

# Harnessing the Internet in Education: To Muncie and Back

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While reading my daily news on [www.cnn.com](http://www.cnn.com) I found an interesting article titled, “Man Jailed For Creating Crosswalk, Vows More” ([www.theindychannel.com/news/15181455/detail.html](http://www.theindychannel.com/news/15181455/detail.html)). The article sounded interesting and I read about the incident involving a young gentleman who believed he had a moral obligation to paint a crosswalk at an intersection for the safety of the local residents because the town government refused too. His actions and recent touch up work resulted in him being jailed for 10 hours. The article provided the exact intersection in Muncie, Indiana.

Intrigued by the topic and of the defendant’s belief he was morally obliged to perform this task; I wanted a first hand look of the crosswalk. I opened my web browser and went to <http://maps.google.com> I entered North St, Muncie, Indiana. The site brought me to W. North St. I knew the intersection was North and Dicks Street. I zoomed in on the area and moving from west to east I looked for Dicks Street. After locating the intersection, which is about 7 blocks east of Ball Memorial Hospital I zoomed in as far as Google Maps would allow. I clicked on Street View and was able to view the intersection as if I was standing in the middle of it. I scrolled left until straight in front of me was the painted crosswalk.

The crosswalk was very convincing and looked professionally painted. I’m sure with a little more research I could find information on the traffic in the local area. This intersection is near both a hospital and Ball State University, which tends to lead to more congested and dangerous traffic situations.

Try finding the intersection yourself. Below are a summary of the links I used plus the link to the final solution (the crosswalk view).

Article - [www.theindychannel.com/news/15181455/detail.html](http://www.theindychannel.com/news/15181455/detail.html)

Map – <http://maps.google.com>

Intersection – North St. & Dicks St., Muncie, Indiana

Crosswalk view -

<http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&hl=en&geocode=&q=Dicks+Street,+Muncie,+Indiana&sll=37.0625,-95.677068&sspn=35.768112,80.15625&ie=UTF8&ll=40.19705,-85.403126&spn=0.000527,0.002103&z=19&om=0&layer=c&cbll=40.19668,-85.40324&cbp=2,270.2821312208256,,0,19.07981152373913>