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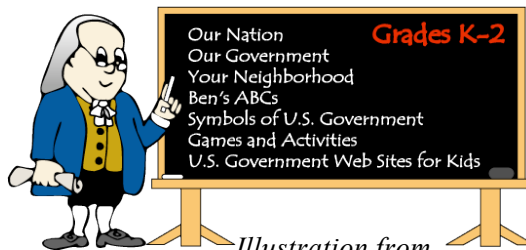
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*Illustration from
Ben's Guide to U.S. Government for Kids
<http://bensguide.gpo.gov>*

Government documents to consider purchasing for your media center

Books:

Ben's Activity Book (\$73 for 25 copies)

http://bensguide.gpo.gov/files/Ben_Activity_webversion.pdf

Crime in the United States: Uniform Crime Reports (\$53 paperback)

<http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/ucr.htm#cius>

Health, United States (\$54 paperback)

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/hus.htm>

Occupational Outlook Handbook (\$68 hardbound; \$64 paperback)

<http://www.bls.gov/oco/>

Statistical Abstract of the United States (\$39 hardbound; \$35 paperback)

<http://www.census.gov/prod/www/statistical-abstract-04.html>

United States Government Manual (\$52.00 paperback)

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/gmanual/index.html>

World Factbook (\$90 paperback)

<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/index.html>

Subscriptions:

Background Notes (\$63/year for a monthly subscription of 6-8 notes each month; \$2.25 each)

<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/>

FDA Consumer (\$14/year; 6 copies per year)

<http://www.fda.gov/fdac/>

Occupational Outlook Quarterly (\$15/year; 4 copies per year)

<http://www.bls.gov/opub/ooq/ooqhome.htm>

To order Federal materials:

U.S. Government Online Bookstore

<http://Bookstore.gpo.gov/index.html>

Phone: (888) 293-6498

Non-governmental Site for Searching Government Documents, Fed and State

Google/Uncle Sam

<http://www.google.com/unclesam>

Use any search term and add the word **kids**. Examples: **animals kids** or **climate kids**

Note: The "Elem." on the following pages designates a site suitable for elementary students. These sites are listed first in each category, followed by sites geared to older students.

Government Web Sites for K-12 Media Centers and Classrooms

General Sites

- Elem. **Afterschool.gov** (General Services Administration)
Listed are federal resources to support children and youth during out-of-school hours.
<http://www.afterschool.gov/kidsnteens1.html>
- Elem. **First Gov For Kids** (Federal Citizen Information Center)
Links provided to federal kids' sites along with some of the best kids' sites from other organizations, arranged by subject.
<http://www.kids.gov/>
- Elem. **Kids' Castle** (Smithsonian Institution)
Links to science, animals, personalities, sports, the arts, history, air and space . . .
<http://www.kidscastle.si.edu/>
- FirstGov** (Federal Citizen Information Center)
The U.S. government's official web portal. Quick links are given to many sites.
<http://www.firstgov.gov/>
- FREE** (Federal Resources for Educational Excellence)
Includes hundreds of federally supported teaching and learning resources. Has a link to Constitution Day sites.
<http://www.ed.gov/free/index.html>
- Internet Safety** (Department of Education)
Use this site for information on online safety for teachers, parents and students.
<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/os/technology/safety.html>
- Library of Congress**
From this site teacher librarians can search "Library Catalogs" to find MARC records to import into their online databases. The Authorities file can also be searched.
<http://www.loc.gov/>
- Students.gov** (Federal Student Aid Office)
A "student-centered, interagency gateway to the federal services and information they need from across the entire US government and selected non-government sites."
<http://www.students.gov/STUGOVWebApp/index.jsp>

American Indians

- Elem. **Indian Health Services Kids Page** (Indian Health Services)
Includes links to safety, culture, stories and health.
<http://www.ihs.gov/PublicInfo/Publications/Kids/index.cfm>
- Resource Guide for Teachers** (Environmental Protection Agency)
Created for EPA personnel, this site has chapters on understanding Native Americans, federal Indian law and environmental protection in Indian country.
<http://www.epa.gov/indian/resource/resource.htm>

Animals

- Elem. **Children’s Butterfly Site** (National Biological Information Infrastructure)
Includes coloring book pages, an overview of life cycles, resources for teachers, links to other butterfly sites, and a gallery of butterfly photographs from around the world.
<http://mpin.nbi.gov/insects/kidsbutterfly/index.html>
- Elem. **Endangered Species Picture Book** (Environmental Protection Agency)
Children can print out pictures of 21 endangered plants and animals and color them.
<http://www.epa.gov/espp/coloring/>
- Elem. **Especially for Kids** (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)
Demonstrations of how loss of habitat and ecosystems can lead to a decline in biodiversity, and how the Endangered Species Act helps prevent extinction.
<http://endangered.fws.gov/kids>
- Elem. **Woodsy Owl** (Forest Service)
This site includes a coloring book and a link to activities to help motivate kids to form healthy relationships with nature. Woodsy’s motto: "Give a hoot. Don't Pollute."
<http://www.fs.fed.us/spf/woodsyl>
- Virtual Frog Dissection Kit** (Department of Energy)
This interactive program is part of the “whole frog” project. Included are links to games, as well as to Frogwatch USA, a volunteer frog and toad monitoring program.
<http://www-itg.lbl.gov/ITG.hm.pg.docs/dissect/info.html>
- Visible Earth** (NASA)
“A catalog of NASA images and animations of our home planet.”
<http://www.visibleearth.nasa.gov/>

Art

- Elem. **NGA Kids** (National Gallery of Art)
This site includes many art activities and also an interactive site where kids can make art online.
<http://www.nga.gov/kids/>
- Library of Congress Exhibitions** (Library of Congress)
Links to exhibitions as varied as “Bob Hope and American Variety,” “The African-American Mosaic,” “Blondie Gets Married!” and “The Empire that was Russia.”
<http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/>

Careers

- BLS Career Information** (Bureau of Labor Statistics)
Provides links to information on careers in law, math, building things, and more.
<http://www.bls.gov/k12/>
- Think College Early** (Department of Education)
The goal of this site is to help students think about going to college, and the Dept. of Ed says this planning is best done when students are in grades 6-8.
<http://www.ed.gov/students/prep/college/thinkcollege/early/edlite-index.html>

Civics

- Elem. **Ben's Guide to U.S. Government for Kids** (Government Printing Office)
Benjamin Franklin is the host of this site for all grade levels about government in the United States. Also included are links to sites for parents and teachers.
<http://bensguide.gpo.gov/index.html>
- Elem. **Kids in the House** (Office of the Clerk; House of Representatives)
Meet the Clerk in the U.S. House of Representatives, and learn about the legislative process through a field trip and fun and games.
<http://clerkkids.house.gov>
- THOMAS** (Library of Congress)
Perfect for following new bills and searching for information about legislative history.
<http://thomas.loc.gov/>

Constitution Day, September 17th

- Elem. **White House Kids – Constitution** (The Executive Branch of the United States)
This site gives facts and has links to games and a video children will enjoy.
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/kids/constitution/>
- Celebrate Constitution Day!** (National Archives)
A good starting place for Constitution Day activities. Includes lesson plans and high resolution scans of the Constitution that can be downloaded and printed.
<http://www.archives.gov/national-archives-experience/charters/constitution/constitution-day.html>
- Charters of Freedom – Constitution** (National Archives)
This site provides images and a transcript of the Constitution as well as links to further information.
<http://www.archives.gov/national-archives-experience/charters/constitution.html>
- Primary documents in American History – U.S. Constitution** (Library of Congress)
Look here for links to the many digitized resources in the Library of Congress. A bibliography for use with children is included.
<http://www.loc.gov/rr/program/bib/ourdocs/Constitution.html>

Consumer Education

- Elem. **H.I.P. Pocket Change** (United States Mint)
Games, cartoons, and a time machine help teach kids about money. Especially fun is the game “Cents of Color,” where kids can color the new state quarters.
<http://www.usmint.gov/kids/flashIndex.cfm>
- Elem. **Kidd Safety** (Consumer Product Safety Commission)
Kidd Safety and his pals help kids be careful with consumer products.
<http://www.cpsc.gov/kids/kidsafety/index.html>
- Elem. **Kids' Pages** (Patent & Trademark Office)
Use games, puzzles, and a time machine to learn about patents and trademarks.
<http://www.uspto.gov/go/kids/>

Elem. **Learning Bank** (Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation)
“Carmen Cents” is your guide through the Learning Bank.
<http://www.fdic.gov/about/learn/learning/index.html>

FirstGov for Consumers (Federal Trade Commission)
Includes quick links to information on recalls, the national do not call registry, identity theft, disability information, and Ready.gov from Homeland Security.
<http://www.consumer.gov/>

MoneyFactory (Bureau of Engraving and Printing)
Students are shown how to spot counterfeit bills. Some of the new features of the \$50 bill released in Sept. 2004 are also listed.
<http://www.moneyfactory.com/>

Countries

Elem. **CIA’s Homepage for Kids** (Central Intelligence Agency)
This site includes links for all grade levels. It also has links to games, the Spy-Fi Archives, the CIA Canine Corps, and Aerial Photography Pigeons.
<http://www.cia.gov/cia/ciakids/govagency.shtml>

Elem. **Peace Corps Kids World** (Peace Corps)
Join Traveler as she explores the globe and learns about making a difference.
<http://www.peacecorps.gov/kids/>

Country Studies (Library of Congress)
Here you’ll find online versions of the popular series of books once printed by the Army. The series includes 101 lesser known countries of the world.
<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/cshome.html>

Portals to the World (Library of Congress)
Links to more than 175 countries are provided for authoritative and in-depth information.
<http://www.loc.gov/rr/international/portals.html>

Crime and Justice

Elem. **FBI Kids Page, K-5** (Federal Bureau of Investigation)
Darrell and Shirley, black labs who sniff for bombs, take kids on a field trip of the FBI. Games are also included.
<http://www.fbi.gov/kids/k5th/kidsk5th.htm>

Justice for Kids and Youth (Department of Justice)
Found here are links for kids in grades K-5 and youth in grades 6-12. Other links include “10 Most Wanted,” “ATF Homepage,” and “Inside the Courtroom.”
<http://www.usdoj.gov/kidspage/>

Geography, Maps

Elem. **Astro Kids** (U.S. Geological Survey)
See Flat Stanley go to the moon and get planetary images to use in making globes.
<http://astrogeology.usgs.gov/Kids/>

Geography Trivia Game (Central Intelligence Agency)

This game has three editions – 1999, 2000, and 2003 – with different questions.

Countries are grouped into regions so students can focus on one area at a time.

<http://www.cia.gov/cia/ciakids/games/geography/index.shtml>

National Atlas of the United States (Department of the Interior)

Students can make a map, print pre-formatted maps or play with interactive maps.

<http://nationalatlas.gov/>

Health

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BAM! (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

This Body and Mind homepage has information on diseases, food & nutrition, physical activity and more in a fun site.

<http://www.bam.gov/index.html>

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Girl Power! (Health and Human Services)

This colorful site's purpose is to help encourage and motivate 9-13-year-old girls to make the most of their lives. Includes a link to research and news about girls.

<http://www.girlpower.gov/>

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HealthFinder Kids (Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion)

This site offers games, tips for safe surfing, cool and uncool stuff, and art contests.

<http://www.healthfinder.gov/kids/>

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HHS Pages for Kids (Health and Human Services)

A very attractive page with many links to health related topics having to do with cosmetics, food safety, healthy teeth, smoking, and body and mind issues.

<http://www.hhs.gov/kids/>

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Mental Health Information Center (Substance Abuse & Mental Health Serv. Adm.)

“We have free stuff about mental health – talking about how you think, feel, and act everyday.” Besides games, other kids' sites are listed and also Internet safety tips.

<http://www.mentalhealth.org/kidsarea/>

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USDA For Kids (Department of Agriculture)

Links to pages for Smokey the Bear, Woodsy Owl, Stanley Stat & Pie Chart Pam, the Food Guide Pyramid, and a George Washington Carver coloring book, among others.

<http://www.usda.gov/news/usdakids/index.html>

NIDA For Teens (National Institute on Drug Abuse)

This site has links to Facts on Drugs, Ask Dr. NIDA, Real Stories, and Have Fun and Learn. There is also a link for parents and teachers.

<http://teens.drugabuse.gov/>

Smokefree.gov (National Cancer Institute)

This site offers a link to an online guide to quitting and one that allows a user to talk to an expert, either by instant messaging or through a phone call.

<http://www.smokefree.gov/>

Tips4Youth (Tobacco Information and Prevention Source)

Included here are lots of facts about tobacco aimed at teenagers, and interviews with celebrities on the dangers of smoking.

<http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/tips4youth.htm>

Math

Elem. **Agriculture & Math Fun** (National Agricultural Statistics Service)

Games and puzzles are provided here, plus a Spanish language version.

<http://www.usda.gov/nass/nasskids/nasskids.htm>

Elem. **Create a Graph** (National Center for Education Statistics)

Students can choose the type of graph they want to make: bar, line, area, pie chart, or XY. The “Create a Graph Classic” link is suitable for younger children.

<http://nces.ed.gov/nceskids/graphing>

Elem. **FactFinder Kids’ Corner** (U.S. Census Bureau)

Learn about the census, get facts about your state, and have fun with quiz questions.

<http://factfinder.census.gov/home/en/kids/kids.html>

Math Teaser (National Center for Education Statistics)

Each month there is a new math / statistics brain teaser that lets students test their knowledge with a fun problem. Past teasers are also available.

<http://nces.ed.gov/nceskids/CRUNCH/challenge.asp>

Plants

Elem. **Agriculture in the Classroom** (Department of Agriculture)

This program is coordinated at the federal level, but carried out in each state. Its purpose is to help students gain a greater awareness of the role of agriculture.

<http://www.agclassroom.org/>

Elem. **Ask the Answer Worm** (Natural Resources Conservation Service)

Everything you ever wanted to know about soil.

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/feature/education/squirm/skworm.html>

Elem. **Botany For Kids** (National Biological Information Infrastructure)

Information from school gardens to photosynthesis, and celery stalks at midnight.

<http://www.nbio.gov/education/botany.html>

Elem. **FSAKids** (Farm Service Agency)

Many fun activities, including games in Spanish, to teach students about agriculture.

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/fsakids/>

Elem. **Soil Science Education Home Page** (NASA)

Links to stories about soil, soil in the news, activity of the month and more.

<http://soil.gsfc.nasa.gov/index.html>

Kids’ Science Page (National Agricultural Library)

This site includes information on food and nutrition as well as links to 4-H projects, a list of science magazine for kids, and videos that can be borrowed from the NAL.

<http://www.nal.usda.gov/Kids/>

Science

General

- Elem. **Biological Resources Kid's Corner** (USGS Biological Resources)
Projects, games, coloring pages and stories to help kids learn about biology.
<http://biology.usgs.gov/features/kidscorner/kidscornr.html>
- Elem. **Kids' Home Page** (Food and Drug Administration)
Take a food safety quiz, play a memory game and help inspect a warehouse.
<http://www.fda.gov/oc/opacom/kids/default.htm>
- Elem. **Sci4Kids** (Agricultural Research Service)
Click on the carp to find links to aquaculture, and on the tractor for links to soil.
<http://www.ars.usda.gov/is/kids/>
- Dinosaurs: Facts and Fiction** (U.S. Geological Survey)
Learn all about dinosaurs by clicking on the questions.
<http://pubs.usgs.gov/gip/dinosaurs/>

Earth Science, Ecology, The Environment

- Elem. **Dr. E's Energy Lab** (Department of Energy)
Learn about different kinds of energy, renewable energy and alternative fuels.
<http://www.eere.energy.gov/kids/>
- Elem. **Energy Kid's Page** (Energy Information Administration)
Energy Ant serves as a guide to these links and an ambassador to energy information.
<http://www.eia.doe.gov/kids/>
- Elem. **Environmental Kids Club** (Environmental Protection Agency)
Games, pictures and stories to help kids explore and protect their environment.
<http://www.epa.gov/kids/>
- Elem. **Global Warming** (Environmental Protection Agency)
Games and animations used for climate and weather information.
<http://www.epa.gov/globalwarming/kids/>
- Elem. **KIDS ZONE** (Energy Information Administration)
More information about energy, also hosted by Energy Ant.
http://www.energy.gov/engine/content.do?BT_CODE=KIDS
- Elem. **MMS Kids' Pages** (Minerals Management Service)
Links to Tidepool Math, Ocean Energy, The Ocean's Sand, and Historic Shipwrecks are just some of the fun topics on this page.
<http://www.mms.gov/mmskids/>
- Elem. **NIEHS Kids' Pages** (National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences)
Brainteasers, music, etc., to explain the effects of the environment on human health.
<http://www.niehs.nih.gov/kids/home.htm>
- Elem. **Recycle City** (Environmental Protection Agency)
All about recycling and how kids can help.
<http://www.epa.gov/recyclecity/>

Elem. **Roofus' Solar & Efficient Neighborhood** (Department of Energy)

Find out what makes Roofus's energy-smart home run.

<http://www.eere.energy.gov/roofus/>

Education Resources (NASA)

Links to many aspects of earth science.

<http://nasadaacs.eos.nasa.gov/education.html>

NOAA Education Resources (National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration)

This site pulls the various NOAA educational sites into one place for easy access.

<http://www.education.noaa.gov/>

Space

Elem. **Mars Exploration Program** (NASA)

Games and activities help students learn all about Mars.

http://marsprogram.jpl.nasa.gov/funzone_flash.html

Elem. **NASA Kids** (NASA)

Projects, games, animations and stories help teach kids about space.

<http://kids.msfc.nasa.gov>

Elem. **NASA Kids Main Page** (NASA)

Links to many fun NASA pages for kids are provided here.

<http://www.nasa.gov/audience/forkids/home/index.html>

Goddard Space Flight Center Education Programs (NASA)

A good place to begin for students interested in space exploration.

<http://education.gsfc.nasa.gov/pages/previous.html>

Just for Kids (NASA)

Learn how astronauts live and work in space and participate in some space activities.

<http://www.nasa.gov/centers/johnson/education/justforkids.html>

Transportation

Elem. **Aviation and Space Education Outreach Program** (Federal Aviation Administration)

Coloring books, word puzzles, & projects to make a windmill, parachute or compass.

<http://www.faa.gov/education/kidcornr.cfm>

Elem. **Safety City** (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration)

Vince and Larry, crash test dummies, are tour guides for this page.

<http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/kids>

Elem. **Transportation Wonderland** (Department of Transportation)

Take a trip starting at Maria's Marina, Bob's Bus Station, or Tina's Train Station.

<http://education.dot.gov/k5/gamk5.htm>

Just for Kids and Teens (Maritime Administration)

Learn about maritime international signal flags and the Adopt-A-Ship program.

<http://www.marad.dot.gov/education/Kids/index.html>

Kids' Pages (Department of Transportation)

Links to kids' pages having to do with transportation.

<http://education.dot.gov/>

U.S. History

Elem. **America's Story from America's Library** (Library of Congress)

Lots of activities on this site help students discover the stories of America's past.

<http://www.americaslibrary.gov/cgi-bin/page.cgi>

Elem. **White House Kids.Gov** (The Executive Branch of the United States)

Take a tour, meet the pets, and play quizzes and games centered on the White House.

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/kids/>

The Learning Page (Library of Congress)

The front door to 100+ American Memory collections including 7 million photos, documents, maps, films, and sound recordings. Lesson plans and activities.

<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/ndlpedu>

Our Documents (National Archives)

The 100 milestone documents of American history are included here. Links are provided to tools for educators as well as information on National History Day.

<http://www.ourdocuments.gov/>

Weather

Elem. **Earthquakes for Kids** (U.S. Geological Survey)

All about earthquakes – games, a glossary, science fair project ideas, and more.

<http://earthquakes.usgs.gov/4kids>

Elem. **Hurricanes** (Federal Emergency Management Agency)

Hurricane disaster math, hurricane cartoons, pets and disasters are all covered here.

<http://www.fema.gov/kids/hurr.htm>

Elem. **Playtime for Kids** (Office of Climate, Water, and Weather Services)

Includes information about tornadoes, winter storms, hurricanes, thunder, etc.

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/reachout/kidspage.shtml>

Elem. **Weather Disasters** (Federal Emergency Management Agency)

Herman, the spokescrab, teaches kids how to be prepared for disasters.

<http://www.fema.gov/kids/index.htm>

Water Science for Schools (U.S. Geological Survey)

Pictures, data, maps, and an interactive center help teach about all aspects of water.

The website is also available in Spanish.

<http://ga.water.usgs.gov/edu>

The Weather Room (National Severe Storms Laboratory)

Learn all about the weather, weather careers, and other weather sites. Users can also download PDF versions of 8 different coloring books featuring Billy and Maria.

<http://www.nssl.noaa.gov/edu>

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