

Folded List Maker

SAMPLE PROJECT

Social Studies: Parts of a Map

This 3-D graphic organizer helps students identify and study key elements of a topic or concept.

Objectives

- * Identify the major parts of a map.
- * Describe how to read a map properly.

Time Required

- * about 45 minutes

Materials

- * Folded List Maker Template (page 21)
- * scissors

Introduce

Invite students to name as many places as possible where they see maps (in cars, in train or bus stations, at shopping centers, on television, etc.). Point out that maps are so common because they are so helpful, and that there are key elements to look for while reading maps.

What to Do

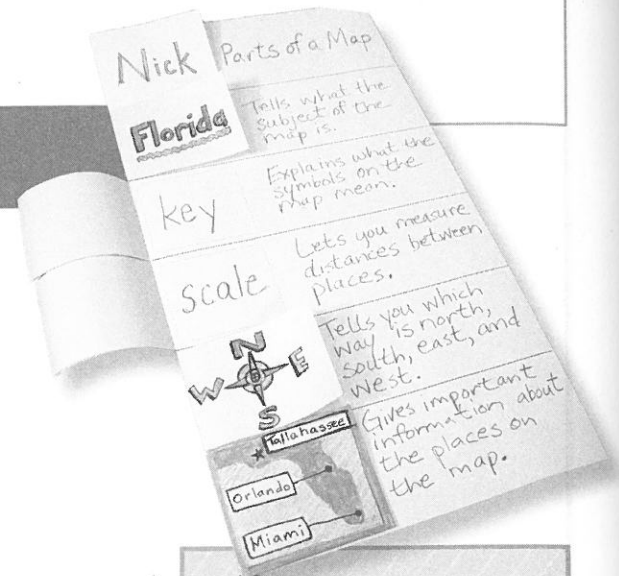
1. Distribute the template to students and guide them in its construction.
2. Direct students to lift the flaps and write a key element underneath each one, in the following order: map title, key or legend, scale, compass rose, labels.
3. On top of each flap, students should draw a sketch or create an icon that represents the element.
4. Finally, to the right of each flap, students should write a definition or description of the element.
5. Point out that understanding the key elements of a map—and looking for them in the order they're listed on their graphic organizers—will help them get the most from a map.

Extend

Have student pairs work on memorizing both the elements of a map and the order in which they should be considered.

Ways to Use Across the Curriculum

- * **Reading/Language Arts:** Create a spelling or vocabulary words lists; identify commonly misused or misspelled words.
- * **Math:** Record arithmetic rules; list geometric formulas and show examples.
- * **Science:** Detail the contributions of a scientist.
- * **Study Skills:** Generate a project checklist; create self-quizzes.



How to Construct

1. Cut out the template and the flaps, along the solid lines.
2. Fold left to right, along the dashed line.
3. Be sure the organizer is oriented vertically.
4. Fill in the important information.