The Kansas Geographic Alliance (KGA) is an organization of teachers and professional geographers who recognize the value of geographic thinking and who are dedicated to advancing geographic literacy in Kansas.

Upcoming Events
November 10-11, 2013
KCSS Meeting in Derby

A Grand Bargain: Social Studies, Literacy, and Technology
November 10, 2013
KGA Workshop—Using GIS in Teaching History and Geography in Derby

November 17-23, 2013
Geography Awareness Week

November 20, 2013
International GIS Day

April 4, 2014
Kansas Geographic Bee in Abilene

Please let us know how you participated in Geography Awareness Week
For your participation we will send you a map of your choice and enter you to win an atlas.

To share your GAW story with us, please visit the following website: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1I-KpfdkTknerS2A5vaZdK-DemD2Mykfsol_Yh4q0qh6M/viewform.

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♦ Celebrate Geography Awareness Week (GAW) in your classroom this year!
♦ Access (GAW) materials at: www.geographyawarenessweek.com and see the following page for ideas
♦ Celebrate International GIS Day on November 20—more information is available at: http://www.gisday.com/

If you would like to become more involved, please contact the KGA at ksgeog@ksu.edu or www.k-state.edu/kga/
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- Visit the National Geographic GAW Toolkit for great classrooms ideas, available on the website: [www.geographyawarenessweek.com](http://www.geographyawarenessweek.com)
- Includes activities and lessons like:

  **Westward Expansion Through Maps**
  (http://education.nationalgeographic.com/education/media/westward-expansion-through-maps/?ar_a=1)

  **Objectives**—Students will practice map reading skills by analyzing historical maps & explore the ways in which European & U.S. colonialism shaped North America.

  **Energy Use in the Americas**
  (http://education.nationalgeographic.com/education/activity/energy-use-in-the-americas/?ar_a=1)

  **Objectives**—Students investigate issues of energy use in the Americas that are related to energy consumption, carbon emission, and population size. They map and graph the information to analyze it.

- Check out the National Geographic MapMaker Website ([http://education.nationalgeographic.com/education/mapping/?ar_a=1](http://education.nationalgeographic.com/education/mapping/?ar_a=1)) for printable maps, historical maps, interactive maps, mapmaker kits, and more mapping activities!
- If you would like to ‘brainstorm’ about ways to engage your class, please contact the Kansas Geographic Alliance at ksgeog@ksu.edu or visit our Facebook page at [https://www.facebook.com/groups/74686966116/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/74686966116/).