

Geography Scavenger Hunt

Activity #1: Lost at sea

Did you know that most of the world is covered by water? Think of all the mysteries which lie beneath the seas and the answers these mysteries hold to many unanswered questions! Explore one discovery by visiting "increase & diffusion: Hanalei Redux" at <http://www.si.edu/i+d/redux.html>.

- Where is Hanalei Bay located? Mark and label this spot on your world map.
- What did divers discover in Hanalei Bay?
- To whom did it belong?
- In what year did it wreck?
- List some of the artifacts recovered.

Activity #2: What a catch!

Have you ever heard of or seen a toothfish? Where in the world do they live and what's so special about them? Make the search for the toothfish your next adventure on your world-wide scavenger hunt. Go to the Web site "LEARNZ97" at <http://learnz.icair.iac.org.nz/learnz97/index.htm>.

- What continent is home to the toothfish?
- List three interesting facts about these fish.
- What keeps the two species of toothfish apart?
- Explain where this ecological barrier is located. Draw and label it on your world map.

Activity #3: Tasmanian tour

The infamous Tasmanian Devil has become near and dear to many thanks to the popular Bugs Bunny cartoons we've all seen. But where is the real home of the Tasmanian Devil? To learn more about this creature and its home, visit the

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Web site "The Interactive Tour of Tasmania" at <http://vcsun2.tamu.edu/~justin/tastour/>.

- Where is Tasmania located? Find and mark it on your world map.
- What is the capital of Tasmania?
- Where else can a Tasmanian Devil be found besides Tasmania?
- How did the Tasmanian Devil get its name?
- What foods are produced in Tasmania? Why there?

Activity #4: Canal coverage

Can you locate the canal known as "an engineering marvel?" Panama, a Latin American country, is home to the famous Panama Canal. But how much do you really know about the history and creation of the canal? To learn more, visit the Web site "Destination Panama" at

<http://www.lonelyplanet.com.au/dest/cam/pan.htm>.

- What are Panama's border countries? Locate and mark Panama on your world map.
- What is the population of this country?
- What is the capital?

- What languages are spoken in this country?
- What type of government rules this country? What is an example of another country which has a similar government?
- What year was the canal built? Was this the first attempt at building a canal?
- How long is the canal?
- How much did it cost to build?

Activity #5: Peak to peak

Although the terrain of the world varies, its many majestic mountain ranges stand high above its other features. The Himalayas are the largest mountain range in the world. See what else you can find out about these peaks by visiting "Shangri La Web Site" at http://aleph0.clarku.edu/rajs/Shangri_La.html.

- What are the seven countries this mountain range covers?
- The highest peak in the world is part of this range. What are the three names it is known by?
- How high is this peak?
- What is the latitude and longitude of this peak?
- Who was the first to scale this peak?
- Highlight or mark this area on your world map.

Activity #6: Exploring Eastern Europe

The names and borders of countries on the world map have changed dramatically over the past few years, especially in Eastern Europe. But do you

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know where in the world Moldova is? To learn more about this area of the world, visit the Web sites "Virtual Moldova" at <http://www.info.polymtl.ca/Moldova> and "The 1997 World Factbook" at

<http://www.odci.gov/cia/publications/factbook/country-frame.html>.

- Between which two countries does Moldova lie?
- What is the capital of Moldova? Mark it on your world map.
- On what continent is this republic located?
- Using the Web site "How far is it?" at <http://www.indo.com/distance/>, determine how far Moldova is from where you live.
- How big is Moldova?
- List three interesting facts about Moldova.

Activity #7: Cruising the islands

You've just won an all-expense paid trip to the island of Macquarie!

Congratulations. Now the question is, when do you want to visit this exotic island? Before making your decision, where in the world is Macquarie Island?

Visit the Web site "Macquarie Island" at

<http://www.antdiv.gov.au/aad/exop/sfo/macca/macca/macca.html> to learn more.

- Off of which continent is this island located?
- Using the latitude and longitude, find and mark Macquarie Island on your world map.
- What are the current weather conditions?
- Based on what you've learned, what would be the best time of year to visit this island?
- What type of people or animals inhabit this island?

- What is so special about this place?

Activity #8: Views of a volcano

It may be hard to believe but there are still active volcanoes erupting in the world. One is found in Montserrat. Stop off at the Web site "Soufriere Hills, Montserrat" at

http://volcano.und.nodak.edu/vwdocs/current_volcs/montserrat/montserrat.html

to learn more about the location and dangers the people of Montserrat are experiencing. Imagine what your life would be like if you had a volcano in your back yard!

- Where is Montserrat located? Locate and mark it on your world map.
- What is the latitude and longitude of this country?
- Where is the volcano located within the country? Locate and mark it on your world map.
- When did it begin erupting?
- How is this volcano affecting life in Montserrat?