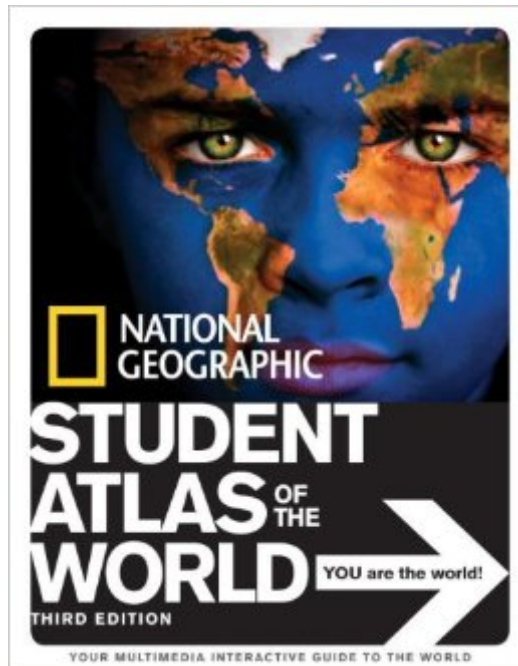


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National Geographic Student Atlas Of The World



Synopsis

The third edition of the award-winning National Geographic Student Atlas of the World has everything for today's globally-minded student: new photographs and graphics of our changing planet, maps that reflect modern borders, and fully updated essays and statistics. Specially designed for middle- and high-school students, this compact, fact-filled atlas will put the world at your fingertips. The third edition of this perennial favorite is chockfull of maps, charts, and graphs, photographs, flags and facts; everything you need to help understand the world. You'll begin by learning about maps and how to read them. Then you'll explore the world's physical and human systems, including Earth's geologic history, natural vegetation, and world cultures. A stunning view from space introduces each continent, and full-page, full-color maps represent its physical and political make-up, its climate and precipitation, and its population and predominant economies. A vivid photo essay highlights an issue relevant to each continent, such as the European Union, or deforestation in the . Continuity of map sizes and scales encourages data comparison, which helps geography students to develop higher-level thinking skills. The National Geographic Student Atlas of the World is much more than maps. Weblink icons direct you to Internet sites to expand your knowledge and keep statistics up to date. The third edition of the award-winning National Geographic Student Atlas of the World is an invaluable resource and a must-have reference tool for libraries and homes everywhere.

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Customer Reviews

With the ease of fact finding on the internet these days, sometimes we overlook the usefulness of actually having an actual book like an atlas on hand. This student atlas eliminates the need for continued back and forth searches and comparisons of several countries statistics and facts. For example, if the student is interested in taking a look at the climate of North America and its precipitation statistics, it is very easy to assimilate a lot of material when there are side-by-side maps and sidebars describing them. A young person can do more of his or her own thinking rather than having instant results. In the front of the book there are fifty-two pages of instructional and current factual material that includes a very basic orientation of Earth in the solar system, the Earth's physical systems, and "human systems" (politics, population, languages, religion, etc.). Each continent is then dealt with in some detail with numerous maps, informative sidebars and some interesting vignettes. For example, there is a page that talks about the protected areas in Africa. There is a sidebar with "Facts & Figures," one that shows how biodiversity is threatened and photographs of a gorilla and a giraffe. In the back of the book there is a full compliment of full color flags and brief statistics about the country, a glossary, a thematic index, a place name index and additional recommended web site resources. I like this atlas, not only because it is bright, colorful and appealing, because it is up to date and affords the student a chance to think and compare geographic facts readily. The map projections section was especially interesting because it quickly outlines what the student will be looking at (azimuthal, conic, cylindrical map projections, etc.). This atlas would make a nice gift or perfect addition to your homeschool or classroom shelves.

I bought this world atlas for my kid and I am slightly disappointed by the quality of the maps, especially the physical maps. I saw many world map albums and usually mountains are marked in different shades of red depending on elevation, not here. In this world atlas for some strange reasons mountains are sometimes showed in blue, sometimes in red - depending on the map, with no any particular reason...often mountains are hard to distinguish at all. Some of the maps have not very good resolution and should be smaller and more of them since they do not show too many features. So, there are two choices - either the authors should show more smaller maps or more features on bigger maps. For instance the political map of South America which takes the whole page shows only few cities in Brazil and does not even show river so it is hard to read. On the other hand the atlas contains lots of information about many aspects of life in different countries, updated with the newest events - like globalization and European Union.

I was disappointed in this atlas. Instead of maps of individual countries only maps of continents are provided. Maybe fine of students but not a substitute for a real atlas.

The political maps are oversimplified. They show only country outlines and major cities. I have noticed several errors in thematic maps. The precipitation map for Australia on page 115 shows more than 80 inches of precipitation in Southwest Australia, not possible in a Mediterranean climate. The climate map for India on page 94 incorrectly shows an extensive arid climate in the Deccan. On the elevation map of the United States on page 64, none of the rivers draining into the Atlantic Ocean are labeled.

I really liked this Atlas, I bought it for my kids & it had a lot of information that I found myself spending hours reading it & asking my kids questions. The pages were better quality than what I expected after reading the reviews. Very happy with my purchase.

So....I have written a book review before maybe...never. But when this book came I felt like sharing. I had literally been waiting by the door for Fed Ex to bring this book, I wanted detailed maps of some of the islands and countries around the world that my girls and I had talked about visiting. This book may be interesting, if what you want is page after page of world maps showing languages, religion, climate... followed by some continental physical maps. I was looking for an atlas of the world, like a road atlas I guess, something that showed maps of each country individually with more detail, maybe a few interesting facts, but mostly where the country was in the world, maybe some geographic features of the country, major cities (airports)...hard not to be disappointed with this book. It's going to take a lot of page turning to learn about any particular area. We will keep it, but just wanted to give my own perspective on the book, I thought I had researched it well enough before purchasing-the mistake is mine, we will keep searching for our dream travel idea book. Ok book, just not what I was hoping it would be...

This book really wasn't an atlas of the world. It was just a bunch of pictures and text. The maps that were in it were not very good.

I work with 2nd graders through college level students and find this "Student Atlas" wonderful and very resourceful to maps and information of the world! The colorful pictures and maps make it more exciting than other atlas's. The extra conversion charts and charts with pictures of all the country

flags are useful for students too. I like it for the fact it has everything within the 144 pages, such as even time zone charts, earth and space information, about the different kind of maps, and the Human Systems. I highly recommend this for families or for resources in a classroom for all age levels.

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