

# Map Work

Explore Your World is a geography course. There are a variety of activities included in this course to guide your child in learning about the world. One of the most important activities I've included is the map drills. Each continent studied will include a blank map and a map with the country borders.

Map drills are a simple way to study geography. Each week you will complete two map drills. On Day 1 give your child the appropriate outline map (with country borders) and ask them to fill in as much as they can from memory. When they are finished, give them an atlas and have them correct their mistakes and fill in the rest of the map. On Day 3, repeat this process. By the time you are done studying a continent, your child will have become quite familiar with the locations and shapes of countries and help them see the big picture. By the end of the year, they'll be comfortable locating any country on a world map.

Use the completely blank maps for more advanced map work – can they draw in the borders of countries? You can use these to show climate, famous landmarks, biomes, rivers and mountains, etc.