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Maps of the World - Exploration Activity

Part One: **LOOK** at all of the maps for at least *10 seconds*. **FIND**:

- One thing you would like to know more about *(I wonder why...)*
- One thing you think you know or recognize *(I think I know...)*
- One thing you think is especially interesting *(I find it interesting that...)*

Part Two: Choose a map to **EXAMINE** carefully. **ANSWER** the questions (below) about it.

Map: _____ (put in the year it was made)

1. How is this map showing directions, if at all? *Check all that apply*:

Windheads? _____ Compass Rose? _____ Labels? _____ Longitude/Latitude? _____

A different way or not at all? Tell me more: _____

2. Where is north on this map? (*'At the top,' for example*) _____

3. Circle the continents shown: Africa Europe Asia North America

South America Antarctica Australia 'Terra Australis'

4. Imagine using this map for an ocean journey. What about this map would be helpful or harmful for that use? _____

Challenge Yourself:

• **Guess** the language used (*Hint: 'Nova' = Latin; 'Nouvelle' = French; 'Nieu' = Dutch*) _____

• Look at what part of the Earth is closest to the center of this map. Why might the mapmaker put this in the center of his/her map? _____

• Imagine that this is the only world map you have ever seen. What is something you might believe about the world? _____
