

## Objective

By the end of this lesson, the student will be able to understand and apply basic map reading skills, including orientation and the use of a compass.

## Materials and Prep

- A world map or a map of your local area
- A compass (if available)
- Paper and pencils

## Activities

1. **Map Exploration:** Start by examining the world map or local area map. Encourage the student to observe different countries, continents, and landmarks. Discuss the purpose and importance of maps in our daily lives.
2. **Compass Introduction:** Introduce the compass and explain its purpose in helping with orientation. Teach the student how to identify the cardinal directions (north, south, east, west) using the compass.
3. **Treasure Hunt:** Create a simple treasure hunt activity using clues and directions. Hide a small object in the house or backyard and provide the student with step-by-step directions using cardinal directions and landmarks. Let them use the compass if available.
4. **Create a Map:** Ask the student to create their own map of a fictional place or their neighborhood. Encourage them to include landmarks, roads, and cardinal directions. They can use symbols or colors to represent different elements.

## Talking Points

- "Maps help us find our way and understand where things are located."
- "A compass is a tool that shows us which way is north, south, east, and west."
- "When we read a map, we use the compass to know which direction we are facing."
- "The cardinal directions are like the main directions on a compass: north, south, east, and west."
- "We can use landmarks, such as buildings or mountains, to help us find our way on a map."
- "In a treasure hunt, we follow directions using the cardinal directions and landmarks to find the

hidden treasure."

- "Creating our own maps allows us to be creative and understand how different places are connected."