

# What Are Maps?

## Big Ideas of Lesson 1, Unit 1

- Maps are representations of places. A map is **not** the place.
- People who create maps select and organize the features of territory to include in their maps.
- People's maps of the same place can look very different.

## WORD CARDS!

### representation

the description or \_\_\_\_\_ of someone or something in a particular way



**Example:** A map is a representation of an actual location or place.

- Do I understand this term?
- I could teach it!
  - I understand it!
  - I need more practice!

### three dimensional

having \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ (measurement from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_) and depth

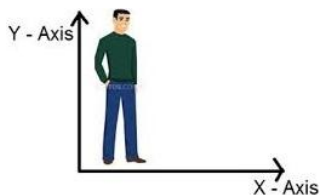


**Example:** The earth is a three dimensional object.

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### two dimensional

having \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ but no \_\_\_\_\_



**Example:** Maps depict the earth in a two dimensional way.

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  - I understand it!
  - I need more practice!

### map

a \_\_\_\_\_ representation of an \_\_\_\_\_



**Example:** Maps are representations of places, but not the actual places themselves.

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## continent

any of the world's  
\_\_\_\_\_ expanses  
of \_\_\_\_\_



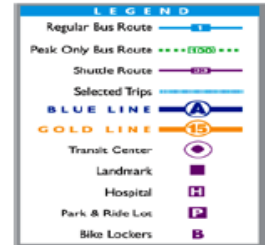
**Example:** Africa, Antarctica, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America, and South America are the seven continents of the world.

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## map key / legend

the \_\_\_\_\_ on a map  
explaining the \_\_\_\_\_



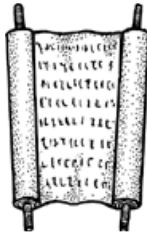
**Example:** When reading a look for the key/legend near the margin of the page. It is usually surrounded by an outline and explains every symbol shown on the map.

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## account

a report or \_\_\_\_\_ of  
an event or \_\_\_\_\_



**Example:** A map is an “account” of how the person who created the map “sees” the place they are representing. This is influenced by the person’s knowledge, purpose, and point of view.

Do I understand this term?

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 I need more practice!