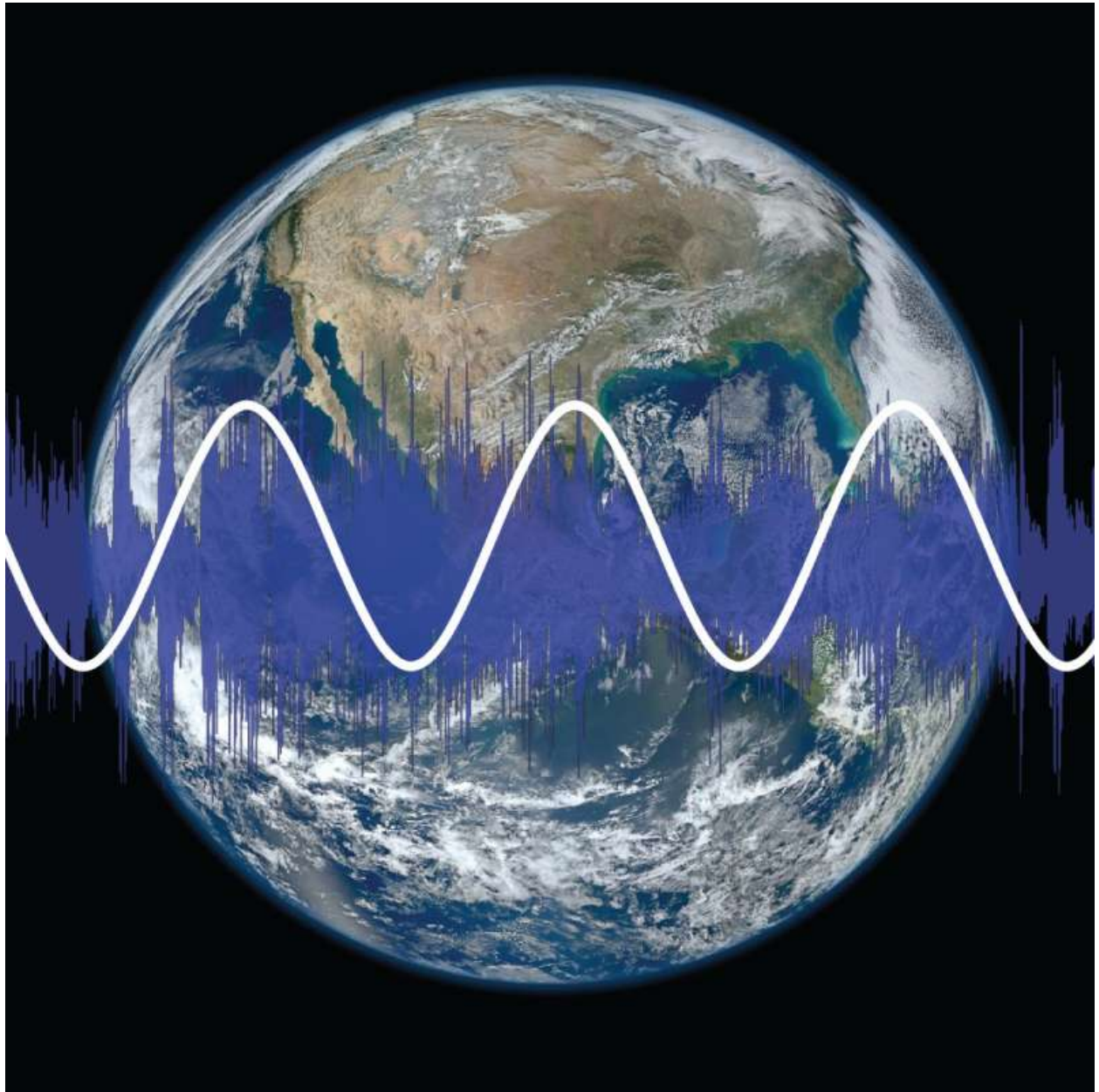


## Citizen Science Sunday: Silent Earth



Have you ever wanted to find a peaceful spot to read your favorite book, explore your artistic side, or just enjoy your surroundings? Join the Silent Earth citizen science project to measure the sound levels of local spots and enter them on a map for others to explore! The goal of this project is to find and map the quietest places in the world.

Here is how you can participate in the Silent Earth project:

1. Find a very quiet spot.
2. Download an app called Aneccdata.org and open the app.
3. You will need to create an account to submit observations (ask your parents for help with this).
4. Scroll through all of the different citizen science projects on the app until you find Silent Earth.
5. Click on Silent Earth and select "Join Project."
6. Click on the "+ New Observation" box and select your location preferences.
7. Once you are in a quiet area, select the green box that says "Take measurement." A number will appear with the sound level in decibels (a unit that measures sound).
8. Scroll down and click "Save." Your first observation is complete. Now your quiet and peaceful spot has been updated on a world map for others to view.
9. Take some time to explore the app and view observations from other citizen scientists! Challenge yourself and your friends to make at least two entries from the lowest sound level areas you encounter.