Take a Literature Trip with Google Tour Builder

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Agenda

- What is Tour Builder?
- Example Tours
- Creating Your Own Tours
- Sharing Tours
- Playing Tours
An online tool that you can use to create and share virtual tours by placing locations on a map.
Google Lit Trips

With Google Tour Builder, you can create Google Lit Trips. These trips plot locations from a novel on Google Earth to create a 3D geographic tour of the story. At each location the Lit Trip can also include annotations, web links, images, videos, activities, and more, all related to that part of the story. This is a great way to put students in the story, helping them see where the events took place, and bring the story to life.
Tour Builder Elements

Tours can include the following elements:

- Locations
- Videos
- Images
- Descriptions
- Hyperlinks
- Dates
- Custom Icons
- More
Google Tour Builder

When your tour is complete you can:

- Play your tour
- Share your tour with others
- Open your tour in Google Earth
Example Tours

Tour Builder can be used with **ANY** subject to:
- Tell a story
- Retell an event
- Explain a process
- Explore a topic
- More
Example Tours

I used Tour builder to create a “Lit Trip” for “How To Avoid Extinction”. A “Lit Trip” tells events of the story by visiting locations from the book and providing resources, details, and questions.

“How To Avoid Extinction” Example
Example Tours

Here are some great tours to explore:

- Grade K - [3D Shapes in the Real World Tour](#)
- Grade 1 - [Make Way For Ducklings Tour](#)
- Grade 2 - [Animal Habitats](#)
- Grade 3 - [Holidays Around the World](#)
- Grade 4 - [US Landmark Tour](#)
- Grade 5 - [American Revolution Tour](#)
- Autobiography - [From Service to Scholarship](#)
- Art - [The Life of Kandinsky](#)

(Thanks to [@joliboucher](#) for sharing the example tours)
Here are some more great tours to explore:

- Tour Ancient Egypt - [Tour Builder Link](#)
- The American Revolution - [Tour Builder Link](#)
- Super Sleuth - Chet’s Cheesy Chicken Chimichanga Recipe - [Tour Builder Link](#)

(Thanks to [@i_am_mays](#) for sharing the example tours)

- Small As An Elephant - [Tour Builder Link](#)

(Thanks to [@erriccurts](#) for sharing the example tour)
Making Tours With Tour Builder

Create:

- Go to the **Tour Builder** website at: https://tourbuilder.withgoogle.com
- Click the **Sign In** button
- Click the **Create A Tour** button
Making Tours With Tour Builder

- Give it a **Tour Name**
- Enter your **Author Name**
- Click **Create Tour**
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Create an Introduction:
- Tour Name
- Author Name
- Introduction Picture
- Tell the story - intro or summary
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Add a Location

- Click Add Location
- Search for address
- Click Drop Placemark
- Click Add to Tour
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Edit a Location:

**Location Name** - You can change this from the search result if you have a better name.
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Edit a Location:

Add Photos and Videos - Add up to 25 images and videos for the location.
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Edit a Location:

**Start Date and End Date** - if there are specific dates associated with this part of the story.
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Edit a Location:

**What it’s about** - type in text to tell about this location in the story, share resources, ask questions, and more.
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Edit a Location:

**Location Icon** - You can choose from a variety of available icons for the location (click on Change Icon).
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Edit a Location:

**Customize View** - You can use the map tools to move around the map, zoom in and out, switch from overhead to tilted 3D view, and rotate the map.
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Edit a Location:

Customize View - Some locations also let you switch to Street View.
- Drag the Pegman onto the map to enter Street View.
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Edit a Location:

Customize View - when you get the view you want click the Lock This View button to save that as the starting view for that location.
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Edit a Location:

Optional: You can copy and paste your content from a Google Doc for ease of use and more image options

- Tour Builder Text Template
You can share tours with others for viewing, but not for editing. Click the Share button in the top right corner.
Sharing Tours

To share with specific people, put their email addresses in the Invite People box.
To share with anyone, click **Change** and choose **Anyone who has the link**. Now you can share the link any way you want.
Playing Tours

Tours can be played inside of Tour Builder.

- Open a tour from My Tours or a shared link.
- Click Next to move through the locations.
- Scroll through images and videos.
- Read text and click links.
Playing Tours

How to Avoid Extinction
by Paul Acampora
Mrs. Peggy Perret

Join Leo, his Gram, cousin Abbey, and Rummik the dog on a cross country trip in search of dinosaurs among other things.

"How To Avoid Extinction" is by Paul Acampora and was published in 2016. This book was on the 2016-2017 Bluebonnet nominee list.

Playing Tours

Tours can also be played in Google Earth for a 3D experience.
- Click the **Menu** in the top right corner.
- Choose **Open in Earth**.
Google Earth (earth.google.com) will launch in your browser and load the Tour for you to play. Click on Launch Earth in Chrome.
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- Double click each location on the left to zoom to that location.
- Click the “i” to get that location’s panel information.
- Use the panel on the right to click through the locations, scroll through images and videos, read text and click links.
- Navigate, zoom in, zoom out with Google Earth controls.
- Can save to My Places.
Thanks to Eric Curts (@ericcurts) for all of the information in slides 3-32 and 37-39! He presented this information and posted on his blog (www.controlaltachieve.com)
More Lit Trip Files

Google Lit Trip Website

KMZ files - file format of how earlier Lit Trips were saved - Tour Builder files export as a KML format

Google Lit Trips Folder
Google Earth

In order to access and download KMZ/KML files on Google Earth you have to enable it to accept KML file imports.
Google Earth

- On the left side of Google Earth, click the icon for "My Places".
- Here you can **import the KMZ file you downloaded**. If you **do not see the option** to import the file, you will need to turn on that option in your settings.
- Click "**Enable KML import in settings**" at the bottom of the window.
- Slide the switch on for "**Enable KML file import (experimental)**" in the settings and click "**Save**".
Google Earth

Welcome to My Places! Here you can add places, KML or KMZ files.

Enable KML file import (experimental)
See a list of supported features or learn more about the KML language.

Enable KML import in Settings.
Google Earth

- Now you can click the "Import KML file" menu.
- Choose "Open file" to choose the Lit Trip file from your hard drive.
- Or choose "Open from Google Drive" if you have saved or shared the Lit Trip file through Drive (recommended for sharing the file with students).
- Once you choose the file, the Lit Trip will be imported into Google Earth.
Questions?
THANK YOU FOR COMING TO THE SHOW!

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