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# Exploring NystromWorldAtlas.com

The Web site **NystromWorldAtlas.com** includes maps, graphs, photo tours, and research links to provide you with information about the world and its continents. Use these resources for research, reports, and presentations. This study guide will give you a quick tour of the site.

- Find NystromWorldAtlas.com on the Internet at **<http://www.nystromworldatlas.com>**
- When you are there, enter your User Name and Password. (Your teacher will give you these.)
- On the Home page, you will see a map of the world. Do you know the names of the continents?
- At the top of the Home page, there are seven buttons, one for each major section of the site. Click on the button labeled **World**.

## INTRODUCTION: WORLD

This section serves as an overview. These resources will also provide a framework for comparing and contrasting information about the six major continents. Look at the blue side bar on the left of the screen. This menu lists the main topics for the section.

### Maps

1. Listed first on the menu are maps. Each section has the same three types of maps. In this section the maps are world maps. Click on **MAPS**. What are the three types of maps?  
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2. Click on **Thematic Maps** and the map titled **People per Physician**.
  - a. This map shows the number of people per physician all over the world. (If you can't read the legend, enlarge the map. To do so, click on the magnifying glass in the tool bar.)
  - b. The darkest purple represents \_\_\_\_\_  
people per physician.

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- c. Which continent has the most people per physician? \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Which continent has no data? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. The reference maps on this site use colors to separate one country from another. Now click on **Reference Maps**.
  - a. Click on the **Political World** reference map. Which continent has no countries? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. What color is Australia? \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Click on the **Land Cover World** reference map. What is the land cover for most of Greenland? \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. In this group of reference maps, there are also maps of the polar regions. What are their names? \_\_\_\_\_

### Graphs

- 4. Each section of the site includes graphs. In this section, the graphs focus on the world. Now go to the menu and click on **GRAPHS**.
  - a. What is the name of the first graph? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Click on this graph.
  - c. This graph is a circle graph. The color blue represents which continent? \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Which continent has the largest land area? \_\_\_\_\_

### Links

- 5. Each section also includes links to sites that provide additional resources. Now click on **LINKS**.
  - a. Read through the titles of the links. What is the title of the last link? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. What is the topic of the **EMuseum** site? \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Which link would you use to find information about the eight meridian-line countries? \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. What is the web address of the **Let's Go Around the World** site? \_\_\_\_\_

## INTRODUCTION: CONTINENTS

Now you will learn more about the resources on **NystromWorldAtlas.com** by visiting the sections for the six inhabited continents. Click on **Home**.

6. Go to the section about **North America**. You can click on either the North America button or the continent on the map.

a. Go to **Thematic Maps**. Click on the title **Population Growth**.

b. Read the map key. The lightest green color represents what percentage of projected population growth? \_\_\_\_\_

c. Now click on the map titled **People per Car**.

d. This map is a close-up view of the world map with the same title. Which two countries in North America have the fewest people per car?  
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7. Now go to **South America**.

a. Go to **Outline Maps**. Then click on the map titled **South America with Boundaries**.

b. The outline maps are for you to use for projects, so most of the legend box is empty. They do include the map scale measured in \_\_\_\_\_.

c. What do the red lines on this map represent? \_\_\_\_\_

d. The shaded areas highlight mountain ranges and other areas where the elevation changes. What do the blue lines show? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Go to **Africa**.

a. Click on **Reference Maps** in the menu and click on the political map of **Africa**.

b. What do the colors on this reference map show? \_\_\_\_\_

c. Like the outline maps, this map also shows rivers and \_\_\_\_\_.

9. Next, go to **Europe**.

a. Find **GRAPHS** on the menu and click on the graph titled **Major Religions**.

b. Colors show percentages of the population that are followers of major religions. Look at the key. What group does the color green represent? \_\_\_\_\_

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c. The graph has data for selected countries in Europe.  
In Greece the greatest percentage of the population is \_\_\_\_\_.

d. What percentage of the people  
in Italy are Roman Catholic? \_\_\_\_\_

10. Now click on **Asia**.

a. Click on **PHOTO TOUR** in the menu

b. Go to **page three**. What does the second photo show?

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11. Go to **Australia**.

a. Click on **LINKS**.

b. What is the title of this section of links? \_\_\_\_\_

c. What link would you use to find  
information about the Pacific Island of Fiji? \_\_\_\_\_