



## September - October 2009 Web Links: AtoZMaps Online

Recently, we have added **AtoZMaps Online** to our collection of 24/7 online resources. This comprehensive database contains over 60,000 maps of many different types. A sampling of features contained in **AtoZMaps Online** includes outline, political, physical, thematic, climate change, environment, historic, hurricane, earthquake, volcano, fire, animal and plant species distribution, current event, geology, topographic, and weather maps.

To access AtoZMaps Online and other online resources, go to:

<http://www.atlanticlibrary.org/databases>



**AtoZmaps Online** is not just maps. The database contains a great deal of scientific data on a wide variety of topics, along with a good assortment of educational and learning tools. There are 2,700 full-color images and icons of flags from all over the world! **AtoZMaps Online** can be found by clicking on the link for 24/7 Online Resources from the library home page, [www.atlanticlibrary.org](http://www.atlanticlibrary.org), and then selecting **AtoZMaps Online**.

## Modern and Antique Maps

### Political Map of France with Provincial/State Boundaries



The **Zoom Around** option allows you to zoom in to view each map in greater detail as well as move around the map by using the buttons available at the bottom. The **View, Print, Download** option pulls up a printable version of each map, and the **More Info** option allows you to obtain information about the map itself.

### Zoom, view and print options

#### OPTIONS

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### The Modern Map Collection features useful options.

The large Modern Map Collection is easily accessible by clicking on the links for world, continent, country, or US state maps. For example, to find a map of France, simply click on the link for Country Maps, then select France from the list. Outline, political, population, temperature, precipitation, physical, and natural Earth maps are given with two options for viewing and downloading.



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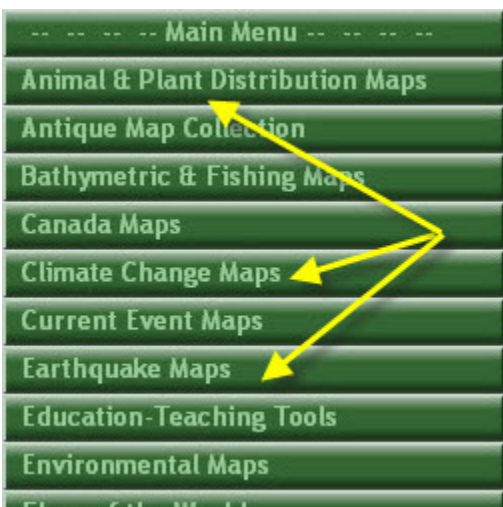
**A fascinating collection of historic maps can be found by selecting the Antique Map Collection from the menu.**

Clicking on a green tab category on the left side of AtoZMaps Online expands the category.

Antique maps of the world, regions, countries, and US States can be found, as well as a wide assortment of other maps provided by the Library of Congress. For example, the Library of Congress City Antique Panoramic Maps collection contains wonderful antique maps of a large number of US towns and cities.

Fun exercise:

Try to find antique maps of some cities or towns in Atlantic County!



## Scientific Maps and Data

***A great deal of scientific maps and data covering many different subjects can also be found here.***

- Find your favorite species of bird or tree using the Animal and Plant Distribution Maps.
- Use The USGS Earthquake ShakeMaps feed located under Earthquake Maps to find where the most recent earthquakes have occurred around the world, and how intense they were.
- Find 14 glossaries of scientific terms covering topics including Climate Change, Earthquakes, Geography, Weather, and more.
- What is a mud volcano? Try using one of the glossaries to find out!
- Find topographic maps for locations in every state.

## Educational and Teaching Tools

**Try your hand at GeoFindIt!** This game challenges your knowledge by asking questions about locating countries on maps of the continents and different regions of the world.

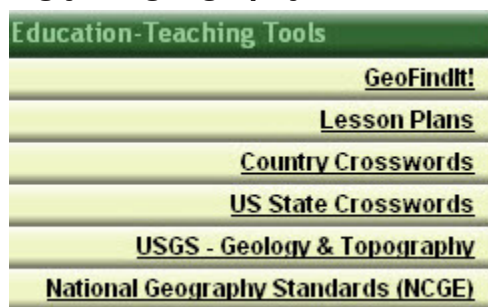
Test your knowledge of US States and many of the countries of the world by trying out a **crossword puzzle**.

Find some good tools for teachers including a variety of lesson plans and a link to the **National Geography Standards**.

See the interesting combined topography and geology maps provided by the **United States Geological Survey**, and play the Puzzle of Regions game.

Use the **Current Event Maps** link to learn about the geography of places that have been in the news lately.

***Use this option to find some great (and fun!) tools for learning your geography!***



**Try out AtoZMaps online and learn more about the world. Time to go exploring!**

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