

Ideas for Using Mapmaker's Toolkit from Tom Snyder Productions

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Five Themes

1. Location: Position on Earth's Surface

Describe location of a place on map by what is North, South, West, East of it.
Students can give clues to each other to guess "secret places."

2. Place: Physical and Human Characteristics

Use theme maps to compare population density of various places-look at geographical characteristics of same
Compare temperature, precipitation and vegetation of various places

3. Relationships Within Places

Use population density maps to offer reasons why people live where they do.

4. Movement: People Interacting on Earth

Use world map and border fill tool to rank top five countries from which immigrants arrived in United States in 1850, 1910 and now. Compare patterns.

5. Regions: How They Form and Change

Redraw boundaries of a continent based on language, landforms, economics, ethnic groups or religion.

Other Activities

Make:

Travel Brochure

Atlas

Map Puzzle

Product Maps

Map Explorer's Routes

Trade Routes

War Battles

Immigration patterns

Election Results