

Update for readers of *Fairy Tales, Patriotism & the Nation-State: The Rise of the Modern West and the Response of the World* (with parallel Google Earth folder for each chapter):

When the book came out in 2014, we had informal permission from Google to post the 14 parallel Google Earth folders, one for each chapter, on a public domain site. We chose Google Earth Community for that because it seemed to be the logical choice. Footnotes in the textbook referred to matching numbered layers in the appropriate Google Earth folder.

But two things have happened this year (2018) to make that more difficult, if not impossible. First, in January Google discontinued the photo storage site Panoramio – and perhaps 20% of the thousands of layers in the 14 folders referred a reader to an embedded Panoramio photograph on or near the site under discussion. During the spring, all 14 folders were redone, replacing Panoramio photographs when possible with Google Maps Photos ones, or linking to an image on a website – so many of the footnotes as printed in the textbook now have their substitutes but no longer strictly match the textbook footnote. Then later in the spring Google radically changed the format of Google Earth Community itself, making posting there problematic.

Since the author, now a retired History professor, had always aspired to create a site for himself and others to post GIS (Geographic Information Systems, such as Google Earth) illustrations of important non-fiction books, this pushed him over the edge. So now to find the updated 14 Google Earth folders, go to his new website gisinginb.org (for GIS-ing Important Non-fiction Books). Click on the Books header, and scroll through titles listed alphabetically, and then click on *Fairy Tales, Patriotism*, etc. If you want to access the Google Earth folder for Chapter 1, click on CHAPTER ONE GOOGLE EARTH FOLDER, and when that screen comes up, go to top right of screen and click on Download button (downwards pointing arrow with a line under it). Folder title should now appear at bottom left of your screen, and clicking on it should open it in Google Earth.

All this is not to say the author considers his textbook one of the “Important Non-fiction Books” of our time; it was just a new place to put the folders! If you have questions – or want to join this effort to illustrate important non-fiction books that lend themselves to GIS-style illustration – please contact him at jsbrown@samford.edu.

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