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Exploring Our World

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The Great Globe Gallery

<http://hum.amu.edu.pl/~zbzw/glob/glob1.htm>

I like the Great Globe Gallery because it has a lot of good connections to graphics of globes and maps such as an antique global projection and a new satellite image of the earth. There are 3D images, cross-sections of the earth, digital elevation models and illustrations of plate tectonics. This is a great site to learn about map projections and globes. For ages 7 to adult.

Reviewed by Kether

An Ongoing Voyage

<http://sunsite.unc.edu/expo/1492.exhibit/Intro.html>

You can learn about Columbus—or would you prefer the Caribbean? In “What Came to be Called America,” you can learn about who really discovered America and all about the Caribbean and its people! There are great links to all kinds of information. You can see the Mexican Calendar, learn about life in the Andes or in the South Atlantic! There are long-ago maps showing what people thought the world looked like in 1492. There are suggested readings that allow you to learn more about the topic. One of the neatest parts of this site is that you can actually visit the exhibit which is at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

Reviewed by Dylan

Eye on the World—Violent Planet Page

<http://www.iwaynet.net/~kwroejr/violent.html>

This is a great site because it has a lot of links to things all over the world. My favorite part is the links to the world records. These include earthquakes, weather, volcanos, and fires. It is a really neat site. I like this site because it has information I want to know about.

Reviewed by Brendan

Volcano World

<http://volcano.nodak.edu/vw.html>

I like Volcano World because it gives information on current news and events on volcanos. You can search and send comments to Volcano World. There is a kids' version. You can ask a volcanologist, enter contests, and learn about the volcano parks and monuments. If you want to learn about the volcanos of the world, you can find it all at this site.

Reviewed by Jesse

Mapquest

<http://www.mapquest.com/>

Mapquest is a group of sites that you can use to find the very street you live on, but you can't see your house! You start out with a picture of the world. To begin the search for the place you are looking for, click on the continent that the place you want to go to is on. Just keep clicking on the

closest icon to get to your destination. Only in the United States can actually get to the street level. In other countries you get the highway level. The only thing I don't like about Mapquest is that sometimes it can be really slow. I like Mapquest because it's fun to look around at different places all the world.

Reviewed by Mike

The Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network

<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/sbwcw/>

We like this site because we like animals. This site gives information on how to help animals that are dying from humans destroying their habitat. The Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network helps 2,500 animals each year. By helping animals you learn love and respect for all living things on earth. In this site, there are some really cool links to explore. "Pictures and Stories" is our favorite link. It shows pictures of loons, pelicans, egrets, ravens, and night herons. There are interesting facts and survival stories about these animals. "Oil and Wildlife" is really sad because it says dolphins and seals have been washed up dead in the tides because of oil pollution. You can help by looking at this website and finding out what you can do for animals in trouble! "How You Can Help" is the link that has this information.

Reviewed by Lesley and Tadgh

USA Today Weather

<http://www.usatoday.com/weather/wfront.htm>

You can find out anything you want to know about weather from this site. The first thing you see is the "Weather Front Page." It has a great weather map that is color-coded to show today's temperatures, and a menu with a lot of good links. You can find out what the weather is in any major city in the world, what the weather is going to be like if you're driving or flying, and about floods, hurricanes, tornados, and thunderstorms. You can even find out what the water temperature is when you go to the beach from the "Marine Weather" link and how much sunscreen to bring from the "UV Forecast"! Our favorite links are "Ask Jack" and "Tornados." We liked "Tornados" because when we grow up we want to be tornado chasers. We need to learn all about tornados and this site teaches what we'll need to know. It includes information on the path and length of different types of tornados, how a tornado is formed and other stuff—like the fact that large hail often precedes tornados. At this site you can see close-up pictures of real tornados. In "Ask Jack" you can ask any weather question and get an answer from a weather expert. We recommend this site for anyone who likes or wants to learn about weather.

Reviewed by Hestia and Samantha

EQE Earthquake and Natural Hazards Site

<http://www.eqe.com/>

The EQE is a place to find information on natural hazards. Click on "Natural Hazards Information" and here you will find the information you are looking for. Each category has its own symbol and contains complete information on that topic. I like this site because it is easy to get around in

except that you have to use EQE to get back where you were. The back button on Netscape doesn't work.

Reviewed by Adam

The US Geological Survey

<http://geology.usgs.gov/>

This site is more difficult than EQE to navigate in. I was going in circles when I thought I was going someplace. The good part about this site is "Ask a Geologist" where you can get answers to geology questions answered by geology experts. If you can put in your e-mail address, your questions will be answered sooner. The other part of this site that I liked is "Latest Earthquake Information." This place posts all the earthquakes that happen on earth as they happen. If you chart all the earthquakes on a world map, you can see the major fault lines on earth.

Reviewed by Adam

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<http://scout.cs.wisc.edu/scout/KIDS/>

<http://rs.internic.net/scout/KIDS/>

Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) versions of the KIDSReport:

<http://scout.cs.wisc.edu/scout/KIDS/pdf/>

The KIDS Report Site Selection Guidelines:

<http://scout.cs.wisc.edu/scout/KIDS/selection.html>

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