, numeracy, and emotional wellbeing, which are promoted on the television program. (<http://www.sesameworkshop.org/aroundtheworld>)
- **Global Citizenship Education** is a site from Oxfam UK that aims to develop the global aspect of the classroom. The site contains resources on curriculum and global citizenship education by subject and age. (<http://www.oxfam.org.uk/education/>)
  - Oxfam UK has also created a guide to Global Citizenship Education with more information for teachers and additional activities:  
<http://www.oxfam.org.uk/coolplanet/teachers/globciti/downloads/gcguide06.pdf>
- **Asia for Educators**: Classroom materials and teaching guides on Asia for use by faculty and students in world history, culture, geography, art, and literature at the undergraduate and pre-college levels. Search for content by subject area, document type, or time period. Features several multimedia units on Asia-related topics, as well as maps, timelines, and primary source readings. (<http://afe.easia.columbia.edu/>)
- **UN Works**: This website puts a human face on serious issues (Business, Children, Development, Education, Emergencies, Environment, Health, HIV/AIDS, Human Rights, Labour, Peace and Women) by telling stories about real people. Filled with resource links for teachers and students who want to learn more about the issues and get involved. (<http://www.un.org/works/>)
- **Beyond the Fire** provides the stories of adolescents who have survived conflict zones and currently reside in the US. The site provides lesson plans and background information on the conflicts. (<http://www.itvs.org/beyondthefire/>)
- **Globalization 101** intends to guide students' understanding of globalization and the issues surrounding it. The site provides lesson plans and sample assessments for teachers on issues of globalization. The site also provides information on how the learning objectives fit with the learning standards of 16 states. (<http://www.globalization101.org/>)
- **African Studies Center of Boston University**: Resource Library for educators wishing to improve their teaching about Africa: curricula, lesson plans, videos, slides, children's books, handouts, maps, posters. (<http://www.bu.edu/africa/outreach/index.html>)
- **Exploring Africa** is a resource for educators with curriculum and activities about African history and society. (<http://exploringafrica.matrix.msu.edu/>)
- **Africa Access** is a place for K-12 educators to share lessons and activities related to Africa, especially literature. (<http://www.africaaccessreview.org/aar/index.html>)

- **[The Global Education Collaborative](http://globaleducation.ning.com/)** is an online community for educators to share resources and engage in dialogue on a wide range of topics related to global education. Be sure to check out the “Global Education Resources” and “Collaborative Projects” discussion forums. (<http://globaleducation.ning.com/>)
- **[Latin American Network Information Center](http://lanic.utexas.edu/la/region/k-12/)** (through the University of Texas at Austin) has resources for educators developing geography, language, or history curricula with a Latin American focus. This site also includes information for native speakers of Spanish and Portuguese. (<http://lanic.utexas.edu/la/region/k-12/>)
- The **[World Affairs Council](http://world-affairs.org/globalclassroom/curriculum/default.htm#georgia)** of Seattle has free lesson plans (developed by teachers for teachers) on global topics. (<http://world-affairs.org/globalclassroom/curriculum/default.htm#georgia>)
- **[Population Connection](http://www.populationeducation.org/)** provides materials and tools for teachers about the human population and its changes, and how that impacts the world. The materials include activities and fact sheets and are sorted by grade level and academic subject. Population Connection also organizes professional development opportunities for educators about these themes. (<http://www.populationeducation.org/>)

## Resources for Further Information about International Topics

The following websites provide access to multimedia resources from the United States and other countries that can be used by educators and students for a wider understanding of the global world.

- **Gapminder** is a site that uses statistics about the world's countries and regions to graphically show how the world has changed through time. The tool is interactive and has data on many indicators. There is a section for teachers with resources and uses for the tool in classrooms. (<http://www.gapminder.org/>)
- **Global Voices Online** is a site that provides links to literature and people from countries across the globe. The site is searchable by country or topic. It can be an additional resource for information on different places or themes. (<http://globalvoicesonline.org/>)
- **LinkTV: Television Without Borders** offers access to news and documentaries from around the world. (<http://www.linktv.org/>)
- **Onlinenewspapers.com** provides a comprehensive location to access newspapers from around the world. (<http://www.onlinenewspapers.com/>)
- The **Newseum** provides access to the front page of newspapers across the US and around the world. (<http://www.newseum.org/todaysfrontpages/default.asp>)

