

Organizing Topic

# Introduction to Maps and Globes

## Standard(s) of Learning

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- K.4 The student will use simple maps and globes to
- a) develop an awareness that a map is a drawing of a place to show where things are located and that a globe is a round model of the Earth;
  - b) describe places referenced in stories and real-life situations;
  - c) locate land and water features.
- K.5 The student will develop an awareness that maps and globes
- a) show a view from above;
  - b) show things in smaller size;
  - c) show the position of objects

## Essential Understandings, Knowledge, and Skills

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*Correlation to  
Instructional Materials*

**Skills** (to be incorporated into instruction throughout the academic year)

Identify and locate features on maps and globes.

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Use resource materials.

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Differentiate color symbols on maps and globes.

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Develop concepts of space by actively exploring the environment.

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Develop beginning map skills through manipulation of objects.

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Use maps of familiar objects or areas.

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### Content

Develop an awareness that maps and globes represent the Earth.

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Describe that the location of places referenced in stories and real-life situations can be shown on maps or globes.

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Locate land and water features found on maps and globes.

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Know the terms of:

- Map: A drawing that shows what a place looks like from above
- Globe: A round model of the Earth
- Model: Something that stands for something else

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Understand that maps or globes can show the location of places referenced in stories and real-life situations.

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Realize that maps can show simple drawings of classrooms, playgrounds, neighborhoods, rivers, and oceans.

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Identify land and water features on maps and globes as shown by different colors.

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Understand that basic map concepts will help students use maps and globes.

Develop awareness about maps and globes using the following information as a guide:

- They show a view from above.
- They show things/objects as they are, only smaller.
- They show the position/location of things/objects.

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## Sample Resources

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Below is an annotated list of Internet resources for this organizing topic. Copyright restrictions may exist for the material on some Web sites. Please note and abide by any such restrictions.

- Free Blank Outline Map of Virginia. • *About.com*. <<http://geography.about.com/library/blank/blxusva.htm>>. This Web page provides a line drawing of Virginia and links to other geography information.
- Geography Crafts. • *EnchantedLearning.com*. <<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/geography/>>. This Web page offers various arts and crafts projects related to geography.
- Geography Home Page. • *About.com*. <<http://geography.about.com/>>. This Web page provides links to information about geography as well as state maps, U.S. maps, and world maps.
- Helping Your Child Learn Geography. • *KidSource Online*. United States. Department of Education. <<http://www.kidsource.com/kidsource/content/geog.html>>. This Web page offers many teaching activities including suggestions for teaching students about direction.
- Helping Your Child Learn History. • *KidSource Online*. United States. Department of Education. <<http://www.kidsource.com/kidsource/content/history.html>>. This Web page provides suggestions about teaching history and includes some specific history activities.
- Learning Partners • Let's Do History! • *KidSource Online*. United States. Department of Education. Office of Educational Research and Improvement. <<http://www.kidsource.com/kidsource/content2/history.lp.html>>. This Web page provides an activity for teaching history called "Our Heroes" as well as resources and links to related articles on teaching history.
- Map Adventures*. United States. Department of the Interior. U.S. Geological Survey. <<http://mapping.usgs.gov/mac/isb/pubs/teachers-packets/mapadventures/>>. This Web site provides seven lessons that teach basic concepts for visualizing objects from different perspectives and how to understand and use maps.
- Virginia Map. • *50states.com*. <<http://www.50states.com/maps/virginia.htm>>. This page provides a line drawing of Virginia.
- Weber, Patricia M. •Kindergarten Geography Web Sites. • <<http://www.d123.s-cook.k12.il.us/curriculumresources/geok/geok.htm>>. This Web page provides links to various Web sites and activities related to geography.