

Map Interpretation Projects

Make a Key to Describe the City or Community or Nation—or even the World

Post a map of the area your class will study.

Divide the class into teams.

Assign one section of the map to each team.

Then each team makes a map key for their section. They put numbers on the map to show important features, which they list in the key.

Show Buildings in the Community/City

Give each student a piece of paper.

Tell them it represents one street in the community or city. It could be a street on which the student lives or another street. Just give each student one block.

Have students draw the "skyline" of their block and write sentences about it on the bottom half of the page.

Put all the block sheets together to show the streets of your neighborhood.

The Country in Your Classroom

Each student or pair of students makes an outline of one state on a piece of paper. They draw on the map to show features of the state. Then you assemble the country on a bulletin board or wall.