

United Streaming and Google Earth

This summer another teacher shared this great tip with me. You can “pin” United Streaming video clips to locations on a Google Earth map. If you haven’t tried Google Earth, it’s great for Social Studies classes. Students can “fly” from Michigan to the location of your choice. Visit: <http://earth.google.com/> to view features and get a free download.

1. Open Google Earth and “fly” to the Michigan (using the tab marked “fly,” you can name Michigan as your location). Now minimize the screen.
2. Open United Streaming and log in (your password is the same as it is for Blackboard).
3. Locate a video clip in United Streaming that you want your students to “visit.” Right click on the “play” button for your video clip and “Copy Shortcut.” Minimize United Streaming.
4. Maximize Google Earth. Use the “fly” tab to go to your location (for example, the Great Wall of China, or some other location that ties into your video clip).
5. Click on the Place Mark Icon in Google Earth—it looks like a push pin.
6. Give the place mark a name (such as “United Streaming Video on ...”).
7. In the “description box” paste the URL.
8. When you click on the push pin located on the Google Earth Map, the link to your video clip will appear. When you click on the link, United Streaming will open in a new browser window.
9. Log in to United Streaming and the video clip will appear.