

MAPWORK & JOURNAL ACTIVITIES



Overview

Designed to complement each country study, the Global Explorers mapwork and journal activities provide a flexible way for students to document their discoveries while practicing essential geography and research skills. They are meant to encourage curiosity and allow students to creatively record what they are learning along the way.

Each country study includes:

- a Global Explorers Journal page
- a mapwork activity sheet (blank outline map + labeling prompts)
- a mapwork lesson plan

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How to Use the Global Explorers Journal & Mapwork Activity

- ✓ Print the **Global Explorers Journal** and encourage students to research key facts about the country they're studying.
- ✓ Use the **mapwork activity** for practicing geography skills, such as labeling capital cities, major rivers, mountains, and other important features.
- ✓ Both these activities can be completed independently or integrated into morning baskets, learning portfolios, classroom centers, or geography units.

Recommended Supplemental Resources

- ✓ **Countries of the World: Our World in Pictures (DK Our World in Pictures):** Provides students with a geographic map, plus basic information and facts about each country.
- ✓ **Smithsonian Children's Illustrated Atlas:** Contains additional information about each country, plus fascinating maps to peruse.
- ✓ **Google Earth:** Explore the country's landscape from a bird's eye view.
- ✓ **The Global Explorers Book List:** Find handpicked book recommendations to enrich your country studies and inspire further exploration.
- ✓ **National Geographic Kids:** A free resource that provides students with basic country information and photographs. Visit <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/geography/countries>.

