

# Doors to Diplomacy

Educating Youth to be Responsible World Citizens

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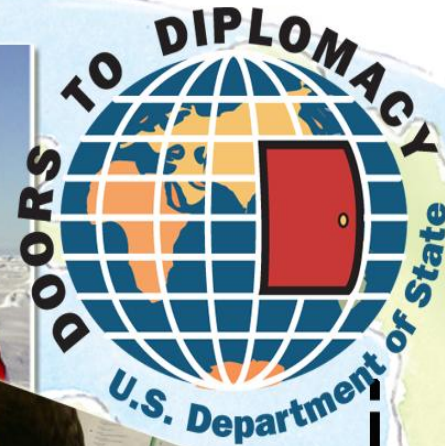




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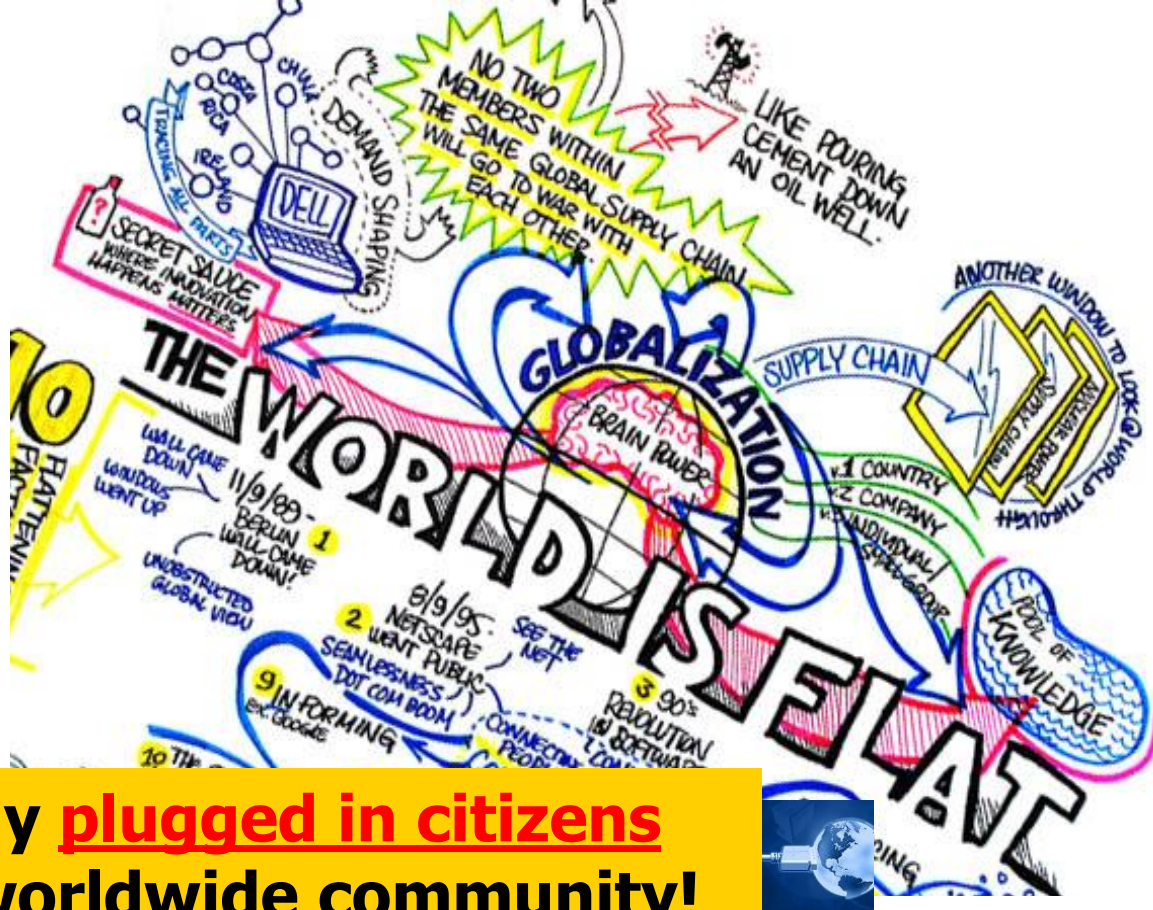
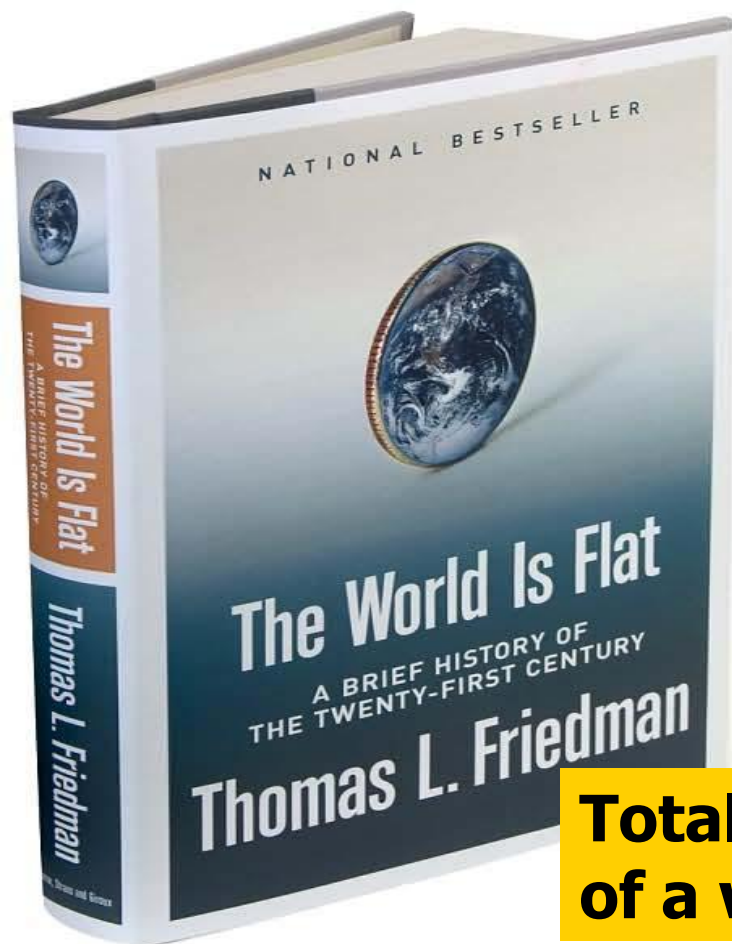
# 21st Century Learning Projects, Competitions, and Online Expeditions!

Standards-based, collaborative,  
and geared to connecting  
US students with students worldwide  
... to explore community,  
cultural and scientific issues!



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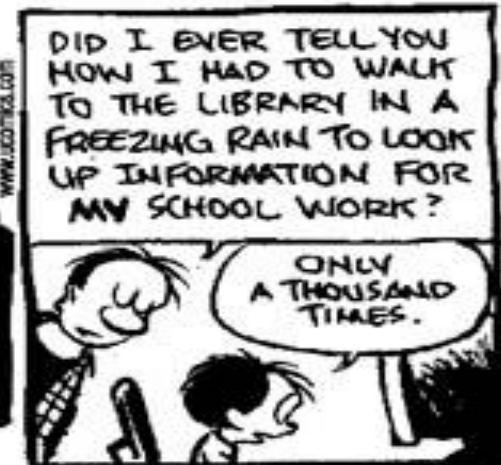




**Totally plugged in citizens of a worldwide community!**

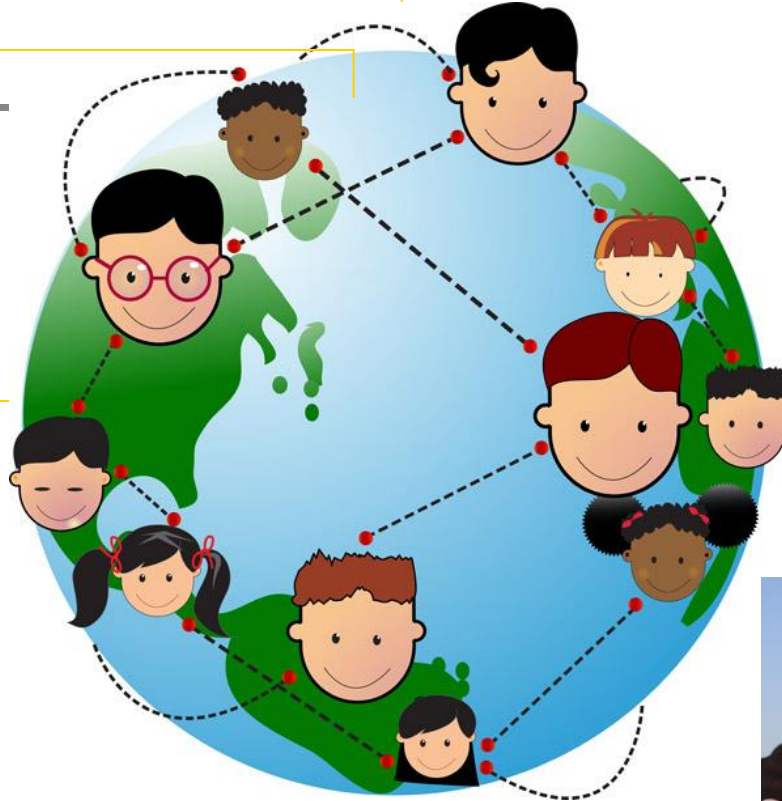


I'M CALIBRATING RAINFALL FOR THE CENTRAL AFRICAN PLAINS WITH A KID FROM A SCHOOL IN RUSSIA AND ANOTHER KID FROM A SCHOOL IN BRAZIL.



# Always Connected Tools

- Web
- iPod
- iPad
- Tivo
- PDA
- GPS
- Cell phone
- Wireless







# Doors to Diplomacy International Competition

# 2011

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## Compelling Purpose:

Encourage middle school and high school students around the world to produce web projects that teach others about the importance of international affairs and diplomacy



# D2D Competition and Exhibition: Four Components

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- **Collaborative Research Project:** teams consist of 2-4 students and 1-2 adult "coaches;" research conducted both online and offline; findings are assembled to publish an educational web project; bibliography is required
- **Project Narrative:** a reflective explanation telling how the project was organized (challenges overcome, content standards, etc.)
- **Peer Review Process:** teams evaluate other projects, using a web-based rubric. [Learn more](#)
- **Awards:** \$2,000 scholarships for students, \$500 cash award for coaches' schools.

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# Eight Content Categories

## Discussion Questions, Starter Activities, Resources, Project Examples



### **CATEGORY 1**

#### Leadership Traits

Produce a website that teaches about the skills, traits, and characteristics which make an individual a great world leader.



### **CATEGORY 2**

#### Peace and Democracy: Social Issues

Produce a website that teaches about international human rights, fair elections and judicial reform.



### **CATEGORY 3**

#### Business, Trade, and Economics

Produce a website that teaches how multi-national investment and trade promotes better relations and works to improve the overall welfare of the global population.



### **CATEGORY 4**

#### Science and Technology

Produce a website that teaches about science and technology issues which have varied national perspectives (i.e. the ethics of cloning, genetically modified crops, international space collaboration, etc.).



### **CATEGORY 5**

#### Safety and Security

Produce a website that raises awareness about peacekeeping efforts, combating terrorism, and nonproliferation of weapons of mass destruction.



### **CATEGORY 6**

#### History of Foreign Relations

Produce a website that teaches about past foreign policy initiatives and significant historical events in diplomacy.



### **CATEGORY 7**

#### Health and Environmental Awareness

Produce a website that teaches about how countries can work together to address health and environmental issues (i.e. to protect natural resources, eliminate world hunger, promote better healthcare access, etc.).



### **CATEGORY 8**

#### Arts and Culture

Produce a website that teaches how countries and regions can build better relationships through the sharing and promoting of international arts and culture.



# Lesson Starters



## CATEGORY 1: LEADERSHIP TRAITS

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A. [Task](#) | B. [Learning Objectives](#) | C. [Discussion Questions](#) | D. [Starter Activities](#) |  
E. [Content Standards](#) | F. [Related Resources](#) |

### **A. Task:**

Produce a website that teaches about the skills, traits, and characteristics which make an individual a great world leader.

**Read rules and instructions.**

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### **B. Learning Objectives:**

Students will be able to list important world leaders and describe their contributions.

Students will be able to describe the ways skilled use of diplomacy contributed to the success of a world leader or leaders.

Students will understand the qualities and individual responsibilities required of citizens in their country and other countries.

# Learning Management

## How Projects are Organized

- Assemble team members and key players
- Review past projects for ideas
- Select a category and determine a topic
- Assign jobs (writing, art, technical, etc.)
- Create a timeline and project plan
- Determine resources and assess risks
- Conduct research, organize information
- Tell the story (web, blog, podcast, video)
- Document experience in the Project Narrative



# Educational Impact

- Engages students: increases **21 Century literacy**, real world applications, workforce transferable skills
- Improves **Writing, Communications** and **Critical thinking** skills
- Employs collaborative learning through **Problem-Based** and **Project-Based Environment**
- Active learning and reflections through **Project Narratives**
- Sharing and accountability through **Peer Evaluation**
- Uses **Internet Publishing** to document off-line research
- Provides tangible **Evidence** of student learning

# How to Participate



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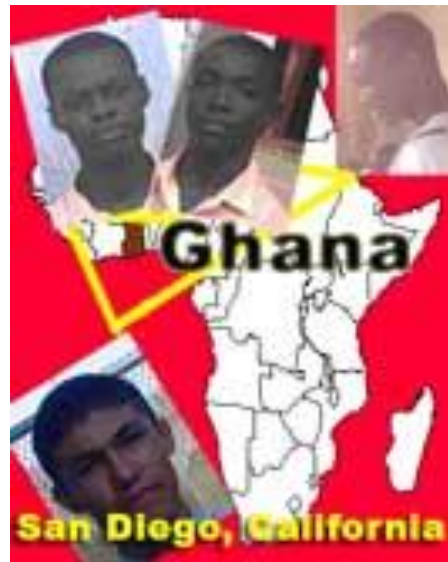
- Coach one or more teams
- Volunteer as a Project Reviewer
- Explore and use activities from eight content units
- Review the resource library of completed projects
- Conduct a regional workshop
- Become a local regional affiliate Partner





# D2D Sample Topics

**Project ID 4272, Golden Bridges:  
Connecting People to Peace**  
**Cat 6. History of Foreign Relations**  
Florida Virtual School  
Orlando, Florida, USA



**Project ID 4386, Fight Poverty**  
**Cat 2. Promotion of Peace and  
Democracy: Social Issues**  
Metodi Mitevski  
Delcevo, Brico, Macedonia



**Project ID 4233, Soccer and Its Power**  
**Category: 8. Arts and Culture**  
Mfantshipim School, Central Region, Cape Coast, Ghana  
with help from John Muir School, San Diego, California, USA

# D2D Sample Topics

## Platinum Prize Winner!



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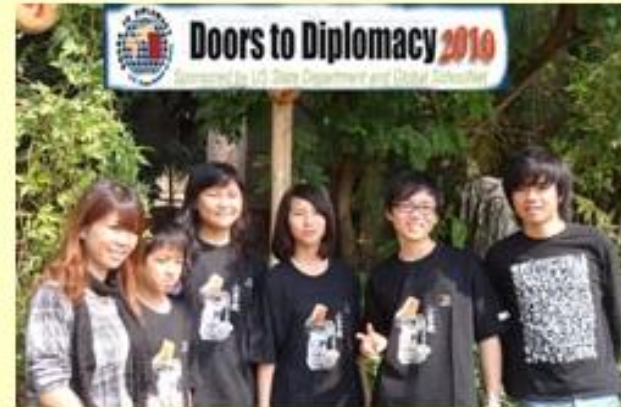
Project ID 6096: **Diplomacy Through Communication**

Category: 8. Arts and Culture

Clinton High School

Clinton, New York, UNITED STATES

## Platinum Prize Winner!



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Project ID 6205: **The Silent Tsunami ~ Global Food Crisis**

Category: 3. Trade/International Economics

Ming-Dao High School (represented), Dazhi High School

Taichung County, TAIWAN



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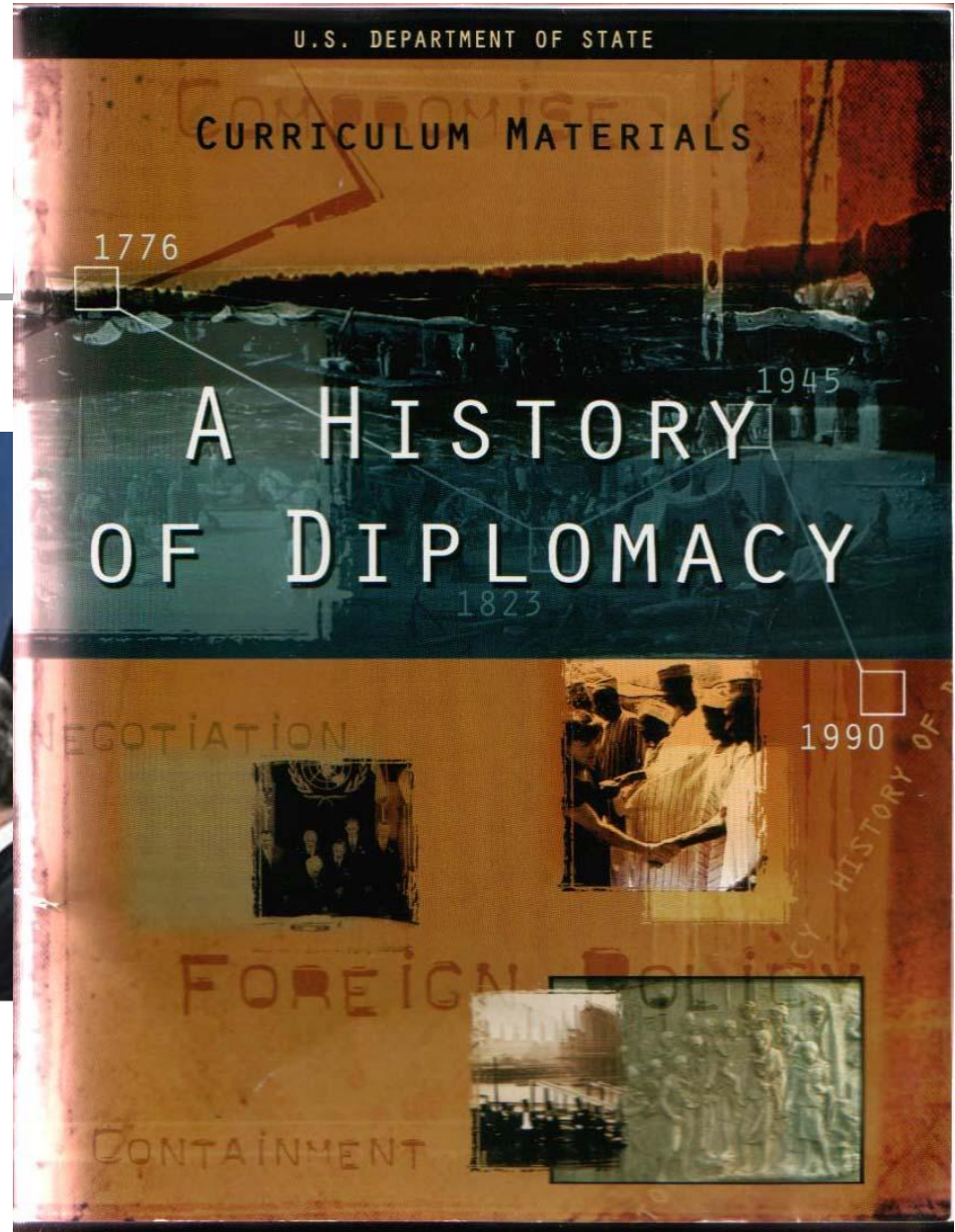
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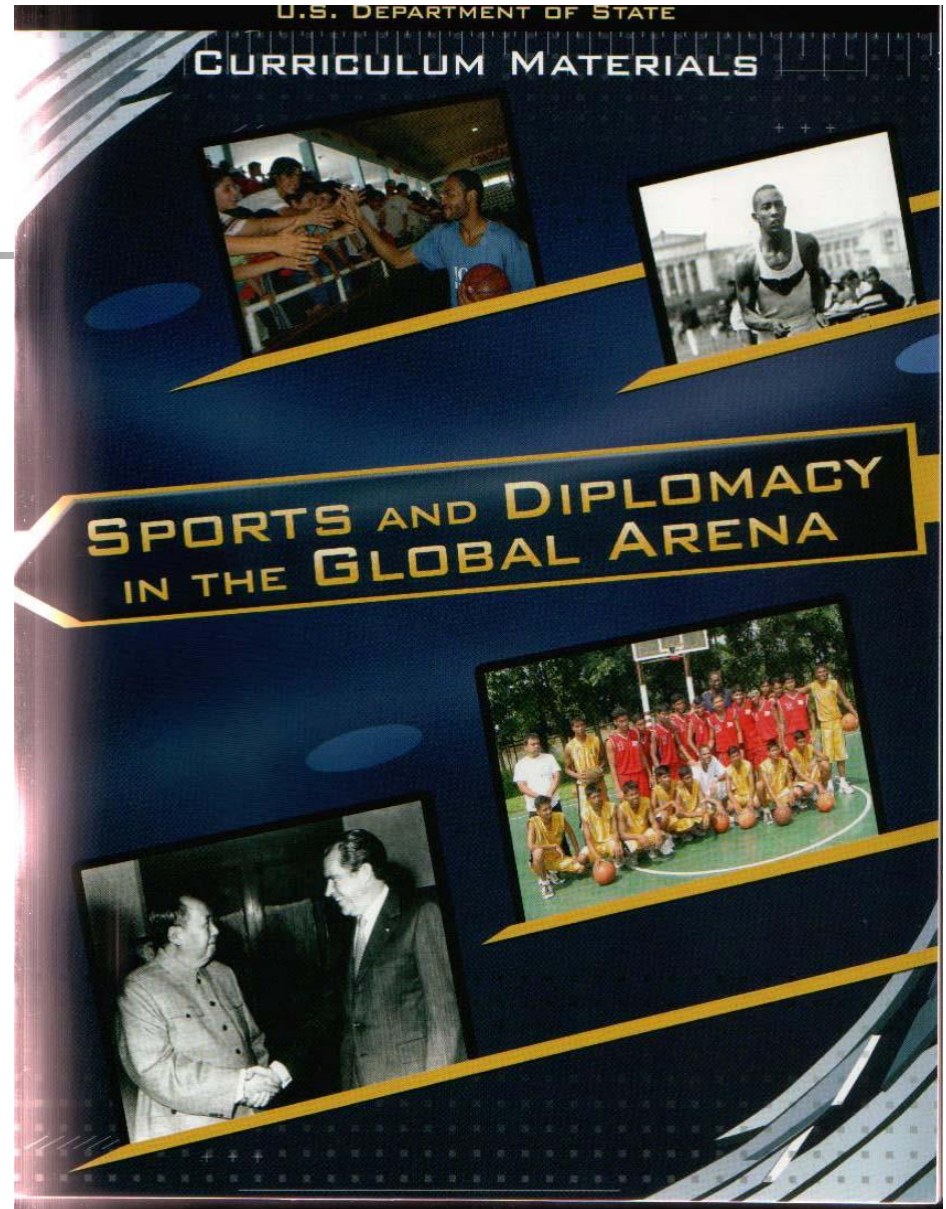


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*-Mary Seifert, teacher from Memphis, TN*

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### INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS CYBERFAIR (for ages 8-19)

- \* Projects must focus on **local community** topics including local history, culture, business, leadership, environment, etc



### DOORS TO DIPLOMACY (for ages 13-19 years)

- \* \$2,000 USD scholarships for each student, \$500 USD cash for schools
- \* Projects must focus on **global issues** including world leadership, environment, economics, history, science, culture, etc



**Projects must be completed by March!**

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# Questions?

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**Thanks for listening!  
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