



Central to Fuller's work was the search to find effective ways for all humanity to see the total Earth and to promote what he referred to as "World Literacy re: World Problems including dramatic indication of potential Solutions". Following on this important aspect of Fuller's work, the Buckminster Fuller Institute has launched the EARTHscope Library project.

The EARTHscope Library is a free access, low bandwidth, fully interactive on-line library that provides a wide range of graphically rich content that clearly portrays the state of social and environmental life-support systems—from global to local—published by leading research institutions, community groups, conservation activists, students, NGO's and GO's.

EARTHscope's interface offers an elegant user-friendly experience. It provides a unique combination of interactive maps with supporting graphics, imagery, sound and text; all essential ingredients for creating an engaging "geo-story".

Key objectives of EARTHscope:

- Provide a digital publishing framework that facilitates learning, research and public outreach
- Advance a much-needed standard for "geo-story telling"

Anyone, anywhere, with low-speed, dial-up access to the Internet will be able to browse the EARTHscope Library and view the planetary situation using the EARTHscope interface.

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Features



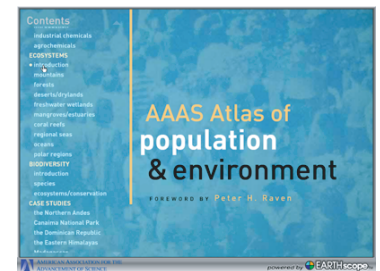
Interactive and animated geo-stories about the state of the Earth, our communities and their possible futures.

- Turn on and off layers of map data
- Resize, drag and arrange all windows
- Animate changes over time



High school students conducting local water quality sampling and community mapping.

- Display maps, keys, text, graphs, & slide shows
- Pan maps in all directions, zoom from a global to local view



A pathbreaking online global atlas powered by EARTHscope for the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

- Content partner custom branding
- Designed for easy updates
- Browser-based for wide distribution
- Quick download time

Planned features

- Build custom presentations
- Search the entire ES library
- Internet map retrieval (IMS capability)
- View animated future scenarios
- Quicktime movies with audio track