



MAP DETECTIVE

Use maps to uncover where a country is, what it is like, and how it connects to other places.



YOUR MISSION

Locate the country, build a useful map, and write three clues that could identify it without naming it.

○ NAME _____



○ DATE _____



○ COUNTRY _____



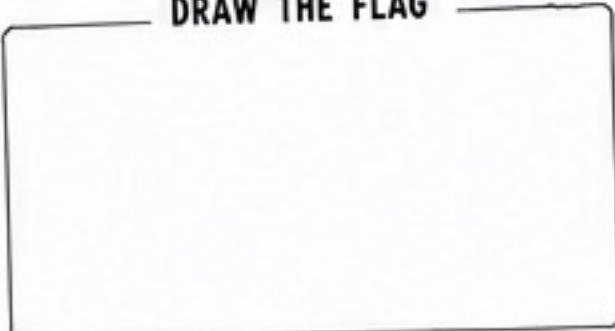
○ BOOK _____



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QUICK SNAPSHOT

DRAW THE FLAG



One color or symbol means...

○ CAPITAL _____

○ LANGUAGES SPOKEN _____

○ CURRENCY _____

○ CONTINENT _____

○ One broad region it is part of: _____

○ One fact I want to remember: _____

○ _____

○ _____

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BUILD YOUR MAP

Add a blank country map or sketch its outline. Then turn it into a useful reference map.

MAP CHECK

☐ capital

☐ neighbor

☐ body of water

☐ physical feature

☐ compass rose

☐ map key



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CRACK THE LOCATION CODE

① Where in the world is it?

② What is it near?

③ What geographic feature stands out?



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COMPARE TWO MAPS

Choose two maps that show different kinds of information.

MAP A

What kind of map is it?

One important detail I notice...

MAP B

What kind of map is it?

One important detail I notice...

PUT THE MAPS TOGETHER

What pattern becomes visible when you compare them?

What might explain this pattern?

What evidence supports or changes your idea?

MAP DETECTIVE REMINDER

Maps reveal patterns, but they do not always explain why those patterns exist. Check your idea with another source.



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FIND THE COUNTRY'S REGIONAL CONNECTIONS

GEOGRAPHIC REGION

A region connected by land, climate, water, or another physical feature.

Region: _____

Why does it fit?



ANOTHER KIND OF REGION

A region connected by language, culture, history, economics, or politics.

Region: _____

Why does it fit?



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CLOSE THE CASE



MY MOST INTERESTING DISCOVERY



BOOK CONNECTION



SOURCE TRAIL