

The earliest maps date back to the 13th century. These maps show the night skies rather than the earth that as the ancient Greeks had created the first maps on a paper. Modern tools like the compass, telescope and printing press made maps more accurate and accessible. Today's maps are a result of technologies that early mapmakers could have never imagined. Satellite technology makes it possible for anyone to find their way to any place on earth. To say that a satellite alone is an understatement.

(Feel free to use the back of this sheet for longer answers)

What Do Cartographers Do?

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CHALLENGE #1: If you had this career...

What kind of training would you need?

Where could you find a job?


How much money could you earn?

Who would you help and how would you make a difference?

Why would (or wouldn't) you like doing a job like this?

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CHALLENGE #2: Think Tank



Use the skills you have learned in your geography class to take a special note about the route. Record the streets you pass, the turns you take and any significant details that would help you find your way again.

When you arrive home, sketch out a map showing how to get from your school to your house.

Then go online to Google Maps and compare your route with the route Google recommends.