



THE FORT

LESSON PLAN #1: Maps

Grades K-5/Social Studies

The prince's friends need a map to the royal feast! Pirates need treasure maps! Students can develop map skills while helping out THE FORT's prince and pirate.

Objective

To develop map skills by creating maps with both human and natural features that show places and routes that might exist in THE FORT.

Materials

- THE FORT
- Paper
- Writing utensil

Activity

1. Introduce students to map basics, including the key, legend, symbols, and compass rose.
2. Read THE FORT aloud to students.
3. Have students create a map based on the story. They can choose from three options:
 - Create a map of the kingdom for guests invited to the royal feast
 - Create the pirate's treasure map
 - Create a map of the neighborhood where the prince and pirate live that includes their homes and the fort
4. Encourage students to add details to this imagined place.
5. Maps must include both human and natural features, a key, legend, symbols, and compass rose.

Reflection Questions

- What symbols did you include on you map? Explain.
- Can you give directions to someone in the story using cardinal directions?
- Did you add something to your map that might be the start of a whole new story?
- What is on the north side of your map? The south? East? West?