

ArcGIS Online Five By Five

Five Activities You Can Do in 5 Minutes Each (No login required)

ACTIVITY ONE: See Your World

- 1 Go to <http://www.arcgis.com>, and click “Map”
- 2 Grab, hold, and move the map to pan
- 3 Test out zooming in and out, using the map’s zoom bar, the mouse’s scroll-wheel, double-click, and “shift+clickdrag”.
- 4 Zoom all the way out to the world, and all the way in to your home. Notice what happens when you zoom in and out.
- 5 Use the Search box in the top right to find the address of a friend, a relative, or a place, like your state’s capital city.
- 6 Click the Basemap button and look at each of the different basemaps, from all the way out to all the way in. Notice what happens in each as you zoom in and out.

ACTIVITY TWO: Measure and Mark Your World

- 1 Zoom out to the world. Click “Measure” and choose “Distance”. Measure (click to start, double-click to stop) roughly the distance from western USA to Europe, and western USA to central Asia, and northern Alaska to the southern tip of Africa and then the southern tip of South America. (Extra credit: What’s a “great circle”?)
- 2 Change the measure tool from the ruler to the location tool (square with plus sign). Click it, wander the map, then zoom in and find the coordinates for your home, Mt. Everest, and the White House. Close the Measure window.
- 3 Click “Modify Map.” Click the “Add” button, choose “Add Map Notes,” and use the “Map Notes” template by clicking “Create.” Drop a pushpin on Mt. Everest and name it “Mt. Everest.” Zoom back to the White House, drop a pin, and name it. This time, click “Change Symbol,” and stroll thru the symbol choices, in “Basic” and the other palettes.
- 4 Zoom back home and use the “Add Features” palette to add an “Area” for the school grounds, and a line for your route to and from school. Click “Details” (top left) when done creating data.

ACTIVITY THREE: Explore Your World

- 1 At the top of the map, click “New Map”, and select “Yes, Open The Map.” This will give you a new clean map space, with the Topo basemap, and no additional layers. Zoom to North America.
- 2 Click Modify Map in the upper right hand corner and then Choose “Add” then “Search for Layers.” In the “Search for Layers” “Find” box type “usa population.” Near the top, you should find “USA Population Density (Mature Support)”. Click on the name, see a quick thumbnail, and click on “Add to map.” Then, at the bottom of the left-hand window, click “Done Adding Layers.”
- 3 Zoom/pan so you can see all 50 states as states, and then zoom in to your home, one click at a time on the map’s zoom bar. As you zoom in, click on the state, and then the county, and then Census Tract, and finally Block Group, and read the text that shows up with each zoom.
- 4 It sure would be nice to know what the colors mean! At the top of the left-hand window, click the “Legend” button, and see what the colors mean, and see if the colors and meanings change as you zoom in and out.
- 5 Pan around your state and see if every place looks alike. Wouldn’t it help to see thru the population layer to the landmarks below? At the top of the left-hand window, click the “Show Contents of Map” button. Click on the three blue dots under the “USA Population Density” layer title and you will see a pop-up menu. Hover the cursor over “Transparency”, and play with the little slider.

ACTIVITY FOUR: Expand Your World: Open a saved map

- 1 Use a shortcut URL to go directly: <http://esriurl.com/recentquakesmap>. Explore briefly, turning the layers’ checkmarks off and on (this is located under the “Show Contents of Map” tab).
- 2 Use a long URL to go directly: <http://www.arcgis.com/home/webmap/viewer.html?webmap=79151205f3124c13bc814fda3170e901>. Try turning on the “old map” layers.
- 3 Use ArcGIS Online search. Go to <http://www.arcgis.com>, then click “Gallery” at the top. In the search box at the top-right of the page (NOT your browser bar’s search box), type “usa demographics for schools v2” and click the magnifying glass {or just click [here](#)}, and in the results click on the topmost thumbnail. The map should open with 10 layers in it. Zoom to your location, turn off population density, and try the other layers. (Extra credit: If more than one is checked, which one is visible in the map?)
- 4 Recent browsers in laptops and computers (**not yet on tablets or smartphones**) may include the ability to show the world as a sphere that you can rotate along three axes. Try displaying this saved “web scene” showing [world population](#). This might require you to sign in to view the Scene World image.

ACTIVITY FIVE: App the World: Try out a focused app:

- 1 Navigate to: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/en/>.
- 2 Scroll down to explore the world of award-winning Story Maps.
- 3 Click on “Gallery” (on the main menu top of page) and explore by subject (left side navigation).