



# Illinois Map Competition

## "Hometown, Illinois"

### Connecting your social studies and science curriculum to mapping

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Esri's National ArcGIS Online Map Competition

Website: <https://thinkgeospatial.education>



#### About the Contest

East, west, north, south, rural, urban or suburban, all Illinois students are invited to tell their hometown stories in the Annual Illinois Map Competition for middle schools and high schools.



#### What are some ideas you might consider?

Environmental issues; social justice; business in your community; immigration; historical changes; criminal justice; infrastructure; politics; recreational; impacts of weather; . . .



#### Who is eligible to participate?

Entrants must be high school or middle school students registered in Illinois' public or non-public schools including home schools. Students working independently, or in clubs submit through their schools.



#### What are the contest requirements?

Create an original "story map," using *ArcGIS Online* to tell an interesting story about your hometown. Students explore their hometown or neighborhood to discover unique characteristics and/or to study a local problem or issue they would like to solve.



#### What if I don't know how to use or teach ArcGIS Online?

Enjoy learning a new technology skill – *ArcGIS Online*. This unique, easy-to-learn GIS application helps students visualize all types of data, display maps, analyze data, and tell "stories" of their research. Competition organizers, Dean Butzow and Rey de Castro can help you get started. Email, [dean.butzow@lcc.edu](mailto:dean.butzow@lcc.edu)

**There is no contest entry fee. State winners receive Amazon gift cards.**

For more information and to register visit <https://thinkgeospatial.education>

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