The Art of Cartography
Hand-drawn maps depict more than just the location of a place and offer personal expressions of the artist. And maps are definitely works of art.

This guide features maps drawn by students from the Burris Laboratory School art classes. Other maps are from atlases available in the Ball State University Libraries. The GIS Research and Map Collection (GRMC) on the second floor of Bracken Library also includes hand-drawn maps in its collection.

The first map is a detailed description of the artist’s hometown showing her favorite routes to her boyfriend’s house. The second map is a hometown map drawn by a Burris elementary student of Muncie, Indiana. Maps of countries, cities, and even fictional places are included. Some of the maps serve as political cartoons. Some of the creations include maps as a backdrop or a part of a mosaic piece.

Hopefully this guide will offer inspiration for creating maps in the classroom as an art—not necessarily geography—project.

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From The Bottom To The Top

South East

South West

North
SpongeBob Squarepants’ world
DAVID RYAN ROBINSON
HAND DRAWN MAP OF LONDON

As a newcomer to London, David Ryan Robinson challenged himself to map the city as a way of becoming familiar with all of its areas. Developed in the lead-up to the London 2012 Olympic Games, this hand drawn map illustrates the city's landmarks including the Olympic Park. By mixing humorous details with the accuracy of a street map, the map brings out the personality of the city.

LONDON/UK, 2012, PERSONAL PROJECT
Your Crap Town