



Unit 5 Maps Help Us

Grade 1 Social Studies

Unit Description:

In this unit, students explore landforms and basic map skills. They gain an understanding of how to read maps and the use of maps in their community and world.

Social Studies Standards:

- 1.3.1** Identify a representation of a location/space on a map/globe
- 1.3.2** Identify simple map symbols, compass rose (cardinal directions), and key/legend
- 1.3.3** Use mental mapping (visualizing details of a place or location out of one's sight) to develop a basic map of local places
- 1.3.4** Identify basic landforms using a globe or map
- 1.3.9** Identify by name the town/city, parish, state, and country in which the student lives

Enduring Understandings- Compelling Question:

- **How do maps help us?**

Essential Questions- Supporting Questions:

- How do you use the different parts of a map?
- How do you create a map of a place?
- How are different landforms shown on a map/globe?
- How can you locate your town, parish, state, and country on a map?