

Kids Read: Curious World Mapping Your World Activity Guide

Objectives

- Children will be able to identify types of maps and their purposes, as well as a variety of common features, including rivers, mountains, and borders.

Introduction

- Have a discussion about what your kid(s) already know about maps and why we need maps.
- Next, share a variety of maps and discuss briefly what you see on the maps together and ask the kid(s) if they can guess what the purpose of each map is.
 - We have gathered a wide variety of maps and mapping themed non-fiction books from the TCCL catalog [HERE](#) that we feel would be ideal.

Opening Activity

- Allow kid(s) to browse the maps alone and write down or discuss what features they found on the maps and what purpose they think the map was created for.

Main Lesson

- Share more maps with the kid(s) and talk about what you see with a focus on helping them to understand how features of being depicted on the maps and any other concepts or ideas that they had not addressed in the activity or that you want to focus on.

Main Activity

- Kid(s) will create their own map!
 - Suggested guidelines: Kid(s) create a map of either a fictional or real place that includes topographical features and animals which includes a legend, or key that will allow others to read their map.
 - Once finished, the kid(s) will share their map and explain the legend, they will also answer questions from their peers and adults.
 - This would also be a good place to add a writing prompt either about their map or the place it represents.
- [HERE](#) (insert a link to list) is a list of other fiction and non-fiction books that have a map in them for those interested in further reading.