

Maps.com Launches Field Trip Library for K-12 Students



Education software publisher Maps.com has released its Field Trip Library series, which is powered by the Esri Story Map platform. Using this platform, students are introduced to fundamental GIS concepts while exploring global culture, regional patterns and major historical events through interactive maps.

Field trips are enhanced with classroom materials such as videos, news stories, and activities designed for Common Core and state standards aligned teaching.

Field Trip Library is available as a paid enhancement to the company's Maps101 product, which currently reaches over 1.7 million students across North American and international schools. The 10 introductory lessons include:

- Lewis & Clark
- Christopher Columbus
- Salem Witch Trials
- Holiday Celebrations from around the World
- Spanish Influence on Texas and the Southwest
- World War I
- World War II
- The Civil War
- Nile River
- World Energy Consumption

Thirty-day trials are available for new visitors to the website, and two field trips (World War I and Gift of the Nile) are freely available to all visitors so they can see what it is like to explore with interactive maps.

As a former social studies teacher, Charlie Fitzpatrick, Esri K-12 education manager, said he would have loved having his students work with these; history comes alive when you can see the whole story, and it is much more powerful in a map you can dive into.

For more information about Field Trip Library, visit www.fieldtriplibrary.com.