



Class Title: Green Map Explorers: An Introduction to Geography

Subjects Covered: Geography

Teacher Name: Alycia Martin

Class Day: Friday

Class Size: 12

Overall Class Cost: \$39

Individual Student Supply Fee: \$0

Class Fee: \$96

Ages or color group served: Green

What level is this class: Level 0

Prerequisites: NA

Graduation Requirements: NA

Homework Requirements: NA

Class Description:

Get ready to become a Map Explorer! In this fun, hands-on introduction to geography, students will learn the basic skills they need to understand and use maps. Through games, stories, movement activities, crafts, and real-world exploration, students will discover how maps help us understand the world around us.

Throughout the 12-week course, students will learn how to identify and use cardinal directions (north, south, east, and west) and ordinal directions (northeast, northwest, southeast, and southwest), recognize common map symbols, use a map key and compass rose, understand basic scale and distance, identify land and water features, and follow and give simple directions using a map.

Students will also explore different types of maps and learn how maps can represent places ranging from their classroom to their neighborhood, state, country, and the world.

This class will emphasize learning through play and exploration. Students may participate in compass-direction games, map scavenger hunts, treasure hunts, “follow the map” challenges, map puzzles, floor-map activities, crafts, and other interactive geography games.

The course will culminate in a real-world map-making project, where students work together to create a map of our classroom or school. Students will practice applying everything they have learned by deciding what to include, creating symbols and a map key, labeling important locations, adding a compass rose, and drawing routes between locations.

Goal: By the end of the course, students will have a fun foundational understanding of maps and geography and the confidence to look at a map and understand what it is showing them.

Week 1:

What is a map?

Week 2:

Map symbols and keys

Week 3:

The compass rose

Week 4:

Direction Detectives

Week 5:

Ordinal Directions

Week 6:

Following a map

Week 7:

Land and water on maps

Week 8:

Different kinds of maps

Week 9:

Maps and scale

Week 10:

Map making workshop

Week 11:

Map explorers project

Week 12:

Geography adventure