

# Golden Gate Bridge3D

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## Lesson

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## Objectives

Students will gain a basic understanding of the Golden Gate Bridge through 3D simulation and visualization.

## Activity

Students travel through the Golden Gate Bridge in real-time 3D, helping them to visualize and understand its structure, function, and symbolic importance.

## Materials

### Golden Gate Bridge3D Homepage

(cut and paste URL into browser, or Ctrl+click on picture above)

<http://www.sunrisevr.com/goldengatebridge3d>



## 3D Simulation and Investigation

*3D simulations are designed to make subject matter more engaging to today's technology-savvy kids, and help them bridge the gap between the "concrete" world and the abstract world of concepts. When students experience complex subject matter in real-time 3D it becomes clearer. Students learn best when they are actively immersed in subject matter from a variety of different viewpoints; 3D simulation is designed to help students visualize difficult ideas and objects through investigation at any scale (atomic, cellular, planetary, conceptual, etc), and doing things that would normally be impossible.*

## Required Technology

- PC/Tablet

## Optional Technology

- Projector
- Multiple Computers
- Internet Connection

## Grouping

- Large Group Instruction
- Small Group Instruction

## Staging

Check computer/Tablet for Internet access if needed

## Procedure

1. Access program
2. Pick a lead student navigator to control movement through the 3D environment
3. Pick a lead student reader to read information about the Bridge as it appears on-screen
4. Begin the lesson by asking students what they already know about the Golden Gate Bridge; write responses on the board
5. Review basic facts about the Golden Gate Bridge including:
  - The Golden Gate Bridge is one of the most recognizable structures in the world
  - The Golden Gate Bridge is a 4,200 foot, or 1280 meter-long suspension bridge located in San Francisco, California
6. Start traveling through the program, facilitate discussion by asking students where the class should go.
7. Use the 3D simulation as a visual aid; explain information as needed
8. Have students pay special attention to:
  - The steel used to build the bridge
  - The color of the bridge
9. Have a final wrap-up with students with a question and answer period about the Golden Gate Bridge. Ask them when it was built and where it is located. Ask them what parts of the Golden Gate Bridge they found interesting.

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## Optional Activity: 3D Scavenger Hunt + Discussion

Have students find a particular part of the Golden Gate Bridge, such as a tower. If students are on multiple computers, have them “race” to the part of the Golden Gate Bridge the teacher wishes to highlight. Once students find/arrive at the location, the teacher may commence discussion. Repeat in other areas of the simulation as desired to build understanding.

## Homework/Review

Students may also access the program outside the classroom to supplement textbook questions

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## Functional Notes

1. The program is available on multiple platforms
2. If using the program online, please ensure the Unity3D Player is installed on the computer; through the Internet Explorer Browser; download the latest at <https://unity3d.com/webplayer>.
3. If you see something in **red** you can probably click on it
4. For ease of use you can go through most 3D objects, and even the ground
5. The school library can request and access programs (free) at [www.sunrisevr.com](http://www.sunrisevr.com) for off-line use via PC and Mac if there is no internet connection