



# Treasure Hunt

The purpose of today's activity is to go create your own adventure through map making and completing an obstacle course. By doing so we will challenge both our minds and our bodies and in the end find the treasure!

Materials needed:

- Paper
- Markers, Crayons, or Colored Pencils
- A treasure of your choosing!

Introduction

- A'hoi Maties! In this activity we will create a treasure map that guides us through wild, unpredictable island landscape to help us find our hidden treasure! Follow the steps below to create your own map, then use the map to navigate on your adventure!

Step 1. Create a Treasure Map

- Arg! Pirates are coming after you and you need to hide your treasure before they get to you and take your treasure! In order to make a map we must know what elements our map needs! Our maps need:
  - A title so we know what island we buried our treasure on
  - A compass rose to tell us which direction to hold the map.
  - A legend or a key so we know how to identify the symbols on our map
- Map creation (Reference pictures at the bottom for additional help)
  - First, to make our map look a little beat up we can tear some of the paper from the outer edge of the paper
  - Outline your map in a thin brown marker then shade it in lightly with a brown colored pencil
  - Next, think of a fun title to add to your treasure map: \_\_\_\_\_'s Treasure Map or Skull Island Treasure map and write it across the top of your paper
  - After that, put your compass rose on the paper and include N, E, S, W directions. Make sure north is pointing upward on your map!
  - Then, add obstacles on your map that you would find on an island. Remember you are trying to hide your treasure so the more obstacles the better!
    - Try adding objects like mountains, barbed wire, a fire, a pit of snakes, a volcano, a giant squid, a band of thieves and any other obstacles you can think of!
    - Make sure you spread out your obstacles on your map
    - As an added challenge for older girls, create the map based off of real objects in your home or yard. Turn a couch into Skull Mountain or some toys on the ground into snakes!
  - Finally draw a dotted line weaving through the obstacles with an X marks the spot to where your treasure is!
- Make the Legend
  - Now pirates, we will create a legend! The legend will tell us the secret of how to navigate through all our obstacles so only we and our band of friendly pirates know how to get to the treasure!
  - On the back of your map draw a box and title it 'Key' or 'Legend'.
  - In your Legend box you will draw small pictures of all of the obstacles on your map.
  - Next to each obstacles write the secret of how you get across your obstacles. For example:
    - Barbed Wire – get down on your stomach and use your arms and legs to crawl underneath it!
    - Pit of snakes – hop back and forth switching between feet 10 times to avoid all the snakes
    - Giant Squid – give her a big hug (she is friendly and no one else knows it but you!)

- Think of your own and add them to the map!

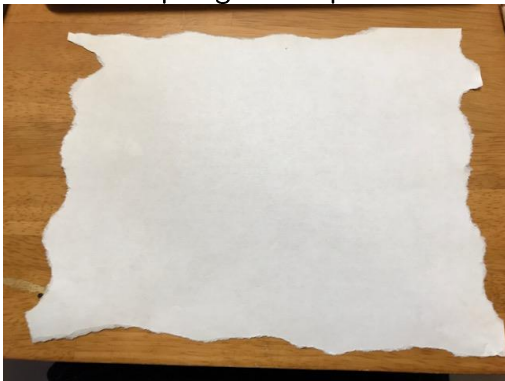
Step 2: Use your map to find your treasure!

- To find our treasure we must first hide our treasure. Choose an object such as a stuffed animal, toy or another object and hide or place it somewhere in your house or yard.
- Now, pretend that you have arrived back at the island after a year and you need to find the treasure using your map!
- Follow the map and navigate through all your obstacles to find your treasure!

For more fun, dress up like a pirate and invite your siblings to join! Or, create a treasure map for someone else and see if they can find your treasure! See how many obstacles you can overcome to get to your treasure!

Pictures of Map Design

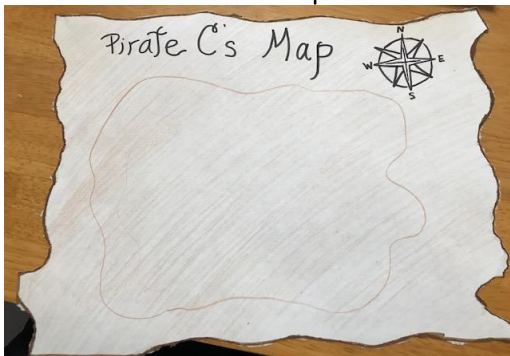
Rip Edges of Paper



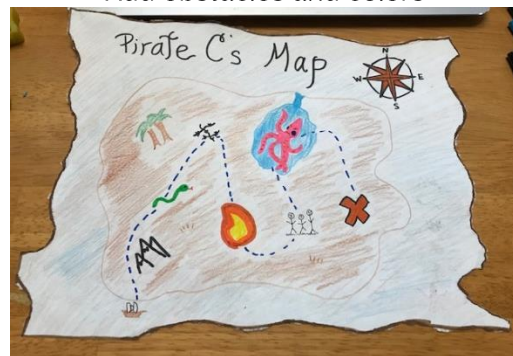
Outline edges in brown marker and shade with brown pencil



Add Title and Compass Rose



Add obstacles and colors



Add the legend on the back

