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The Central Intelligence Agency World Factbook

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html>

Yes, it's *that* CIA, and the Factbook has detailed profiles of all the world's countries, from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe. (Check out the Isle of Man's flag!)

Be sure to check out:

- The CIA Kids' Page has puzzles and code-breaking exercises of varying difficulty. (OK, it may not be economics, but it's fun.) There's even a spy whose phone is in her stiletto-heeled shoe. Who says "spooks" don't have a sense of humor?

Facing the Future: Education on Sustainability and Global Issues

<http://www.facingthefuture.org>

The people at Facing the Future believe that "students need to understand the linkages between local and global issues."

Be sure to check out:

- The "Curriculum" and "For Educators" tabs

Globalization101.org The Levin Institute

<http://www.globalization101.org>

Globalization is on everyone's mind, but we don't always agree on what it is or how it affects us. Globalization 101 uses an interdisciplinary approach to help you understand the issues and evaluate the trade-offs.

Be sure to check out:

- "Ask the Experts"
- Lesson plans under the "For Teachers" tab

International Monetary Fund

<http://www.imf.org>

Established in 1944, the International Monetary Fund has grown from 45 to 185 member countries. Its primary purpose is to "ensure the stability of the world's monetary

system by advising member countries, making temporary financing available, and providing technical assistance."

Be sure to check out:

- The "For Students" section under "About the IMF"

Nobelprize.org

<http://www.nobelprize.org>

Alfred Nobel made his fortune in nitroglycerin and dynamite, then left his wealth to establish the Nobel Prize awards for physics, chemistry, medicine, literature, and work for peace. (Today, there is also a related prize in economics.)

Be sure to check out:

- The Trade game under the "Educational Games" tab

World Bank

<http://www.worldbank.org>

<http://youthink.worldbank.org/4kids>

The World Bank's mission is to reduce poverty by providing development assistance to its poorer member nations – often called "developing countries" – and to countries whose economies are in transition. The loans are intended to increase economic productivity and improve the material standard of living in those countries.

Be sure to check out:

- Learning
- Resources for . . . Youth & Schools

Worldmapper

<http://www.sasi.group.shef.ac.uk/worldmapper/index.html>

A fantastic site for map-lovers, or anyone else, for that matter: 366 maps look at everything from human poverty to the average number of fast food outlets.

Be sure to check out:

- Just pick a map from the index and start exploring. It's fascinating.

Yale Global Online

<http://yaleglobal.yale.edu/index.jsp>

The online edition of a publication from the Yale Center for the Study of Globalization features a wide range of issues related to globalization.

Be sure to check out:

- "Small Screen, Smaller World" is an engaging look at how globalization of the supply chain has brought down the price of TV sets (look under the "Flash Presentations" section of the "Multimedia" tab).

The Global Economy

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