

Learning with Maps

Choose 5 questions below, at least one from each category, to help you compare the maps. Remember to provide reasoning based on what you see on the map for each of your answers. The language of your map should not hinder your ability to answer the questions.

Map Basics

1. Can you tell which direction the map is oriented (top of the map is facing which direction: north, south, east, or west)? How can you tell?
2. What is it a map of?
3. Is the map drawn to scale?

Cartographer and Perspective

4. What on the map might indicate the cartographer's religion?
5. What on the map might indicate the time when the map was created?
6. What was the map's purpose? What clues in the map lead you to that conclusion?

Sites on the Map

7. What is the focus of the map, and where is it located? What does that indicate about the society at the time?
8. How are the different sites on the map indicated? Are these aspects (e.g., size, color, height, design) similar or different?
9. How are the sites on your map connected (e.g., roads, rivers, solid lines, dotted lines)? What do the connections indicate? Why might it matter how the sites are connected?
10. Do all the sites belong on the same map? Why or why not?

Storytelling

11. Which creatures, real or mythical, are included, and what might they symbolize?
12. Which landscape features are included or excluded (e.g., rivers, oceans, trees, desert, mountains, valleys)? Does it matter if they are included or not?
13. Are there people on your map? What are they doing, and what purpose do they serve?

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Creating Your Map

Create an ancient-style map of your school, town, or a favorite place using the mapping skills you have learned.

Step 1: Choose a perspective, map type, and setting.

Step 2: Draw the shape and boundaries of the area, the size and location of important places, and the overall layout of the setting. Your map should demonstrate both creativity and an understanding of geographic and spatial planning concepts.

Remember to include:

- Symbols, labels, illustrations, and other decorative elements
- The distance between locations and what connects them