

## Find out about...

# Maps

### You will need

- A printed copy of these pages
- Felt tips or coloured pencils
- Paper
- Safe scissors
- Thin card from an old packet
- Glue or sellotape
- String

### and if you have them

*(but you can do without)*

- A roll of greaseproof paper

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Maps are a good way to show the world we live in.

**There are different kinds of maps.  
Follow the instructions to make  
your own...**

**road map**

**bird's eye view**

**coastline map**

Maps help us to find our way to somewhere we've never been, to remember what a place was like or to tell somebody else about a place we know.

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1. Mr Ogilby's road map from Exeter to Dorchester, Plymouth and Dartmouth published in 1695

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2. Hooker and Hogenberg's bird's eye view of Exeter in 1587, copied and coloured in many years later

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3. A bone map of a coastline from the Arctic

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1. Mr Ogilby's road map



2. Hooker and Hogenberg's bird's eye view



3. A bone map

### **Make a long thin road map.**

Imagine setting off from your home to go on one of your favourite journeys.

### **Where would you be going?**

### **Create your own map of the journey**

Make it long and thin like Mr Ogilby's road map.

1. Cut up paper or greaseproof paper into long strips.
2. Mark your home with a cross at the bottom of a strip.

3. Write the name of the place where you live.

4. Draw each part of your journey onto one strip.

### **You don't need much detail.**

Just show the main places you will pass.

These can be personal to you – will you pass your school, your friend's house, the local shop?



1. Mr Ogilby's road map

### **Fascinating facts:**

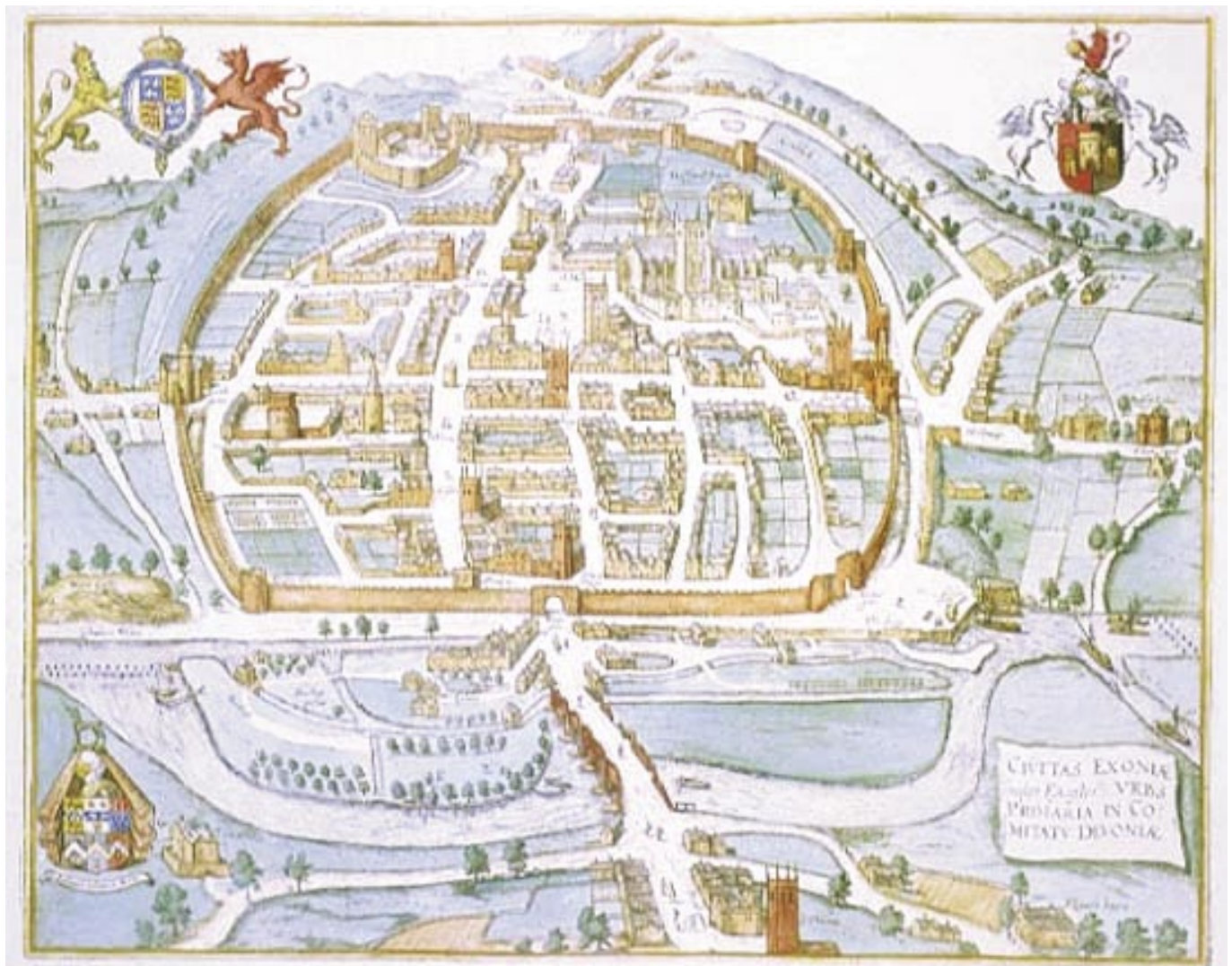
A man called John Ogilby came up with road maps of Britain just over 300 years ago. This was a new idea. The long, thin maps show hills and rivers to help travellers work out where they were, and sometimes showed pubs where travellers

could stay and let their horses rest. These scrolls start at Exeter (bottom left) then go through Heavitree to Clyst St Mary, then on to Lyme Regis ('Lime') ending at Dorchester (top right).

**Have you visited any of those places?**

### **Make a bird's eye view map.**

1. Sit quietly and close your eyes.  
Imagine you are flying high above your home.  
What can you see?
2. Pretend you are looking down as you fly up and up...  
Things seem to be getting smaller and smaller...  
Can you see little houses, roads, tiny cars, trees,  
the shapes of fields, the long wiggly river, some boats?
3. Make a big picture of what you see.  
Start by drawing the place where you are now right in the middle of the paper.



### **Fascinating facts:**

This bird's eye view is one of the earliest maps of any English town. It was made for the city in 1584-5. The imaginary bird is flying over St Thomas looking

across the river towards the city centre. The map shows just how much things have changed over 300 years.

### Make a pendant map of the horizon.

If you are west of the river in Exeter find a window where you can look across the river to the city centre. Can you see where the shapes of the buildings and trees seem to touch the sky?

What can you pick out?

Can you see the shape of the cathedral?

No other city looks quite like this.

1. Stick a piece of thin paper or greaseproof paper onto the window.
2. Draw a long wiggly line that follows the tops of everything you can see in front of the sky.
3. Take the paper down and save it.
4. Cut out a rectangle of card about 12cm by 5cm.
5. Trace the horizon line from the thin paper onto the rectangle. Turn it at each corner until you've used all four edges.
6. Cut out your map. Ask an adult to help you. Fix it to a string so that you can wear it.
6. Hold it up and match it to the skyline you drew.



### Fascinating facts:

The Curator of Ethnography at RAMM explains:

This is a map showing a section of rugged coastline from the eastern Arctic and has been carved onto a piece of animal bone; they are commonly carved from driftwood. Maps like this one were made and used by the Inuit people more than 300 years ago.

They took these maps with them when they were out in the dangerous coastal waters hunting in

kayaks (small boats), if it was dropped in the water it would float. A piece of cord or leather goes through the small hole so it can be worn as a pendant (like a necklace). The hunter would sit in the boat and feel the map rather than look at it, as there are few hours of daylight during certain times of the year.

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