

Book Title: Where We Live

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Introduction

Begin by asking students:

- How would you describe where you live to someone who has never been here before?
- Would you be able to describe another community as well?

As we read this story, we will learn about where kids live in 16 different communities around the world.

Reading and Discussion

Because this book has a lot of detail, it might be best to split the areas up and only focus on a few at a time, using a globe to identify the various locations or pull up google maps to show current pictures of each location.

Review map vocabulary on pg. 5: compass rose, legend, scale bar

Possible discussion questions:

- Read through the first 3 locations (Cook Islands, Canada, US) and discuss:
 - What do these places have in common?
 - How are they different?
- Repeat with the next 3 locations (Honduras, Venezuela, Antarctica)
- Repeat with the next 3 locations (Spain, Netherlands, Romania)
- Repeat with the next 3 locations (Egypt, Ethiopia, Zambia)
- Repeat with the last 4 locations (Pakistan, India, China, Cambodia)
- What was most surprising to you about the communities we visited?

Activity:

Create a map of your community

Now that we have seen maps from different parts of the world, it's your turn to create a map of your community. Be sure to include the following features: school, hospital, church, main roads, your house, compass rose, legend, scale bar.

Rubric for Creating a Map of Your Community

CATEGORY	3	2	1
Required features	Your map includes the following features: school, hospital, church, two main roads, your house, compass rose, legend, scale bar.	Your map is missing some of the following features: school, hospital, church, two main roads, your house, compass rose, legend, scale bar.	Your map is missing many of the following features: school, hospital, church, two main roads, your house, compass rose, legend, scale bar.
Neatness	All of the locations are accurate and can be read easily.	Most of the locations are accurate and can be read easily..	Some of the locations are accurate, or locations may not be easy to read
Map Legend/Key	Legend is easy-to-find and contains a complete set of symbols, including a compass rose.	Legend is present but some items are missing from the legend.	Legend is missing or contains only a few items.
Spelling/ Capitalization	Most of the words on the map are spelled and capitalized correctly.	Some of the words on the map are spelled and capitalized correctly.	Few of the words on the map are spelled or capitalized correctly.
Neatness of Corrections and Colors	All changes have been neatly corrected and all features are colored completely.	Most changes have been neatly corrected and most features are colored completely.	Many lines, corrections of errors, and/or features are not neatly done.