

GLOBAL WEB CONNECTIONS

Maps & Facts

CIA World Factbook

www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook

US government profiles on countries around the world. Select a country or location and click to enlarge its flag, map, and photos. Each site includes an introduction and articles about people, government, economy, communications, transportation, military, and transnational issues.

Library of Congress

<http://international.loc.gov>

This site is called Global Gateway: World Cultures and Resources and among its featured links, databases, and resources are the **Centers for International Research** which delve into the Library's 21 reading rooms for access to global information; **Research Guides and Databases** for country studies; and **Portals to the World** which provide information about the culture, economy, geography, government, history, language, politics, religions, and other aspects of more than 150 countries, from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe. Along with general information, the site provides links to authoritative, in-depth information selected by area specialists and other staff at the Library of Congress.

United Nations

(United Nations Association of the USA)

<http://www.cyberschoolbus.un.org>

Click on **Resources (InfoNation)** where you can view and compare statistical data of up to 5 countries or look at the statistics of UN members one at a time under Country At A Glance. **Curriculum (Cities of the World)** provides City profiles of 21 cities.

Community features a **Gallery** of art made by students around the world. At the UN website, you can also participate in **Ask the Secretary-General** (read responses online) and connect with active forums where students from other countries learn about each other's culture, history, and governmental policies, see

<http://www.cyberschoolbus.un.org/modelun> (interactive forums).