

## **iPad Apps and Websites – Social Studies**

1. Presidents by the Number Lite - **FREE**  
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/presidents-by-the-number-lite/id434069736?mt=8>
2. My Congress - **FREE**  
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/mycongress/id364897048?mt=8>
3. World Book: This Day in History - **FREE**  
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/world-book-this-day-in-history/id364739528?mt=8>
4. The Presidency - **FREE**  
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/the-presidency/id370072846?mt=8>
5. CNN Student News (video) – **FREE**  
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/cnn-student-news-video/id179950332>
6. History Tools - **\$0.99**  
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/historytools/id385522233?mt=8>
7. Declaration for iPad – **FREE**  
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/declaration-for-ipad/id367735045?mt=8>
8. Constitution for iPad – **FREE**  
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/constitution-for-ipad/id363287472?mt=8>
9. U.S. History Timeline – **FREE**  
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/us-history-timeline-free/id454394049?mt=8>
10. Timeline – U.S. History – **FREE**  
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/timeline-u.s.-history/id552887553?mt=8>
11. U.S. Historical Documents - **\$0.99**  
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/u.s.-historical-documents/id299849995?mt=8>
12. American Revolution Interactive Timeline for iPad – **FREE**  
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/american-revolution-interactive/id489614145?mt=8>
13. Stack the States – **FREE** and **\$0.99**  
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/stack-the-states-lite/id390058619?mt=8>
14. USA Presidents – **FREE**  
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/usa-presidents/id317835093?mt=8>
15. Classroom Maps – Stratalogica - **FREE**  
<https://itunes.apple.com/app/stratalogica/id588832342?mt=8>
16. Google Earth - **FREE**  
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/google-earth/id293622097?mt=8>
17. Google Maps – **FREE**  
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/google-maps/id585027354?mt=8>
18. Streets – The Street View – **\$0.99**  
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/streets-the-street-view-app/id598024897?mt=8>
19. Live Street View - **\$0.99**  
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/live-street-view/id486967765?mt=8&affId=1979429&ign-mpt=uo%3D4>
20. Teaching Kids News  
<http://teachingkidsnews.com/2013/06/16/2-lego-minifigs-grumpier-since-1980-study>

## Geography Awareness

This week is Geography Awareness Week. On Saturday I shared a great resource for a geography lesson on interdependence. That lesson is called the [Global Closet Calculator](#) and it was developed by National Geographic. Here are seven other good resources that you can use in geography lessons this week or any week.

[Stack the Countries](#) is a fun geography app available for the iPad, the iPhone, and the iPad Touch. The game requires players to correctly answer a geography question in order to earn a game piece that they then place into a row. The object is to stack up pieces to reach a target height. When the target height is reached players move on to the next level.

[Uncharted.fm](#) offers a series of progressively more difficult geography lessons and quizzes. In the beginning you're limited to one region and or continent at a time. As you master each region or continent you earn badges and unlock new challenges. I really like the manner in which [Uncharted.fm](#) presents the lessons. In each lesson you're shown a country, the country's name is read to you, then you practice identifying it in two ways. You identify countries by choosing the name of the country that is highlighted for you. You also identify countries by selecting the one of the three highlighted that match the name you're given.

[Overlap Maps](#) is a free service that can be used to quickly compare the size of countries, states, provinces, and some bodies of water. To create a visual comparison of two countries select one country from the "overlap this" menu and select one country from the "onto this" menu. The comparisons you make are displayed on a map. You can make comparisons from different categories. For example, you can overlap Lake Erie onto New Hampshire.

To help your students prepare for next year's National Geographic Bee, National Geographic offers the [GeoBee Challenge](#). The [GeoBee Challenge](#) is a daily series of ten geography quiz questions. The challenges can be played in apprentice mode or in expert mode. Apprentice mode gives students two tries at every question. The expert mode gives just one shot at each question.

[Harnu](#) is an interesting whose is to enable you to discover news, videos, music and connect with people all over the world. To discover news, videos, and music sign-in to [Harnu](#), select a media type, then select a country. Harnu will then give you a list of news stories, videos, or music from your chosen country. To connect with people all over the world sign-in to [Harnu](#), select "send message," select the location to which you want to send a message, then write and send your message. People from that location can see you message and reply to you. And you can use Harnu to select location, find people sending messages from those countries then reply to them.

[Place Spotting](#) is a website of geographic riddles. [Place Spotting](#) is based on the [Google Earth](#) platform. [Place Spotting](#) users can create their own geographic riddles or try to solve riddles created by others. The search feature on [Place Spotting](#) lets users search for riddles based on level of difficulty, language, region, or creation date.

[Geosense](#) is a fun way to use and improve your knowledge of world geography. Players can play against the computer or challenge another player. [Geosense](#) can be played anonymously or you can register and have your scores recorded for you. There are four [Geosense](#) maps (US, World, Europe, or advanced) that players can select from. Geosense is also available as an iOS app.

[The Year We Had Two Thanksgivings](#) tells the story of Thanksgiving 1939. In 1939 Thanksgiving was going to fall on the last day of November which caused merchants to be worried about a shortened shopping season. In response to this concern President Roosevelt proclaimed that Thanksgiving would be moved up one week.

Some states chose to ignore this proclamation and celebrate Thanksgiving on the last day of the month anyway. The conflict was finally resolved in 1941 when Congress passed a law stating that Thanksgiving would always be celebrated on the fourth Thursday of the month. [The Year We Had Two Thanksgivings](#) is supported by ten primary source documents.

Included in those documents are letters from merchants appealing to FDR to change the day of Thanksgiving and letters opposing the change.