



***Marching for Freedom* Google Lit Trip Jerome Burg & Elizabeth Partridge**

Integrating literature and educational technology

Learn how to use Google Lit Trips to extend the learning opportunities of Elizabeth Partridge's latest book, *Marching for Freedom: Walk Together, Children, and Don't You Grow Weary*. Using free Google Earth software, Google Lit Trips challenges students to think critically as they work across multiple disciplines of geography, history, social studies, and literature in a multi-media, graphics-based environment.

I. Getting started with Google Lit Trips

**A. Download and Install a FREE copy of Google Earth at:
<http://www.google.com/earth/download/ge/agree.html>**

B. Download a FREE copy of the *Marching for Freedom* Google Lit Trip.

A. Go to GoogleLitTrips.com

B. Click on the 6-8 link at top of page (middle school)

C. Scroll down and click on *Marching for Freedom*

D. Click the Download link at the top of the page on the right hand side.

C. Your downloaded file for *Marching for Freedom* will be in the Temporary Files at the bottom of the PLACES box. Double click on it.

II. Here's what you'll see:

A. Right side, filling most of the screen, is Google Earth.

B. Left side has three areas: SEARCH, PLACES AND LAYERS.

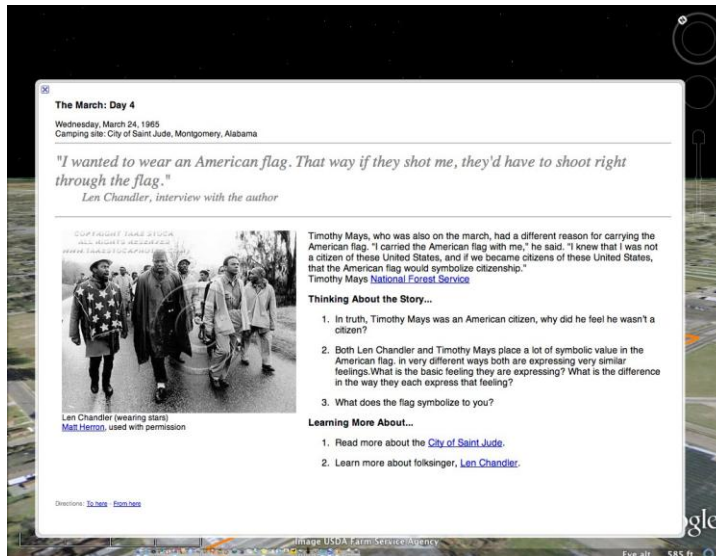
III. Set up Google Earth as follows:

- A. **LAYERS:** Uncheck the box named PRIMARY DATABASE (turns off a bunch of stuff you don't need, and then you add in what you do need in B .)
- B. **LAYERS:** Scroll down and check the box named 3D BUILDINGS.
- C. **CLOSE** the SEARCH and LAYERS sections by clicking on the triangle (on Macs) or the plus sign (on PCs).

IV. Basic Navigation

- A. The *Marching for Freedom* file is in TEMPORARY PLACES at the bottom of the MY PLACES section of the Google Earth screen.
- B. Think of this as a vertical stack of file drawers full of folders. To open folders, click on the triangle (on Macs) or the plus sign (on PCs). The folders are arranged, top to bottom, in the order of the book.
- C. The Simple Navigation Trick (once you have the folders open):
- D. Work from LEFT to RIGHT across each folder.
 - (1) First make absolutely positively sure the FIRST box next to *Marching for Freedom.kmz* is checked. This will automatically check all of the rest of the contents in the file drawers so you can open them.
 - (2) Note that each item has, from left to right, its own:
 - b) *Check box*
 - c) *Icon*
 - d) *Text*
 - e) *Click the ICON FIRST to “fly” to the next location. You can also click on the location to “fly.”*
 - f) *Then click the blue text to open the pop-up window.*
 - g) *Close the pop-up window before flying to the next place, or you won't be able to watch as you fly.*

V. Pop Up window content:



Title bar: Sets the location.

Quotation

Image: video clips or newreel clips.

Thinking about the story:

These aren't questions with right or wrong answers. There's no plot summary included in the pop-up boxes. The content in the box is intended to stimulate reader engagement, and higher level thinking. The intention is to increase students' appreciation for the experiences of the students who marched, and to link the content to experiences in their own lives.

Learning more about:

Online resources to learn more in depth about a place, historical event, or person.

VI. Saving:

When you're done exploring and close the program, you'll be prompted to save the Lit Trip by Google Earth. Next time you open Google Earth, you'll find the Lit Trip has been saved in your permanent files, above the Temporary Places in the MY PLACES folder.



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Ways to use *Marching for Freedom* Google Lit Trip in the classroom

A good way to learn get comfortable with the program is to play around with it at home, thinking as a teacher. Then decide how it would best benefit your students.

Marching Lit Trip can be used as:

A pre-reading strategy to focus students attention before reading a section of the book.

After reading sections of the book for class discussions.

As a springboard for guiding research and essay questions.

The class can be divided into small groups, with each group having responsibility for leading the next day's discussion of the resources, links, and questions in the pop-up boxes.

In classrooms with only one computer, overhead projection can be used to show the class, or "smart" white boards, if available.

If you get stuck:

It can be challenging and even frustrating at first to navigate around Google Lit Trips. Being out of our comfort zone is tricky for all of us. Go back and check the instruction list. It's often just an incorrect check mark. And remember to ask for help: you may have a student in class who is familiar with Google Earth and gets it right away!