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What is a Map?

A map is a flat drawing of an area of land. This area can be something as small as a campground or as big as the world. Maps use symbols or drawings to show the locations of an area's features, where those features are in reference to one another, and the distances between areas. Using a map can help you get from one point to another. Maps can also tell a historical story, like how a nation or empire changed over the years, the growth and migration of a population, or the movement of armies during battles and wars.

Types of Maps


There are two basic types of maps: physical maps and political maps. **Physical maps** show elements of the natural world, such as geographical features like mountains and rivers, as well as weather patterns and ocean currents. **Political maps** show the location of man-made things like the borders of countries and states, as well as the location of cities, highways, and airports.

NOTE: The map and symbols on this page are designed to help you understand the world better. The symbols are not to be used for any other purpose.

Weather Maps

We tend to think of a map as a document that captures land features that are both natural and man-made: mountains, rivers, cities, roads, and so on. Land maps can help us navigate from one location to another. But maps have other uses too. **Weather maps** or people who study the weather use maps to help them forecast future weather. Weather maps have been used since the mid-nineteenth century. The first one, drawn by an English man named Francis Galton in 1861, showed the weather from the previous day. Now, meteorologists can track the path of things like temperatures, storms, and wind direction, so that they can predict when a storm or weather will be in the upcoming days.

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(Lavina Torp)

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