Collaborative Map Activity

**Resources / Things you’ll need:**

•A Google account for the teacher (students will NOT need accounts)

•A Google form/spreadsheet to gather the data  
<http://docs.google.com>

•The BatchGeo tool to map the data  
<http://www.batchgeo.com>

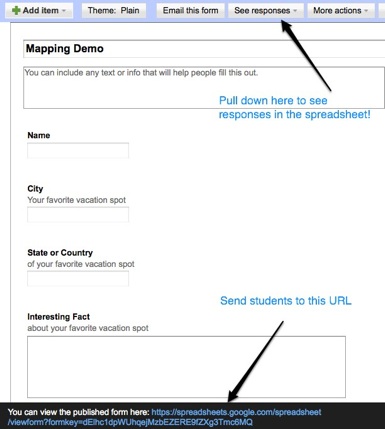
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**Instructions**

**Creating the Form:**

1.Go to <http://docs.google.com>

2.Pull down the “Create New” button and choose “Form.”

3.Add a title and some questions similar to these:  
- Name  
- City  
- State or Country  
- Interesting Fact

Note - You could find out: where students were born; the farthest they’ve ever traveled; their favorite vacation spot; if they could live anywhere in the world; etc.

4.Send students to the blue URL at the bottom of the form-creation page.  
Note - You can use [TinyUrl.com](http://tinyurl.com) to shorten the address!

5.Give students time to fill out the form.

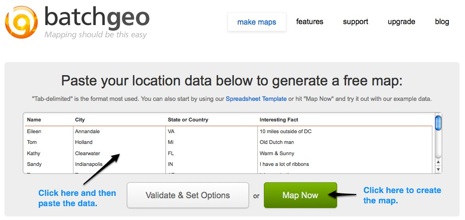
**Copying the Data:**

1.Go to the spreadsheet that collected the form data.  
- From the form-editor window, pull down the “See Responses” button and choose “Spreadsheet.”  
OR  
- Go to the Google Docs homepage (docs.google.com) and click the link with the title of your form.

2.Click and drag to select the data (including the column headers).

3.Copy the selected data.  
- Control + C (Win)  
- Command + C (Mac)

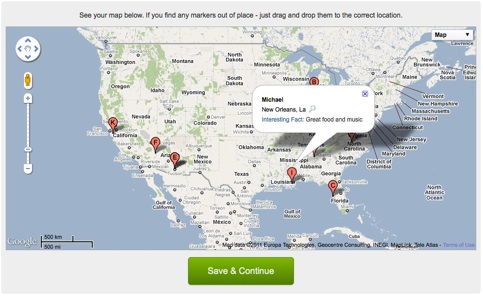
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**Creating the Map:**

1.Go to BatchGeo.  
<http://www.batchgeo.com>

2.Paste the data into the provided area.  
- Control + V (Win)  
- Command + V (Mac)

3.Click the “Map Now” button.

4. Click a placemark on the map to reveal the student’s name and interesting fact.

5.Click the Save & Continue button. (Optional)

6.Enter a name for your map and enter your email address. (Optional)

7.You will receive an email that contains a URL and embed code for your map. Then you can easily share it with others! (Optional)