**Geography, STEAM and Map Making Ideas**

**for “Adventure Awaits” Family Reading Week Event**

**Travel/Road Trip Game:**

Display several books about transportation, travel, states and cities.

Print out US Map - <https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Map_of_USA_showing_state_names.png>

Print out US license plate art - <https://www.imom.com/road-trip-games-for-summer/#.XNzZ5Y5KiUk>

Print out 2 copies of the license plates and one 8½x11″ copy of the map. Cut apart all the license plates from one copy of the printable. Keep the second page of license plates together. I placed everything on a tray or a table along with a miniature vehicle.

Instruct children and their family members to pretend they are traveling the U.S. in the miniature vehicle. Have the children take turns closing their eyes and drawing a license plate from the bowl. Place the license plate on the page of license plates and drive the mini-vehicle to that state on the map.

See more Montessori-Inspired Travel Activities (free): <https://livingmontessorinow.com/free-travel-printables-and-montessori-inspired-travel-activities/>



**Map Science with Your Homemade Compass:**

[https://www.whatdowedoallday.com/map-science-with-homemade- compass](https://www.whatdowedoallday.com/map-science-with-homemade-compass)

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**Kids Take a Poll and Learn About Geography –**

**Data Visualization Activity:**

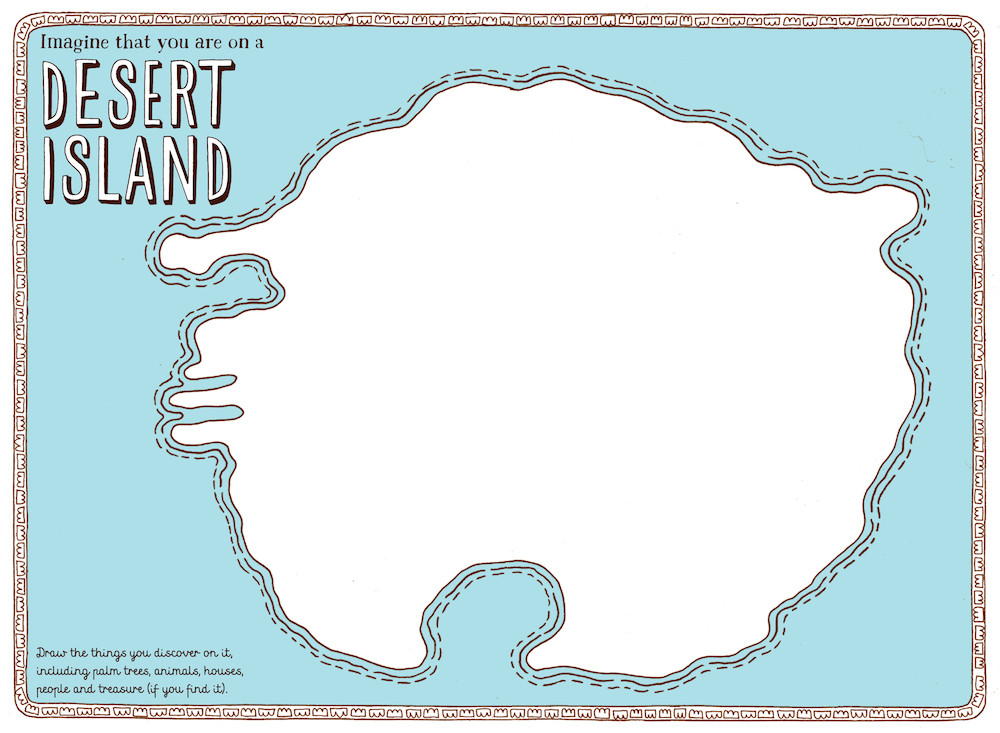
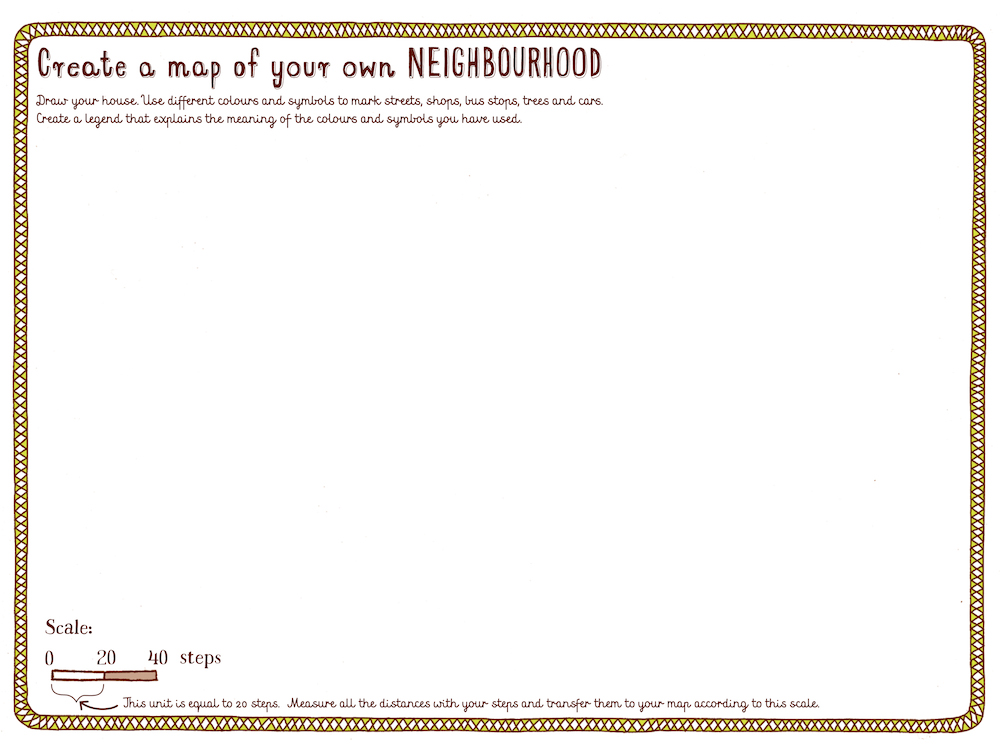
<https://kidworldcitizen.org/kids-take-a-poll-which-statescountries-have-you-visited/>

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**Three Map Making Activities:**

1. *We’re Going on a Bear Hunt* Map & Binoculars Children’s Book Activities: <https://buggyandbuddy.com/going-bear-hunt-map-activity/>
2. Make your own Treasure Map: <http://www.busybeekidscrafts.com/Pirate-Map.html>
3. Make your own Neighborhood Map or Imagine Your Own Desert Island:

<https://news.urbansitter.com/blog/crafty-kids-how-to-make-map-of-your-neighborhoodand-your-imagination>



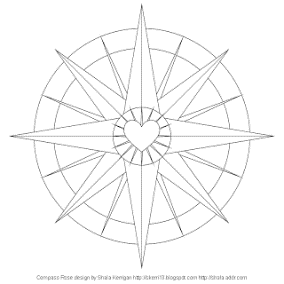


**Famous Landmarks STEAM Challenge:**

<https://www.destinationimagination.org/blog/famous-landmarks-steam-challenge/>

Or conduct your very own Cardboard Challenge of Famous Landmarks – invite kids of all ages to build any famous landmark using cardboard, other recycled materials and their imagination!

(Tip: Provide a poster board full of images of 10-20 famous landmarks to get the kids inspired.)



**General Map resources:**

Printable vintage maps: <https://www.remodelaholic.com/20-free-vintage-map-printable-images/>

Compass Rose coloring activity sheet: <http://www.donteatthepaste.com/2009/05/compass-rose-coloring-page.html>