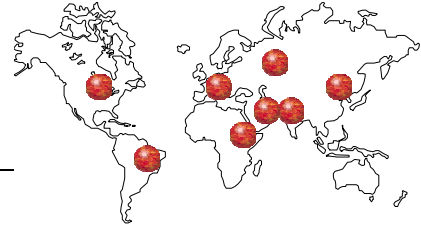
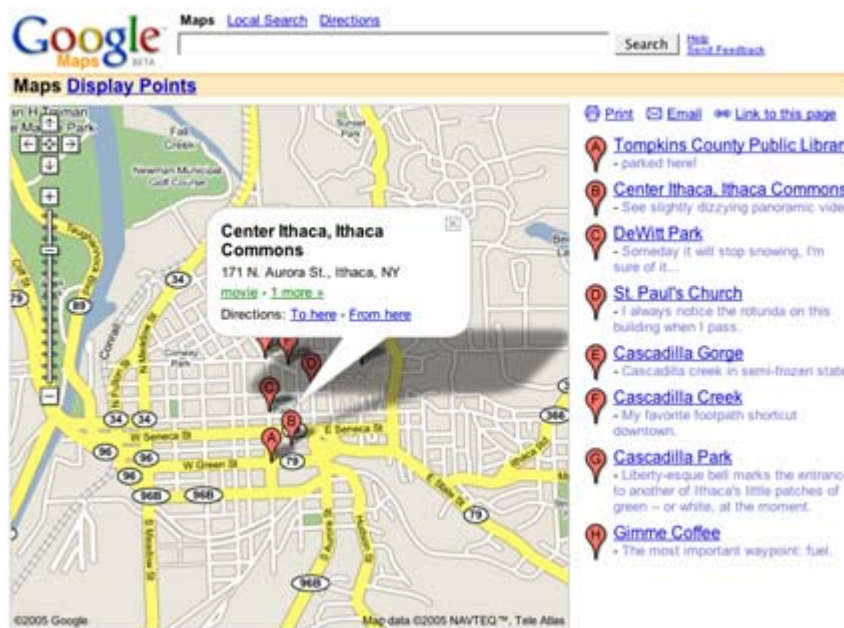


Geopolitical Hot Spots



In five equally sized groups, locate all of the current geopolitical hotspots of a particular continent by creating an **annotated map**. This is a special type of map that includes the spatial distribution of a feature (as usual) *plus* detailed written and visual information in the form of text blocks, photographs, drawings, statistics, and significant use of symbols to explain information in a geographic format. Take a look at a sample annotated map below, used to document someone's trip to Ithaca, New York.



Be thorough with your research, and be clear and detailed with your annotations on your maps. Once you have labelled all of the political hotspots for your continent, select the three most significant situations and circle them in red. As a class, we will create a world map identifying the locations and details of the 15 most significant situations around the world.

As with all maps, be sure to use all of the map essentials, including the names of all of your group members.

