

Connections to Our World

Learn About It

In this unit, your child will learn:

- about the government of the United States and the regions that surround us
- about the world outside of the United States and how our nation works with other countries

Here are some ways that you can help your child learn:

Talk About It

Chapter 11: Here in the Americas

Culture and heritage Each region of the United States has a special history and culture. Discuss with your child your family's history. Which holidays do you celebrate to honor your culture? How do you celebrate these holidays? Talk about other cultures' celebrations in your area.

Chapter 12: Beyond the Americas

Getting along The United States has an alliance with countries around the world. These alliances help when there are disagreements between countries. Help your child think of a time when he or she had a disagreement with someone. What did your child do to solve the problem? What was the outcome?

Make It

A world symbol We have local, state, and national symbols. For example, the United States has its flag and a symbol, the bald eagle. Working together with your child, create a symbol that represents the entire world. Draw a picture of that symbol. Add a slogan to the picture.

Read to Learn More About It

Canada (My Country Series), by Bernice and Cliff Moon. This book gives an overview of Canada's geography, including first-person accounts that describe ways of life in this country.

Nature's Green Umbrella: Tropical Rain Forests, by Gail Gibbons. This book describes the climatic conditions of the rain forest as well as the different layers of plants and animals that comprise the ecosystem.

Wings, Wheels & Sails, by Bobbie Kalman. The different ways of traveling on land, in water, and in the sky are explored.



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