

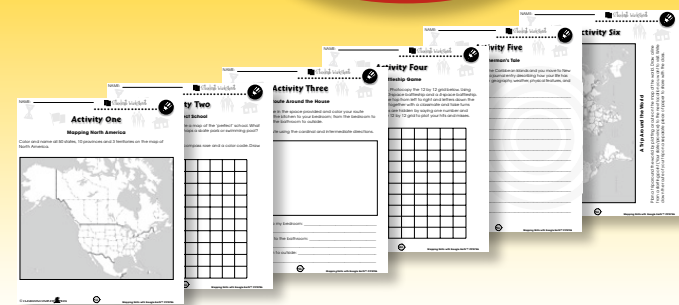
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How to Read a Map

1. Look around the classroom and put a check mark (✓) next to the answer which best describes the position of the item.

- a) The teacher's desk is:
- A at the front of the classroom.
 - B in the back of the classroom.
 - C in the middle of the classroom.
 - D in front of the windows.
- b) My desk is:
- A at the back of the class.
 - B at the front of the class.
 - C in the middle of the class.
 - D in the hall.

2. Match the word on the left to its definition on the right by drawing a line.

- | | | | |
|---|--------------|-------------------------------|---|
| 1 | neighborhood | Shows direction | A |
| 2 | symbols | Small area, where people live | B |
| 3 | compass rose | Pictures that have meaning | C |
| 4 | legend | Using colors to explain | D |
| 5 | color code | Explains symbols on a map | E |
| 6 | map | Drawing of an area | F |



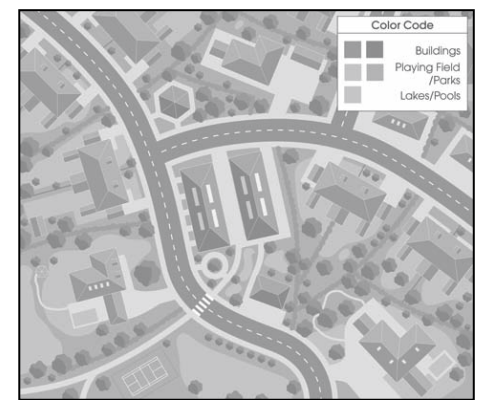
How to Read a Map

A map is like a picture of the Earth, taken from the sky. Maps can show schools, **neighborhoods**, cities, countries, continents or even the whole world.

Maps can show land and water areas. They can also show many things, which are located on the land. For example, trees, houses, churches, post-offices and government buildings. A map of a small area, like your school, would show the playground, the playing fields, the office and your classroom.

Maps use **symbols**, which are a type of picture, to represent real things. For example, some maps use a symbol like this (####) to show where a railway line is on a map. All the symbols used on a map are explained in a **legend**. Sometimes maps use a **color code** to explain what different parts of the map represent. In a color coded map, colors are used to show where land, water and mountains occur. On some maps, color coding is also used to show where the different **states, provinces or territories** are.

Look at the map of a neighborhood to the right. Notice the buildings are brown, the playing field and parks green and the lakes blue. (Use the color overhead "Map Elements on a Neighborhood Map", found on page 60, to complete the exercise.)



How to Read a Map

1. Symbols stand for something. Map makers use symbols to show what things are on their maps. The symbol often looks like the thing it represents on the ground. Match the symbols on the right with the thing they represent on the left by drawing a line.

- | | | | |
|---|--------|--|---|
| 1 | House | | A |
| 2 | Church | | B |
| 3 | Tree | | C |
| 4 | School | | D |

2. Fill in each blank with a word from the chapter.

_____ stand for something. The meanings of symbols are explained in the _____. A _____ is an instrument that shows you the direction you are traveling. A _____ shows you the directions on a map. The four cardinal directions are _____, _____, _____ and _____.

How to Read a Map

Answer each question with a complete sentence.

3. Why is it important to use symbols?

4. How does a legend help you understand maps?

Research

5. Look at a local map. In the space provided, make a list of all the different things that you can find on the map.

6. Create a treasure map. Draw an island, then 5 "landmarks" and an "X" to mark the spot of your treasure. Using cardinal directions, give detailed instructions on how to find the treasure starting from each "landmark". Draw your own symbols and legend for your map.

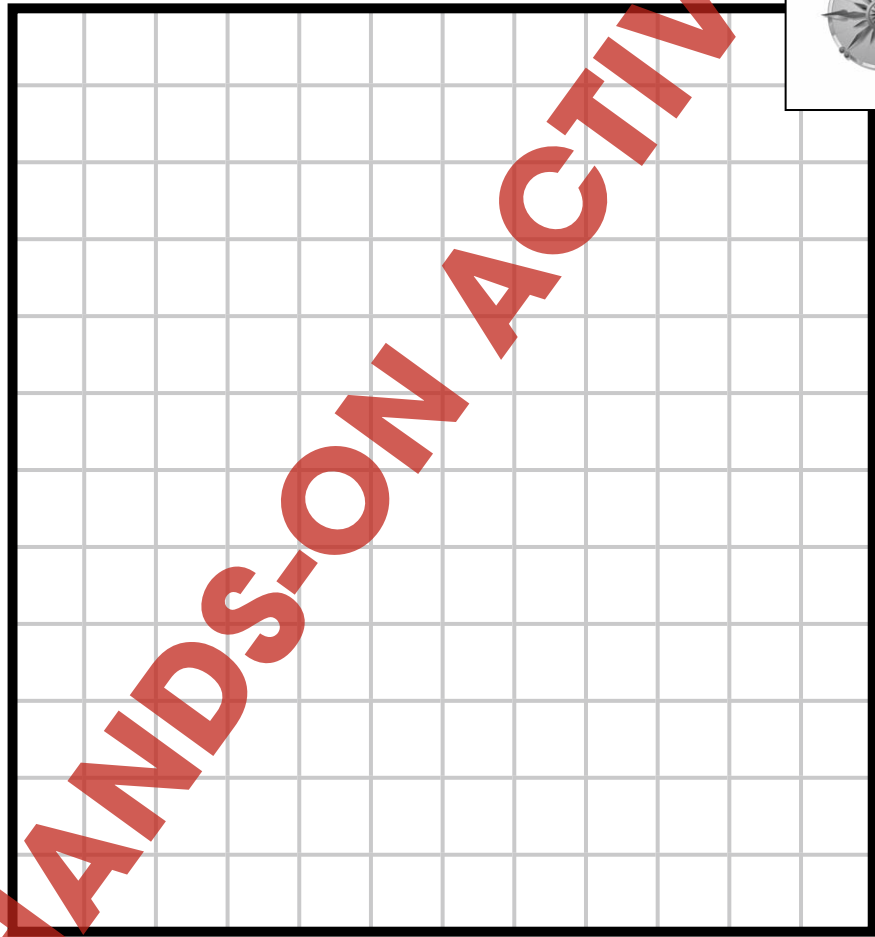
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Map Your Classroom

Make a map of your classroom. Give it a title, a compass rose, a legend, a date, and list the author (you).

Title: _____



Date: _____ Author: _____



NAME: _____



Crossword Puzzle!



Across

- 1. A picture, which represents an object.
- 4. On a compass rose, this direction is to the right.
- 8. The line of latitude, which circles the middle of the Earth.
- 9. The direction that is usually at the top of the map.
- 10. The number of continents.

Down

- 1. The location at the bottom of the Earth.
- 2. A picture of the Earth on paper.
- 3. A description of what the symbols on a map mean.
- 5. The name of a map.
- 6. A large body of water.
- 7. A large area of land.



CROSSWORD

Word List			
continent	legend	ocean	symbol
east	map	seven	title
equator	north	south pole	

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Comprehension Quiz



Part A

Match the answers in the list to the questions below.

- | | | | |
|--------------|-------|-------------------|-------|
| compass rose | route | relative location | title |
| | | North East | |

- a) What is the location of a place or object when compared to another place or object?
- b) What is the name of a map also called?
- c) What symbol shows you the direction on a map?
- d) What is the intermediate direction between North and East?
- e) What is the way you travel from one place to another called?

Part B

Label 3 continents, 3 oceans, 3 countries, and 2 lakes on the world map to the right.

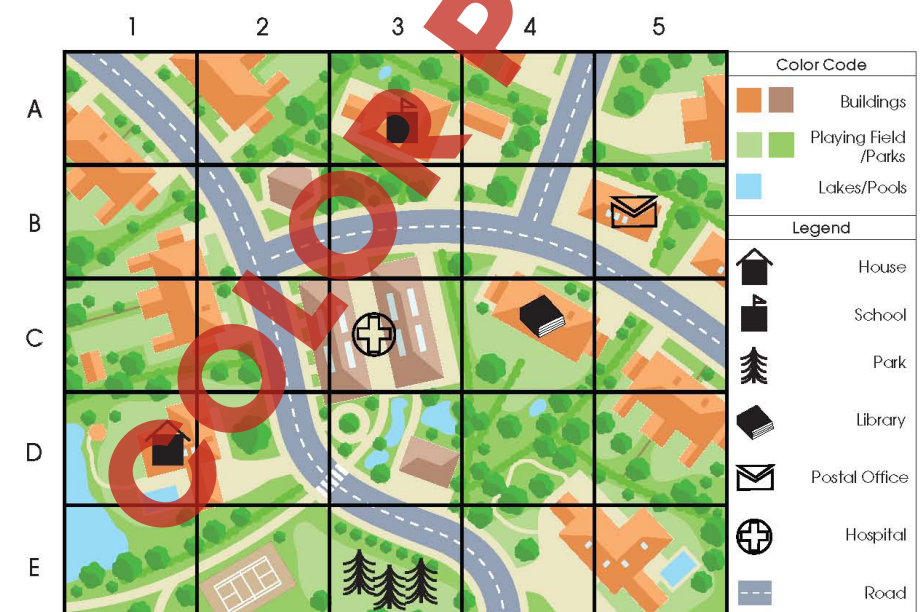


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Urban Neighborhood

Using the map of an urban neighborhood, find the locations of the following places.

- What grid reference is the library at? _____
- What grid reference is the postal office at? _____
- What grid reference is the school at? _____
- What grid reference is the hospital at? _____
- What grid reference is the house at? _____
- What grid reference is the park at? _____



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After You Read 



Map Your Community

Answer the questions with a complete sentence.

3. What is the most commonly used map?

4. What do city maps use, instead of drawings or photographs, in order to show where and what things are?

5. What type of route shows roads and train tracks?

6. City maps show man made features and what other type of features?

Research

7. Imagine that you have a friend coming to stay with you for one week. What places would you like to take them to? Pick a place for each day. How will you get to each place? (Walk, Bike, Car, Bus)

EASY MARKING

Place

How you will get there

Monday: _____

Tuesday: _____

Wednesday: _____

Thursday: _____

Friday: _____

Saturday: _____

Sunday: _____

3.

The most commonly used map is a city map.

4.

City maps use symbols to show where and what things are.

5.

A transportation route shows roads and train tracks.

6.

City maps show physical features.

7.

Answers will vary.

Map Activity

- House
- Post Office
- Hospital
- Picnic Area
- Library
- Restaurant
- Gas Station
- Park

1.

Answers may vary. I live in North America.

2.

The United States, Canada and Mexico are three of the countries in North America.

3.

Arctic, Atlantic and Pacific oceans surround North America.

4.

The five Great Lakes found in North America are Superior, Michigan, Huron, Erie and Ontario.

5.

There are 50 states including Alaska and Hawaii in the United States.

6.

There are 10 provinces in Canada. There are also 3 territories in Canada.



1.

Answers may vary. Polar Bears live in the Northern part of North America.

2.

Answers may vary. Whales are a massive creature that calls the Pacific Ocean home.

3.

a) FALSE

b) TRUE

c) FALSE

d) FALSE

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d) FALSE

d) TRUE