

6th Grade Intro to Tech
Lesson: April 6 - Lesson 1

Learning Target:

Students use digital Google tools to create a map of their world while also practicing writing and geography skills.

Warm-Ups:

View Link: [Check out Highest Peaks by Elevation](#)

View Link: [Check out Lewis and Clark's Expedition 1804-1805](#)

Lesson Introduction/Background Information:

We may not be able to go out and do all the things we like right now, but you can do it virtually!

You are going to use a neat Google feature called MyMaps in order to create a layered visual of the places you care about, that you want to go, and that are homes to the people you love.

See this example of a completed project created by Ms. Shelton: [Link](#) Click around and explore it!

Practice:

For today, you are just going to create your MyMap. Follow the steps below, or go to the next slide for a video going through the steps.

1. Go to <https://www.google.com/maps/d/>.
2. Click the red button at the top left of your screen that says “Create a New Map”
3. In the top left of your new map, click where it says “Untitled Map” and give it a name that is unique to you!
4. Where it says “Base Map” at the bottom left, click to pick your map style.
5. You aren’t going to start adding anything today, so feel free to zoom around the map and do a little virtual exploring. Tomorrow we will start building our maps.

Practice:

Watch this video if you need help with these steps.

[Video Link](#)

Self-Assessment:

Show your beginning map to someone in your house and ask if they have any ideas for places to look at on your map.

Additional Practice:

Watch these Youtube tutorials if you are still stuck on these beginning steps (they may go about starting in a different way, but it still works):

[How to Create a Google MyMap](#)
[Changing the Base Map](#)