

Create a map lesson plan

7th grade geography

Goals/Objectives

Students will be able to demonstrate their knowledge of the key components of a map (compass rose, scale, key, and title).

Students will be able to demonstrate their knowledge of land formations (peninsula, bays, oceans, rivers, mountains, and marsh).

Standards

A.8.2 Construct mental maps of selected locales, regions, states, and countries and draw maps from memory, representing relative location, direction, size, and shape

Procedures

1. Students will create a map of their own design following a theme of their own choosing.
2. Students must have the required elements in their map.
3. Upon completion of their maps students will write five questions about their own map using map skills such as measuring scale, and following direction.
4. Students will then exchange maps with a partner and answer their partner's questions.
5. Students may present their maps for a small portion of extra credit.

Create A Map (30 pts)

You will be creating a map using the media of your choosing (paper, tag board, computer, etc.). Your map must follow a theme also of your choosing. This can be characters from your favorite book, tv show, sports teams, and so on. All your names and labels must follow your theme. Your map must also include the following:

4 Countries

5 Cities

3 Oceans

1 Bay

1 Peninsula

2 Mountain Ranges with a named mountain peak

3 Rivers

1 Marsh

A key, Compass Rose, and Scale

A Title (probably your theme)

After completing your map, you are responsible for writing 5 questions about your map using map skills such as scale, and direction. You will later trade maps with a partner and exchanging questions. At the completion of this activity you may present your map for the class for extra credit (3 pts).