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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 is especially interesting *(I find it interesting that...)*
- One thing you think you know or recognize *(I think I know...)*

Part Two: Choose three maps to **EXAMINE** carefully. **ANSWER** the same seven questions (below) for each of them.

Map 1: _____ (put in the year it was made)

1. What language is used? (*'Nova'* = Latin; *'Nouvelle'* = French; *'Nieu'* = Dutch) _____
2. How is this map showing directions, if at all? _____

3. Where is north on this map? _____
4. What continents are shown? _____
5. Look at what part of the Earth is closest to the center of this map. Why would the mapmaker put this in the center of his/her map? _____

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

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

Map 2: _____ (put in the year it was made)

1. What language is used? (*'Nova'* = Latin; *'Nouvelle'* = French; *'Nieu'* = Dutch) _____
2. How is this map showing directions, if at all? _____

3. Where is north on this map? _____
4. What continents are shown? _____

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

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

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

Map 3: _____ (put in the year it was made)

1. What language is used? (*'Nova'* = Latin; *'Nouvelle'* = French; *'Nieu'* = Dutch) _____

2. How is this map showing directions, if at all? _____

3. Where is north on this map? _____

4. What continents are shown? _____

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

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

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