STEP-BY-STEP MAPPING CD

from Maps for the Classroom, by Map of the Month

By following this **STEP-BY-STEP MAPPING CD** presentation, you can see the different layers that make up a map. All of the necessary details of the map are shown on the CD, eliminating the need for using other resources for further research.

ACTIVITIES: For the most part, the individual stages of **STEP-BY-STEP MAPPING** follow the suggested **ACTIVITIES** printed on each map. In some cases, extra details have been added.

LABELING STYLE: Follow the labeling style presented for a clear and accurate approach to completing the map. Or, choose your own colors or style-- embellishing and labeling in your own way helps personalize your map. Some maps, such as the **TREASURE MAP** or **BASIC SKILLS MAP** encourage individuality.

BASIC STAGES: Activities are divided into several stages for each map-- most often 4 or 5, but some maps require more. Since each map is different, this order and approach may vary slightly. But generally, regardless of the number of stages, most of the features below are addressed:

> **LABELING** Generally speaking, the early stages of each map encourage the labeling of the names of places: countries or cities, continents or regions. If these features are already labeled on the map, then the instructions may specify underlining them, to draw attention to them.
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> **BODIES OF WATER** Often in the next stage(s), bodies of water, such as oceans, lakes, and rivers, are labeled and colored.
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> **GEOGRAPHIC DETAILS**: Mountain ranges, deserts, valleys and other geographic details are drawn in, using the symbols shown in the Map Key. Fill them in with the appropriate color.
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> **ADDITIONAL FEATURES**: To add more detail, color other features, such as borders, illustrations and the Earthworm mascot. Sometimes, especially on state or city maps, transportation details, such highways, railroad routes, or airports can be drawn in.
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> **EXTRA STAGES**: Some maps are more complicated and have an extra stages. Others relate to history or regions. Or you can draw in extra details of your own, or make new illustrations to further decorate and embellish.

The **BLANK** map is shown at the beginning of the stages. When the maps are complete, returning to this blank map is a good way to review some of the work you have done alone or as a group. Or you may use the blank map for a different purpose or different topic. Or add different information than what is suggested in the **ACTIVITIES** section of the map.

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CONTINENTS OF THE WORLD

And Other Geographic Features!

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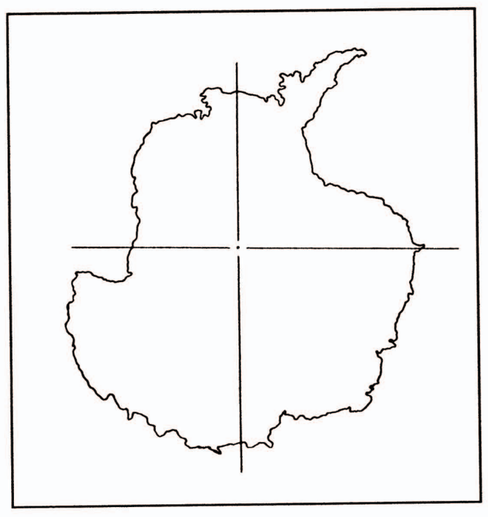
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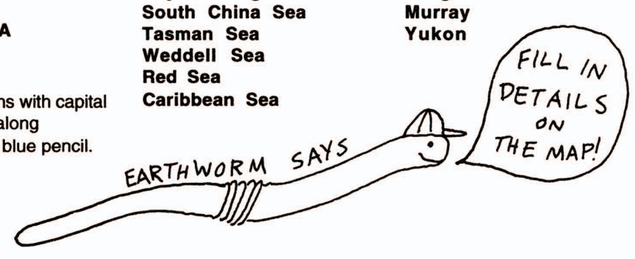
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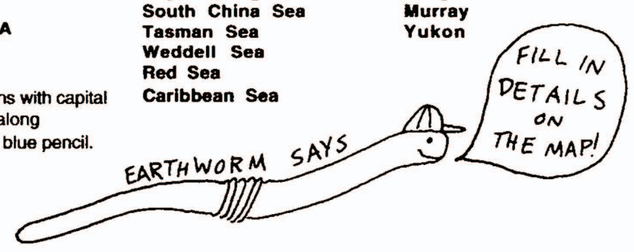
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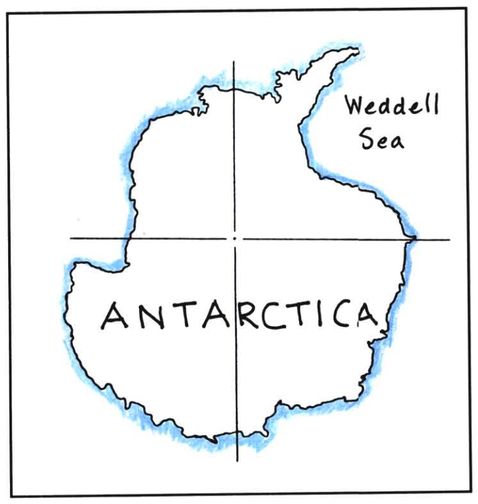
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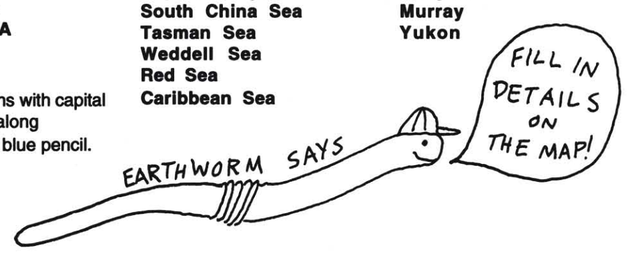
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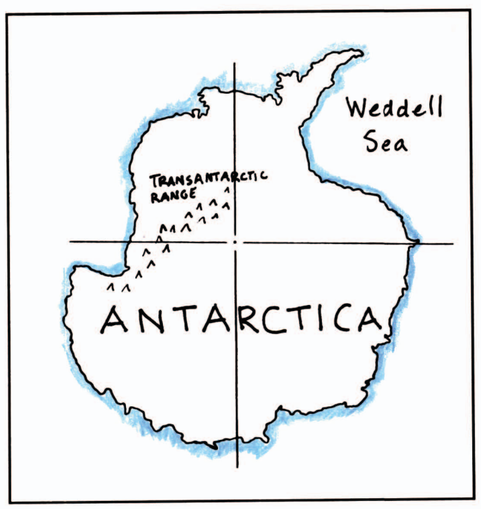
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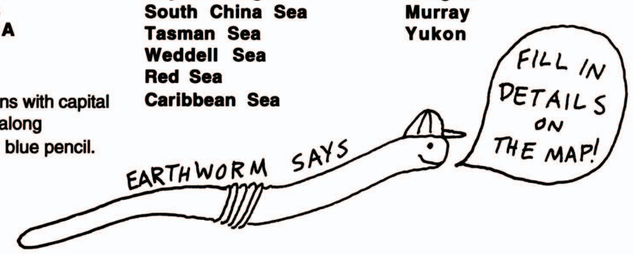
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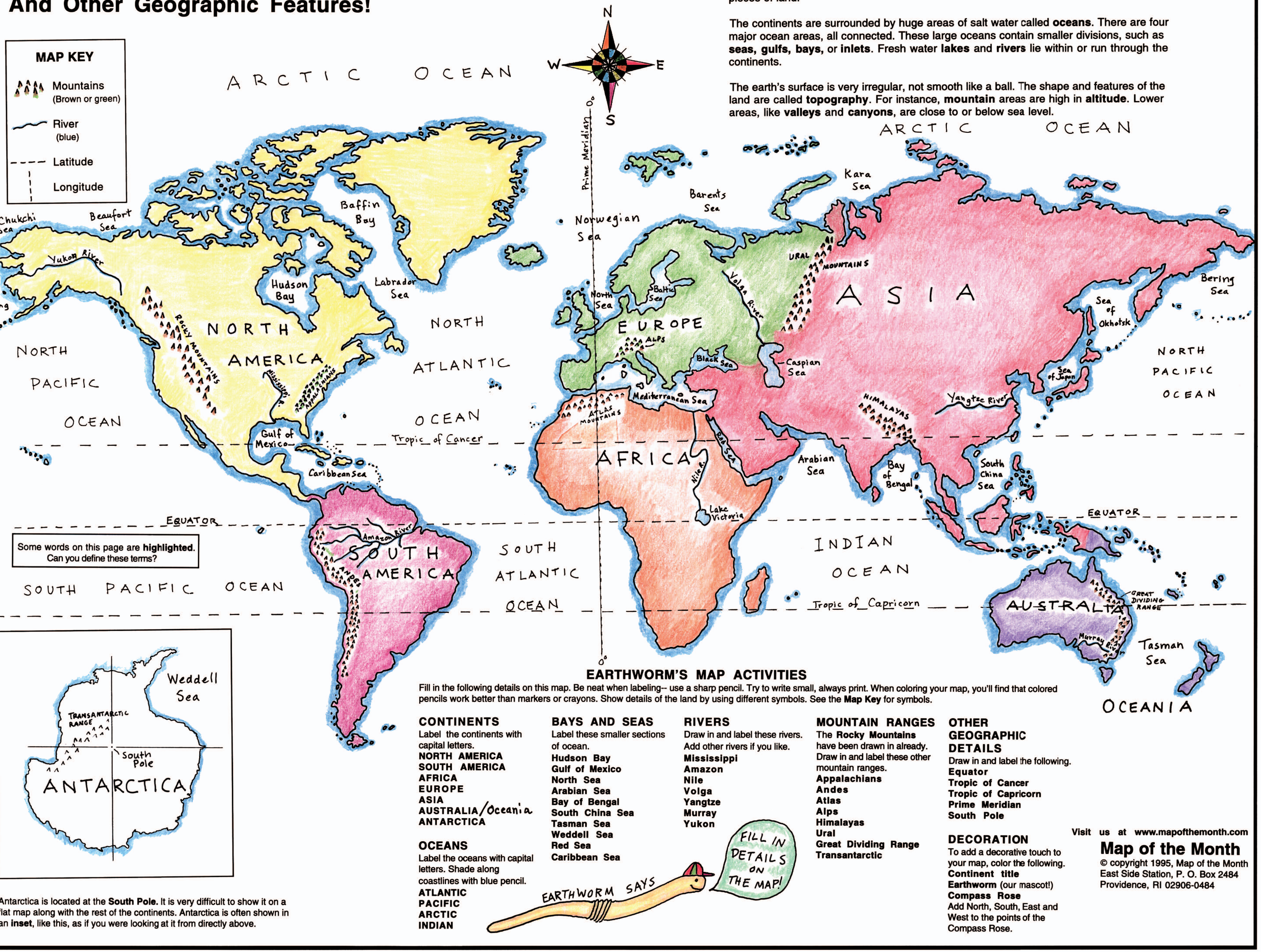
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