

Name
Date
Class period

Treasure Map

1. Make map using paper bag and making it look like leather
2. On a separate sheet of paper draw a rough draft of your map marking the latitude and longitude lines.
3. Choose a place any where from the Bahamas to Venezuela (you may have already selected a location for your treasure, if so you can keep that location)
4. Draw the island on your map
 - a. Do it in pencil first (straight lines for longitude and latitude lines as it is a small map)
 - b. Decorate Map with (just select a few)
 - i. Pirate ships, Sea monsters, Mermaids, North Wind, compass rose or other such things.
 - c. Indicate treasure on the map with an **X**
 - d. On your Island or land mass you may want to draw some things that will help you in giving directions to the hidden treasure such as: Palm tree, mountain range, pond, Fort, Harbor, dock, Sunken ship or a reef just to mention a few.
5. Write a story that will explain how the treasure got there and that gives directions to it. Remember to use the proper terms that we discussed such as: how many Knots away it could be, land forms, quadrants, directions: N, S, E, W, NE, SE, NW, SW just a few examples.

Map and story due: Friday September 26th

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This captivating activity challenges students to use their knowledge of directions and map-reading abilities while strengthening their descriptive writing skills. With the recent success of pirate movies and the timeless appeal of high-seas adventure, students will have a high interest in the activity. Studying the Caribbean and the history of pirates, along with the geography of their domain adds excitement to the lesson. Try to use actual longitude and latitude locations so that the imaginary treasure will be hidden in a real location that one could identify on an actual map.

PURPOSE:

- To provide a lesson in giving directions
- To reinforce map skills
- To use as a geography lesson
- To promote creative writing
- To use as a background for any "ancient" project or writing piece

CROSS-CURRICULAR USES:

- Geography lesson
- Science: writing about ancient astrologers, scientific theories, or scientific equipment
- Social studies: writing activity about ancient times

MATERIALS:

- Brown grocery bags or mailing paper
- Markers
- Pencils
- Atlas or social studies textbook

