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Parents: 10 Ways to Give Your Kids the World

1. Geography is more than you think.

It's more than maps. Geography's about cultures and environments. It's about people shaping places and places shaping people. Geography is the framework that helps you understand the world.

2. Bring the world into your home.

Do you own a globe, maps, and a world atlas and use them to look up places in the news? Turn to the Web and check out an online atlas or a 3-D globe.

3. Check your family's knowledge.

Test your family's Global IQ. Do you and your children know the fundamentals of geography from the local to the global? Play games that teach about the world.

4. Know what's going on.

Do you and the kids watch news programs, listen to news radio, read the newspaper? Don't forget to check kid-friendly Web news sites like BBC Newsround, *Time* for Kids, and National Geographic Kids News. Talk about what's going on—not just in your community but also in your state, your country, and all around the world.

5. Get out there.

Have you tried EarthCaching or geocaching? They are great outside activities. Visit new places—nearby towns, different neighborhoods, local and national museum exhibits, other countries—on day trips, weekends, or vacations.

6. Know where you are and where things come from.

Everything's connected. Make it a family mission to know your community—why it's where it is, how it was settled, who lives there now, and its connections to the world through business, arts, music, technology, and sports. What are the global connections in the food your family eats, the clothes you wear, the games you play, and the music you listen to?

7. Broaden your children's horizons.

Courses, research projects, and extracurricular activities expand kids' understanding of their world—as do books, magazines, videos, and games that feed their natural curiosity.

8. Support your schools.

Does your child's school have what it needs to teach about the world? Does it offer geography courses? Does it have up-to-date maps, globes, atlases, and software? Find your local parents organization and get involved. Start a geography club.

9. Spread the word.

Contact your legislators and your school district leadership. Let them know you support increased emphasis on and funding for geography and geography-related courses. And tell your children's teachers and others about My Wonderful World.

10. Sign up for the My Wonderful World e-newsletter.

You'll get helpful tips, the latest news, links to great resources and fun games, information about contests and offers, and much more. Sign up now at www.MyWonderfulWorld.org—and help give kids the power of global knowledge.

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