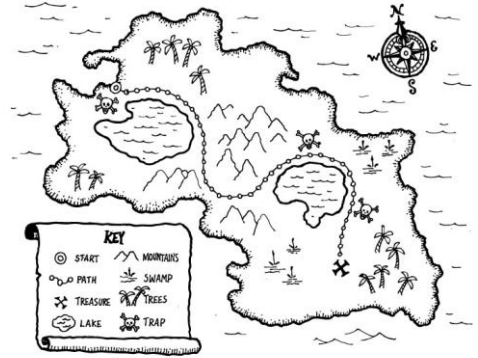


Make a Pirate Map:

Materials:

- large sheets of white paper 12x15"
- drawing paper
- tea
- pencils and erasers
- pens or fine-point markers
- basin or bowl for treating paper, drying rack

(Optional extras: rulers, rubber stamps and stamp pad, pirate stickers, ribbon)

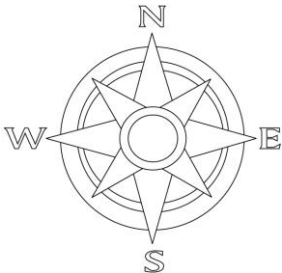


If you plan on treating the paper as part of the craft, plan for an interim activity as the paper dries, or use a hairdryer.

Brew up a cup of tea. While it cools, rip along the edges of your paper. Note that ripping in one direction is easier than against the grain.

Pour the tea into the basin. One at a time, dip the paper into the tea. Just getting it wet in the tea should be enough to stain it. The longer you leave it in, the deeper the stain. Hang it up to drip dry over a plastic tablecloth or sink. If you have a large number of participants, have more than one basin and a set drying rack area. Caution, the papers will stick to each other if left together to dry.

Talk to the kids about map symbols, especially the compass rose, and show examples of maps. I used a nice simple one from Matt McElligott's website- <http://matthewmcelligott.com/backbeardforhire/projects/Pirate-map.htm>. Have them use scrap paper and pencils to plan out their maps. They can get ideas from pirate books or map books.



When the paper is dry, the students can draw their maps in pencil and then go over them in pen. Remind them to put in the compass rose. Encourage the kids to make up a story about the treasure and who put it there. Is it dangerous to get there? What kind of treasure is it?

Have the children roll up their maps and tie them with ribbon to take home.