

Regional Layers: Low-Tech Geographic Information Systems

This lesson from the National Geographic Society's Web site teaches students about the concept of geographic information systems and why they are useful. Transparencies are used to illustrate how adding layers of information to maps enables geographers to reach conclusions about various regions.

You can also mention how computers are used now to create maps with many different layers, and you can possibly integrate ArcView or ArcVoyager into this lesson. These programs help a variety of different people in different fields of interest.

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/xpeditions/lessons/05/g912/gis.html>