

CANADA MY COUNTRY

Social Studies
for Early Elementary

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Unit 1

The Political Map



A political map shows the man-made boundaries of a region.



Lesson 1

What is a Map?

Whenever you sing or hear the national anthem, stand up straight and tall without talking or fidgeting. Never stay seated. Always remove your hat. This shows respect for our country and our flag.

The official colours of Canada are red and white.

Look at page 9. What is the vowel letter in the word Canada? How many times is it used?

ASSIGNMENT

- ☐ Sing *O Canada*
- ☐ Canada Rap
- ☐ Draw a map
- ☐ Complete worksheet

RESOURCES (optional)

Lite Membership links give curated online content for lessons throughout the course. See Resources p. 2 of this book. *Scholastic Children's Atlas of Canada*. p. 4-5
Harrison, Ted. *O Canada*
Mitchell, Michael. *Canada is for Kids* CDs. Songs about Canada

A rap is saying words in a rhythm. We are going to rap the spelling of Canada. Accent the first beat by saying each consonant louder than the vowels.

 **C A N A D A Yah!**

Teacher: Repeat this daily as necessary. Variations can be to start soft and get louder, or start slow and increase speed. Make up a rap to learn the spelling of your province.

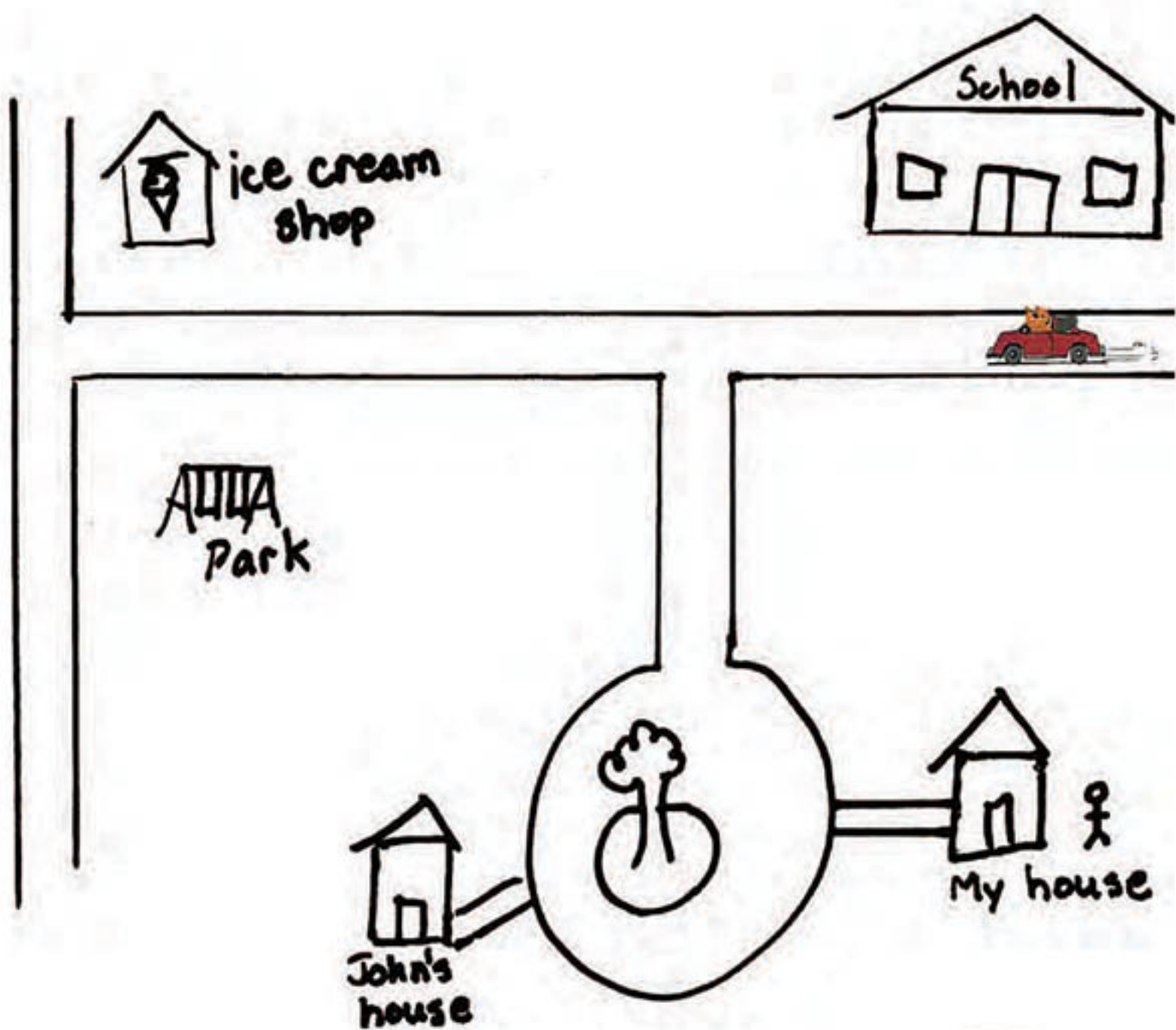
This is Bucky Beaver. Look for him somewhere on every page.



What is a map? A map is a type of picture that shows a certain place. Maps can be of small areas, like right around your home, or of big areas, such as the whole country.

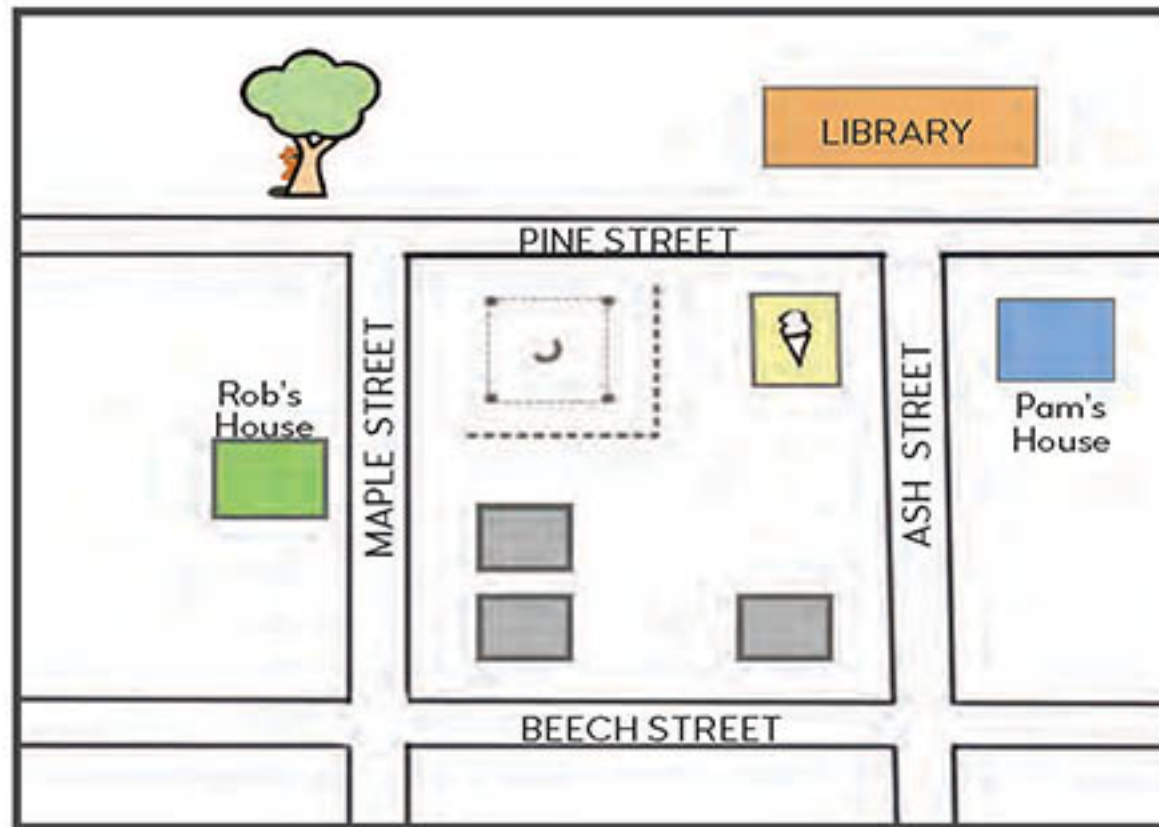
Different kinds of maps give us different information. Some maps use colours or symbols to represent certain things.

Draw a map of your home and some things or places familiar to you around your home. Here is an example of a map you might draw.



Lesson 1

Worksheet



Using the map above, colour or dab the correct answer to the questions below

1. Pam and Rob are going to meet at the Ice Cream Stand. Who lives closer?

Pam

Rob

2. Who has to cross Maple Street to get there?

Pam

Rob

3. Who will pass the baseball diamond on the way to the library?

Pam

Rob

4. Who lives on Ash Street?

Pam

Rob

Lesson 2

The Compass Rose

A globe shows you a picture of the whole world. One end is the north pole. The other end is the south pole. The line around the middle of the globe is called the equator. Find these locations on a map or globe with your teacher.

Now look for the country of Canada. Which pole is Canada closer to? You are right if you said the north pole. Canada is in the northern part of the world.

To show directions on a map you will see a symbol called a Compass Rose. The letters are for directions called cardinal directions.

N is for north and **S** is for south

What do you think **E** and **W** represent? You are right if you said **W** is for west and **E** is for east.

MATERIALS

- ☐ Globe
- ☐ Compass - optional

REVIEW

- ☐ Sing *O Canada*
- ☐ Review *Canada Rap*

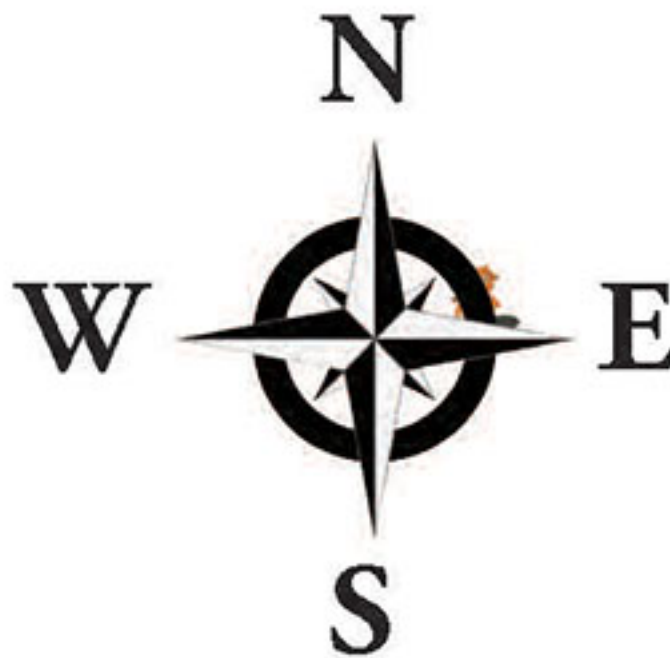
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Scholastic Children's Atlas of Canada p. 10-11



A compass is an instrument used to find directions. If you have a compass use it to find the north wall in your school area. Cut out the letters from page 76.

Put the N on the north wall of your room. Now it is easy to put up the other directions. S should go on the wall opposite the north wall. Use the compass rose or your compass to decide where to put the E and W signs. If you have trouble, face the north wall and stretch out your right hand. That way is east; the left way must be west.



The sun rises in the morning from the east. During the day, as the earth rotates, the sun moves across the sky in the south, finally setting in the west. Try to notice where the sun shines on your home in the morning, afternoon and evening.

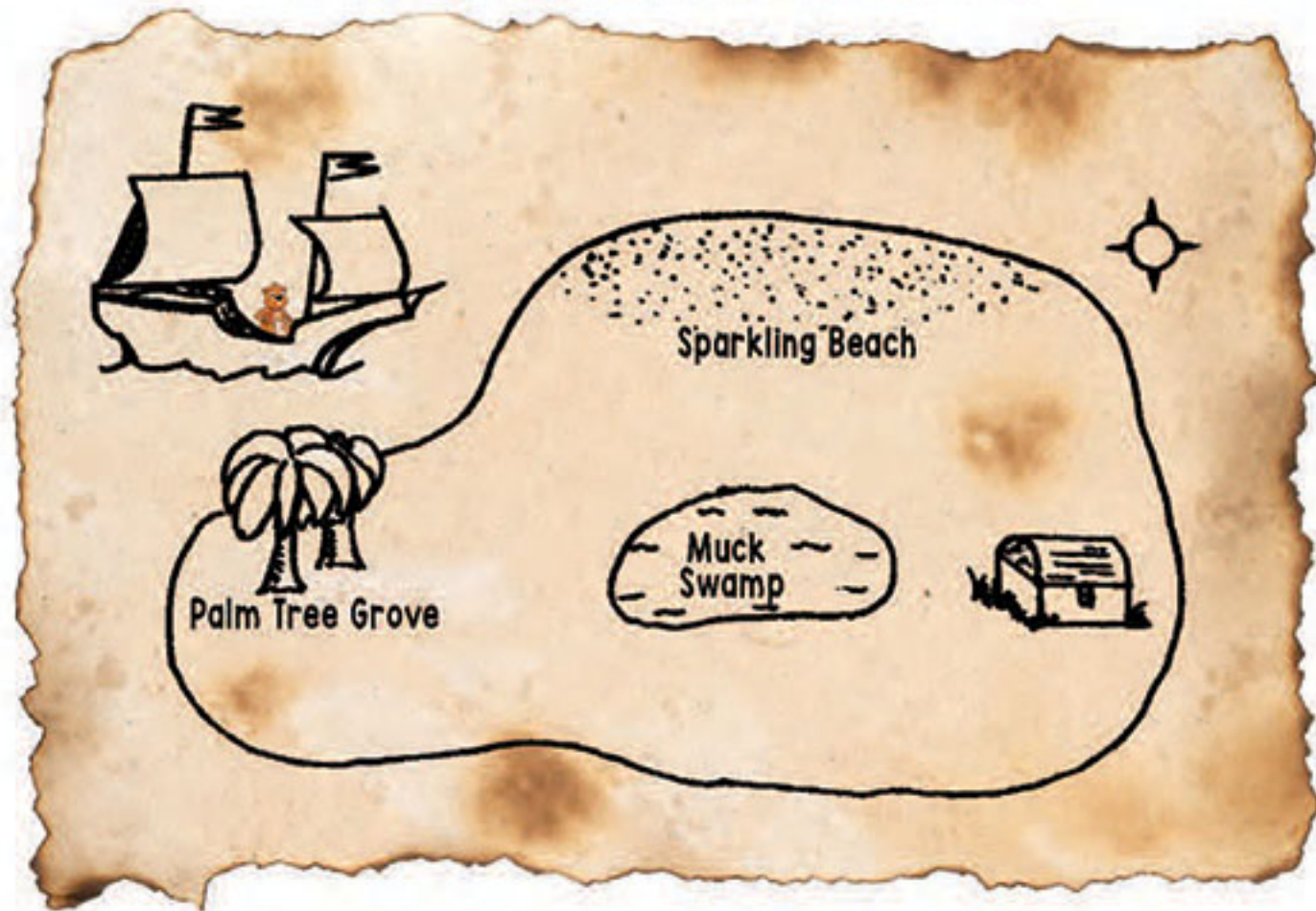


Pirate Game: Pretend your room is a ship and you are sailing with a load of gold. There are pirate ships all over the high seas. If you see a pirate ship, you must quickly shoot a cannon off in the pirates' direction to scare them away. Someone can be the captain and watch for pirates. The captain calls out "Pirates to the north!" The others run to the north wall and pretend to shoot the cannon to scare away the pirates. Continue the game calling directions randomly.



Lesson 2

Worksheet



Find the treasure.

Use a word from the box to answer the following questions.

Mark your route on the map with a pencil as you go.

north	south	east	west
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1. From the ship at anchor go _____ to Sparkling Beach.
2. From Sparkling Beach go _____ to Muck Swamp.
3. From Muck Swamp go _____ to Palm Tree Grove.
4. OOPS! You went the wrong way.
Go back to Muck Swamp. Now go find the treasure.

Fill in the letters around the compass rose. Choose from the letters.

N	S	E	W
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