

# Google Earth (and Maps!) in the Classroom

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## The Google Maps Interface

**My Maps Tab**  
Make sure you have this selected to see your maps.

**Your Maps**  
Maps crated by you.

**Title & Description**  
For the current map

**Map Elements**  
Placemarks, Lines, and Shapes for the current map.

**Google Earth Link**  
Click this to download your KML file to use in Google Earth.

**Element Buttons**  
Buttons for new place marks, lines, or shapes.

**Placemark Title**

**Placemark Icon**  
Click to choose a different icon.

**Picture Tool**  
Use to add pictures. Must be online (Flickr).

**HTML Link**  
Click to embed HTML code for videos.

**Text Tools**  
Work just like the ones in Word.

**Weblink Tool**  
Use to link text to websites.

**Rich Text Link**  
Click to get WYSIWYG editor and Text Tools.

### How Do I Get Here?

1. Log into Google Maps using your Google Account.
2. Select **My Maps**.
3. Click **Create New Map**.

### Why Use Google Maps to Make a Google Earth File?

- Easier Process
- WYSIWYG Text Editor
- Easily Export to Google Earth for customization