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Worksheet To Accompany USGS Map Adventures Teaching Packet

Lesson 5: Learning Directions On A Map



Maps use standard directions. The standard directions are north, south, east and west. The top of the map is north and the bottom of the map is south. The following poem is a good way to remember the directions on a map.

<i>Never</i>	North
<i>Eat</i>	East
<i>Soggy</i>	South
<i>Wheat</i>	West

Start at the top of the map and go clockwise. **North, East, South, West**

Think More About It

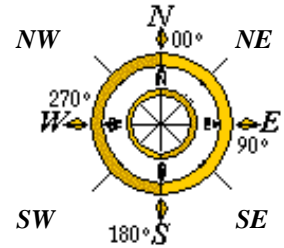
What direction would you have to walk to get from the star to the dinosaur slide?

What direction would you have to walk to get from the star to the barn?

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There are many times when things aren't directly north, south, east, or west of each other.

There are four more directions which are used to describe directions on maps.



Northeast
Southeast
Southwest
Northwest

Northeast is between north and east. Southeast is between east and south. Southwest is between south and west. Northwest is between west and north.

What direction would you have to walk to get from the star to the carousel?

What direction would you have to walk to get from the star to the lake?

Cut out the pictures of Nikki and her mom on the next page.

Place Nikki somewhere on the map of the park.

Place Nikki's mom somewhere else on the map of the park.

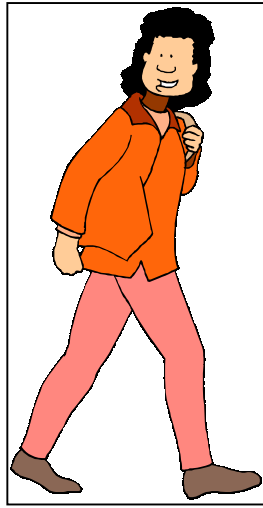
What direction would Nikki's mom have to walk to get to Nikki?

Move Nikki's mom.

What direction does she have to walk to get to Nikki now?

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Cut out the pictures of Nikki's mom and Nikki.



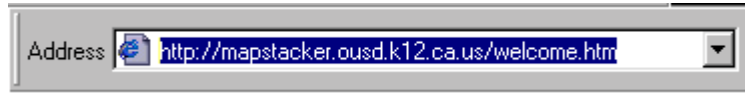
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MAP CENTER Practice Session 5

Let's use MAP CENTER to review directions on a map.

Getting To Map Center

There are several ways to get to MAP CENTER on the world wide web. The fastest way from any computer is to type the address of the MAP CENTER computer in the Address box of your web browser.



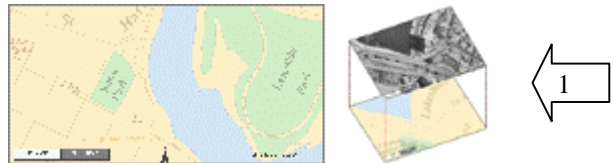
The address for MAP CENTER is

<http://mapstacker.ousd.k12.ca.us/welcome.htm>.

Most computers at District sites have the District's web page as their home page. If you are already on the District's home page, the easiest way to get to MAP CENTER is to click on the **Map Center** link in the **FEATURES** section.



1. Click on the **Interactive Maps** picture.



2. Click on the **Find an intersection:** button.

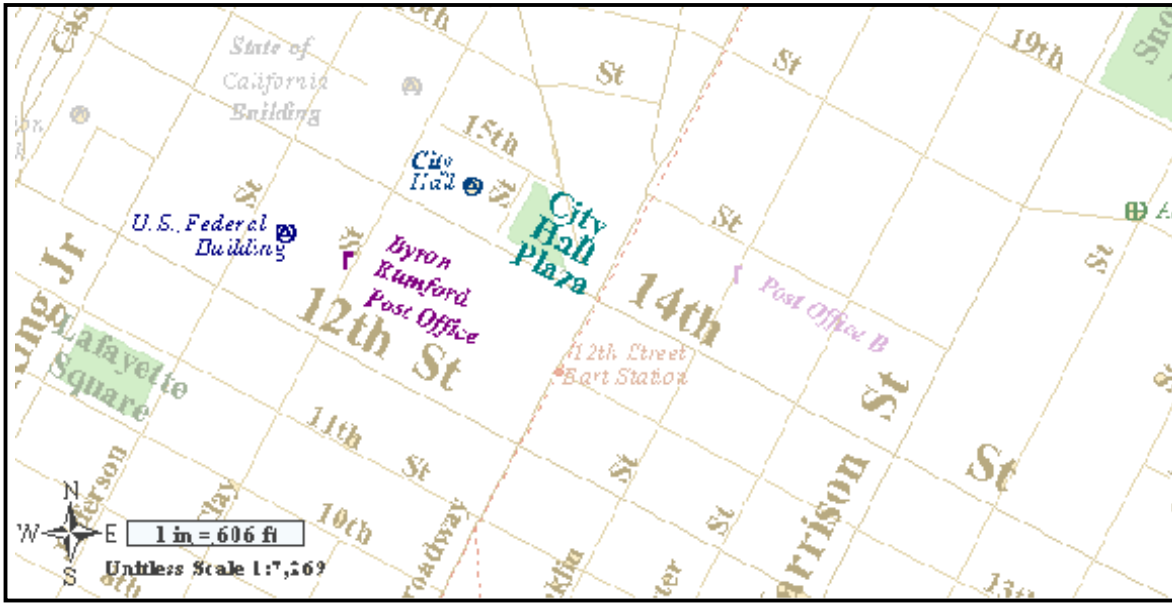


3. Click on the **Reference Map** picture.



MAP CENTER displays a map with the middle of where 14th Street meets Broadway in the middle of the map.

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What direction would you have to walk to get from the Byron Rumford Post Office to City Hall Plaza?

What direction would you have to walk to get from City Hall Plaza to the U.S. Federal Building?

Birthday Party!

Pretend you are having a birthday party at the dinosaur slide in the park in Nikki's Adventure. All of your friends will be coming in the **south** gate of the park. Fill out the directions on the invitation below using map directions.

Come To My Birthday Party Dinosaur Slide In The Park

Date: _____

Time: _____

Directions:

Come in by the south gate.
