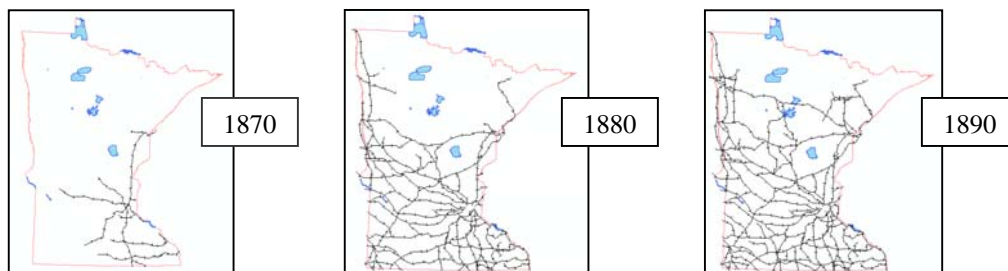


Geography and History Online

<http://www.mnhs.org/preserve/records/geographyonline/main.htm>



Central Goal

Our goal is to create a GIS website of tools, content, and lesson plans for 5th-12th grade social studies teachers and students that supports teaching of geography and history standards and encourages further exploration of new themes and resources.

We will provide a free online GIS system that:

1. Simplifies the search for all significant maps to one place.
2. Allows for easy manipulation of those maps (zoom, color, measure, etc).
3. Connects each map to useful historic information and images.
4. Trains teachers how to use the database.
5. Serves as a repository for lesson plans.

The Content

1. Geographic Data includes hundreds of preexisting digital maps (ex. glacial moraines, pre-contact vegetation, immigration patterns) as well as newly created historic maps (ex. metro suburbs, streetcars, fur trade animals).

2. Links to Historic Data includes (but is not limited to) external sources, such as Tribal websites and research institutions, as well as valuable preexisting content on the MHS website, such as:

- Minnesota Place Names
- Visual Resources Database
- Historic Plat Maps

3. Curriculum Materials includes all the materials developed to support teacher instruction. The Curriculum includes the following components:

- A. Teacher Lesson Plans (to save or print)
- B. Online Instructional Content for teachers
- C. Guided Worksheets (available in Word or .pdf format)
- D. Standards Chart

4. Teacher-Submitted Lesson Library

5. Help/How To/Tutorial

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