

Social Studies' E-Bulletin

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Jamaica.

The 5 Themes of Geography.

LOCATION:

Jamaica can be found in between Florida in the United States and South America. The longitude and latitude of Jamaica is 17 degrees, 59 minutes North, 76 degrees, 48 minutes West. It is surrounded by the Caribbean Sea.

PLACE:

As indicated in the World Regional Geography books Jamaica is in the Tropical wet/dry climate zone. The tropical wet/dry climate is also called tropical savanna. They experience a wider range of temperatures than the tropical wet climate and may actually receive more total rainfall, but the rain comes in great downpours during the heat of the summer. The vegetation is mixed grasslands and tropical forest. All species may show signs of having to survive long dry periods that occur unpredictably, during which they may drop their leaves to conserve moisture. Jamaica lies in the hurricane belt of the Atlantic Ocean; as a result, the island sometimes experiences significant storm damage.

HUMAN-ENVIRONMENT INTERACTION:

Jamaica has a medium-high impact on the earth. The people who first started to live there were the indigenous Arawakan. They spoke Taino inhabitants named the island *Xaymaca*, meaning the "Land of Wood and Water", or the "Land of Springs

MOVEMENT:

Jamaica's movement includes roadways, railways, air transport, and ports and shipping. Jamaica has a fully digital telephone communication system, so they are able to transport ideas quickly.

REGIONS:

Jamaica is located in the Middle and South America region.

Take a look at some of them while presenting and making of their projects.



Our Planet Earth

Earth (or the Earth) is the third planet from the Sun, and the densest and fifth-largest of the eight planets in the Solar System. It is also the largest of the Solar System's four terrestrial planets. It is sometimes referred to as the World, the Blue Planet, or by its Latin name, Terra.

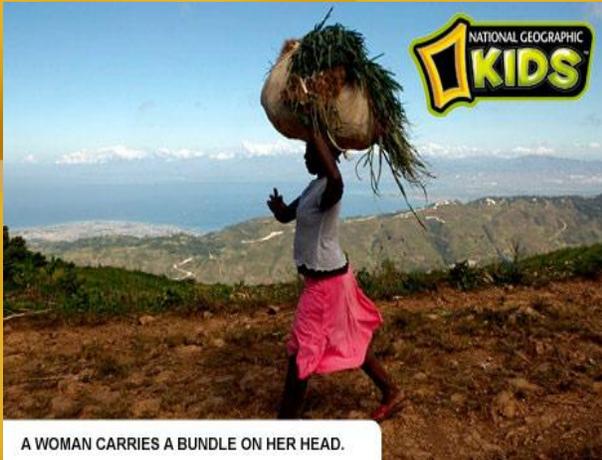
Earth formed 4.54 billion years ago, and life appeared on its surface within one billion years.^[21] The planet is home to millions of species, including humans. Earth's biosphere has significantly altered the atmosphere and other a biotic conditions on the planet, enabling the proliferation of aerobic organisms as well as the formation of the ozone layer which, together with Earth's magnetic field, blocks harmful solar radiation, permitting life on land. The physical properties of the Earth, as well as its geological history and orbit, have allowed life to persist during this period. The planet is expected to continue supporting life for at least another 500 million years.

Reference: From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia.

Project:

Social Studies students as part of their geography class will create different models on planet Earth, Earth revolution, and the Milky Way.

HAITI



A WOMAN CARRIES A BUNDLE ON HER HEAD.

During the next couple of weeks 4th grade students will be learning about our neighbor country of Haiti, as part of their geography class. Besides learning general fact about it, students will focus on the impact of climate and vegetation in Haiti and how it has affected their lives (Earthquakes, fires, deforestation, etc.).

Art

Haitians make beautiful artwork out of found objects, such as old tin, which they cut into scenes of birds, flowers and other subject matter. Woodcarving, painting, dance and storytelling are also popular.

Music

The music of Haiti is influenced most by French colonial ties and African immigration (through slavery), as well as by its neighbor, the Dominican Republic. American jazz has also influenced Haiti; the country first experienced recorded music in 1937, when jazz was recorded none commercially. The national dance is the *méringue* (similar to the Dominican version).

Evaluation



♣ Class work	50%
♣ Projects	15%
♣ Homework	10%
♣ Exams and Quizzes	25%
	100%