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# Exploring JuniorGeographer.com

The Web site **JuniorGeographer.com** includes maps, graphs, photo tours, and research links to provide you with information about the United States, its regions, and the world. Use these resources for research, reports, and presentations. This study guide will give you a quick tour of the site.

- Find JuniorGeographer.com on the Internet at **<http://www.juniorgeographer.com>**
- When you are there, put in your User Name and Password. (Your teacher will give you these.)
- At the top of the home page, there are five buttons, one for each major section of the site. Click on the button labeled **Maps**.

## Introduction: Maps

There are three types of maps on this site—reference maps, outline maps, and thematic maps.

### Reference Maps

1. Click on **United States** in the red bar on the left side of the screen. Click on **Reference Maps**. Then click on **Elevation Map**.
  - a. Study the map. Which color shows elevations from 0 to 500 feet? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Which half of the country has elevations above 10,000 feet — the East or the West?  
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2. Click on **Regions**. Then click on **Reference Maps** and then **Northeast**.
  - a. Study the map. How many states are in this region? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Which ocean borders this region? \_\_\_\_\_

### Outline Maps

3. Click on **Outline Maps**. Then click on **With Boundaries**.
  - a. What do the squiggly blue lines represent? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. What do the red lines represent? \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Thematic Maps**

**4.** Click on **Thematic Maps**. Then click on **Temperature**.

- a.** What color shows places that have cold winters and hot summers? \_\_\_\_\_
- b.** Which two states have areas that are always cold?  
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### **Introduction: Graphs**

Graphs show comparisons of the natural features, population, climate, and work force of the United States and the world. On this site you will find line graphs, circle graphs, and bar graphs.

**5.** On the top of the screen click on **Graphs**. In the red bar to the left click on **United States**. Then click on **Labor Force**.

- a.** What percentage of the U.S. labor force worked on farms in 1800? \_\_\_\_\_
- b.** In which year did farm workers make up 2% of the labor force? \_\_\_\_\_

**6.** In the red bar click on **World**. Then click on **Longest Rivers**.

- a.** In which continent is the longest river in the world located? \_\_\_\_\_
- b.** How long is the Yangtze River? \_\_\_\_\_

### **Introduction: Photos**

There are a variety of photographs with captions on this site that offer a glimpse of the people, places, and culture of the regions of the United States. To read the captions, click on the thumbnail image of each photo.

**7.** On the top of the screen, click on **Photos**. Then click on **East Central**.

- a.** What mineral resource is important to the economy of this region? \_\_\_\_\_
- b.** Click on **South Central**. Which river forms part of the boundary between the United States and Mexico? \_\_\_\_\_

### **Introduction: Links**

Web site links are available to help you further research topics about U.S. regions.

**8.** On the top of the screen, click on **Links**. Then click on **Alaska**. Which site would help you find images and information about Alaska's state capital?  
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