Additional Lessons

 Uses Google Earth to locate cities, landmarks, roadways, traffic, geographic features (mountains, lakes, climatic regions)

Google Earth must be downloaded from the www.google.com website at http://www.google.com/intl/en/options/, decompressed, and the application icon located either in the Applications folder, or some other accessible location, such as the Dock or Desktop.

Activities students can be directed to do:

- rotate the Earth horizontally and vertically
- zoom in on a continent
- hide and show the sidebar
- use search in the sidebar
- type in a landmark's name and fly to it
- type in a street address and fly to it
- zoom in on a landmark and tilt it
- add locations to "My Places"
- take a tour of "My Places"
- find student's home and mark it with a PlaceMark
- find student's school/classroom and mark it with a Placemark
- use the ruler tool to find the distance, "as the crow flies" from student's home to school
- use ruler tool to find distance as student goes to school by city streets
- use layers to turn off all features
- add features one at a time to view roads, buildings, traffic, weather, etc...
- follow the path of a freeway
- follow the coastline; view the Channel Islands, etc...
- look for evidence of fires, flooding, hurricanes, etc... keeping in mind that the images on Google Earth vary in age from the present

