Google Earth first offered directions to students: May 10, 2009. Used 4/16/12 at Southeast Raleigh Magnet High School. http://www.squidoo.com/uploadGoogleEarth - www.squidoo.com.

NOTE from Daniel Hawley about using Google Earth:

Though the original document came out in 2009, the directions are current or the same, as far as I understand. Users should understand that Google Earth and Panoramio will moderate the posts first and decide themselves. We, as the users, don't have control except to meet their standards.

Students will only be able to post to their Google Earth accounts. As I completed my own model I saw how. The pictures show when students log into their accounts, and for me/us, that was the most important thing. We were experimenting here. That is what we found. Other teachers will adapt the directions.

How to upload images into Google Earth?

First you have to install Google Earth. You can download the installer here. After installation, you can search for your house if you can locate it.

To upload your pictures or images, you have to sign up in Panoramio.com. It's **FREE** so don't worry. You can upload up to 2 gigs of pictures (if I'm not mistaken) and any pictures that you want. As an example, this is one of my pictures that I uploaded on Panoramio.

From here:
1. You can begin to **upload** your images into your account. Maximum size for each image is 5mb.

2. After each completed upload, give your photo a **Title** and **Map** in Google Maps. Unmapped photos are not selected for Google Earth!!

3. Don't forget to **Save Position.**

4. Wait until your image has been **reviewed** and **updated** in Google Earth.

5. When will your photos appear in Google Earth as blue dots?

Please check the status below the photo:

a) If your photo has been selected for Google Earth, there are three different situations:

* Your photo is already in Google Earth represented as a blue dot. Please, zoom-in to a low level in Google Earth to find it.
* Your photo has been reviewed before May 10th 2009. Then it will be in Google Earth in the next update around May 24th 2009.
* Your photo has been reviewed after May 10th 2009. Then it will be in Google Earth around one month after the next update May 24th 2009.

Timing of updates varies. Updates usually take days, but delays may be up to a month.

--> so expect it will take about one month until a photo/image has been reviewed and updated on Google Earth. (from my experience)

For Google Earth, only select photos of exterior places: landscapes, monuments, streets, buildings, parks... If you can't see your photos in Google Earth check the status below the photo and read "When will my photo appear in Google Earth?"

Not selected photos in Google Earth include:
* People posing, portraits or persons as main subject. Exception: photos where people are an unavoidable part of the place.
* Car, plane or any machine as the main subject. Same exception as above.
* Pet or animal as the main subject. Exception: animals in their natural environment showing the background.
* Flowers and details of plants. Exception: forests, big trees and photos that show the background.
* Close-ups: details, inscriptions, signals...
* Underwater or aerial photos similar to the satellite images from Google Maps.
* Events: exhibitions, concerts, parades...
* Interiors: everything under a roof is usually not accepted. Exception: photos with a wide perspective inside churches, mosques, train stations...
* Text: large copyright notices and advertising text / URL. Exception: very small and discrete copyright notices are OK as long as you are the author.
* Frames: only very thin and simple frames are accepted.
* Too small photos under 500 pixels in height and width are not selected. For example, 640x240 and 800x600 are OK for Google Earth, but 480x240 is not OK
* Low quality photos; extremely blurred, under 100 Kb size, too dark...
* Not real photos: paintings, logos, digital images, collages...
* Photos taken from the interior of a car.
* 3D photos
* Photos that don't fit with the general Photo Acceptance Policy of Panoramio.

So, make sure your pictures or images meet the criteria.