

TAHPDX: Great Decisions in U.S. History

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GOOGLE EARTH

Google Earth is a free application from Google (it is not Google Maps) that provides a platform for viewing geographic data. It can be downloaded from the following site:

<http://earth.google.com/download-earth.html>



You will need administrator rights on your computer to download and install the software. For your school labs, check with your IT staff...it is likely that Google Earth is already part of the standard software on your school's computers.

Google Earth projects have a *.kml or a *.kmz extension. You can double-click on the file to open Google Earth and launch the project. Or, you can click on the Google Earth icon (see above) on your desktop to launch the program, then use the <File/Open> menu item to locate and open your project.

2009 TAHPDX GOOGLE EARTH PROJECTS Instructions for Downloading and Installing

1. Louisiana Purchase & Native Americans <LA_Purchase_Native_GoogleEarth>
2. Property Rights & Measure 37 <Property_Rights_M37_GoogleEarth>

The Louisiana Purchase and Property Rights projects can be downloaded from the link on the TAHPDX <For TAH Teachers> webpage. You can save the KMZ files anywhere on your computer. Open the project by double-clicking on the file. This will launch Google Earth and open the project file in the "Temporary Places" section on the Google Earth legend.

3. Monroe Doctrine <zipped folder>

The Monroe Doctrine project is a zipped folder. Downloaded the zipped file from the TAHPDX <For TAH Teachers> webpage and save it anywhere on your computer. To unzip the folder, right click on the zipped file. Click on the "open with/compressed folders" menu option and then Extract All. The file will unzip into a parent folder <Monroe_Doctrine_Google> that contains the KMZ file and an Images folder. You can save this parent folder anywhere on your computer but DO NOT move the Images folder or the KMZ file out of this parent folder or the links to the images will be broken.

NOTE: These are temporary projects that have been made available to the TAH Teachers. The Final Projects will be posted after the TAH Summer Institute (when they will be bundled with the curriculum guides and other metadata documents).

Any questions or problems, contact:

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