

# Virtual Expeditions Activity Guides

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Welcome

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**Teacher Orientation** : Activity Guides

### I. Getting Started

- [How to Choose Search Engines](#) Students learn how to distinguish between different search



engines and how to conduct more accurate online searches.

- [How to Research Complex Topics](#) Students learn how to develop a research plan, organize their findings and evaluate sources of information.
- [How to Cite Sources](#) Students learn how to prepare citations for resources they discover online.

### II. Ecology & Environment

- [Eye in the Sky](#) Students interpret images of Tokyo Bay and San Francisco Bay from space and make maps that show key geographic features.
- [What Goes In?](#) Students investigate environmental threats to the marine ecosystems of Tokyo Bay and San Francisco Bay and hold a mock press conference to share their findings.
- [What's In a Watershed?](#) Students research the watersheds of Tokyo Bay and San Francisco Bay and make maps that illustrate the geography of the watershed.

### III. Trade & Economics

- [\*Trade Away!\*](#) Students analyze the top imports and exports between the United States and Japan and draw conclusions about the relationship of specific products to job opportunities and wages.
- [\*Balance of Trade\*](#) Students graph and analyze the balance of trade between the United States and Japan and prepare position papers on open markets versus protected markets.
- [\*Exchange Rates\*](#) Students trade dollars and yen and analyze how exchange rates influence the global economy.

#### **IV. History & Culture**

- [\*Earthquake!\*](#) Students research the 1906 earthquake in San Francisco and the 1923 earthquake in Tokyo and prepare a "You Are There" news report.
  - [\*Culture Wheel\*](#) Students reflect on their cultural values and compare their cultural profile with other students in Japan and the United States.
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