

Teacher's Notes

In this activity, students work collaboratively to explore sections of old and new maps. By closely examining these documents, students learn to see maps as more than just tools for locating places. This activity prompts students to grapple with the basic elements of the World Around Us (Northern Ireland Primary Curriculum Key Stage 2) and Social, Environmental and Scientific Education (Ireland Primary School Curriculum Years 4-6)

The maps in this resource can be freely modified and reproduced in the classroom only.

Learning Opportunities

- Using maps to understand the physical world and how it has changed over time
- Researching the history and geography of the area
- Developing historical skills to identify chronologies
- Using aerial photographs to recognise landmarks and manmade features
- Exploring technological changes in transportation and in particular how the waterways has changed from a means of transporting goods to a source of recreation
- Using appropriate websites to download further maps and images
- Developing communication skills in interviewing local people and presenting their work to the class
- Producing their own maps of their local area

Irish Primary Schools Curriculum Links

Social, Environmental and Scientific Education

Strands:

- **History** - Local Studies / Life, society, work and culture in the past / Continuity and change over time
- **Geography** – Human environments / Natural environments / Environmental awareness and care

Arts: Strand: Drawing

Northern Ireland Primary Schools Curriculum Links

The World Around Us: History / Geography

Strands:

- Interdependence / Place / Movement and Energy / Change over time

Language and Literacy

- Talking and Listening / Reading / Writing

The Arts_Art and Design

- Engage with observing, investigating, and responding to first hand experiences, memory and imagination

EXPLORING MAPS

Ireland was first mapped in 1824 when it took over 2,000 people to complete it at the time. Today, computers allow maps to be produced quickly and in digital form.

'Exploring Maps' introduces some of the maps from the Waterways Ireland Archive collection as well as some GIS maps. It will give an understanding of how and why an area changes over time, and to consider that maps can be created for a number of different purposes.

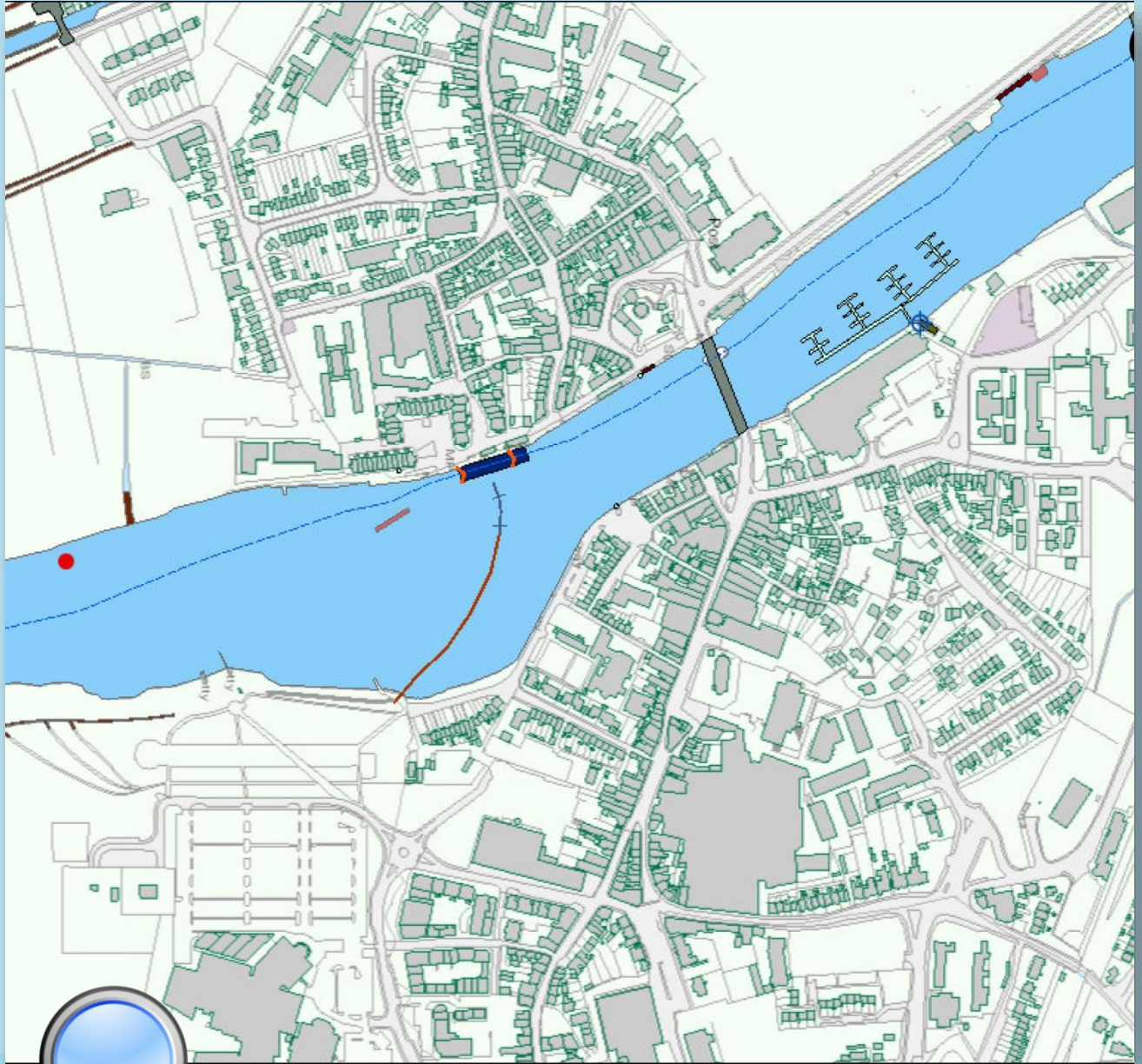
Source 1: 1845 Drawing of Athlone, Waterways Ireland Archive



Use a magnifying glass to help you!

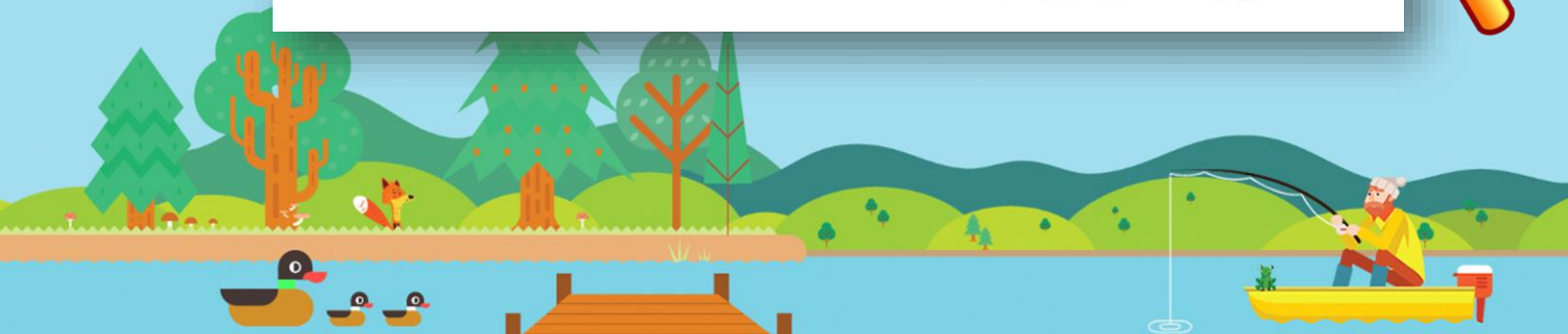
EXPLORING MAPS

Source 2: GIS image of Athlone 2017, Waterways Ireland



Waterways Ireland
Uiscebealach Éireann Watterweys Airlann

The map displays the Athlone area, featuring the River Shannon flowing through it. Key roads include the N6, R446, and R915. Landmarks such as the Athlone Bypass, Athlone Town Stadium, and the Athlone Community College are marked. The map also shows various residential areas and parks, including Burgess Park and Golden Island. A scale bar at the bottom indicates distances in miles (0 to 0.8) and kilometers (0 to 0.9). A north arrow is located in the bottom right corner.



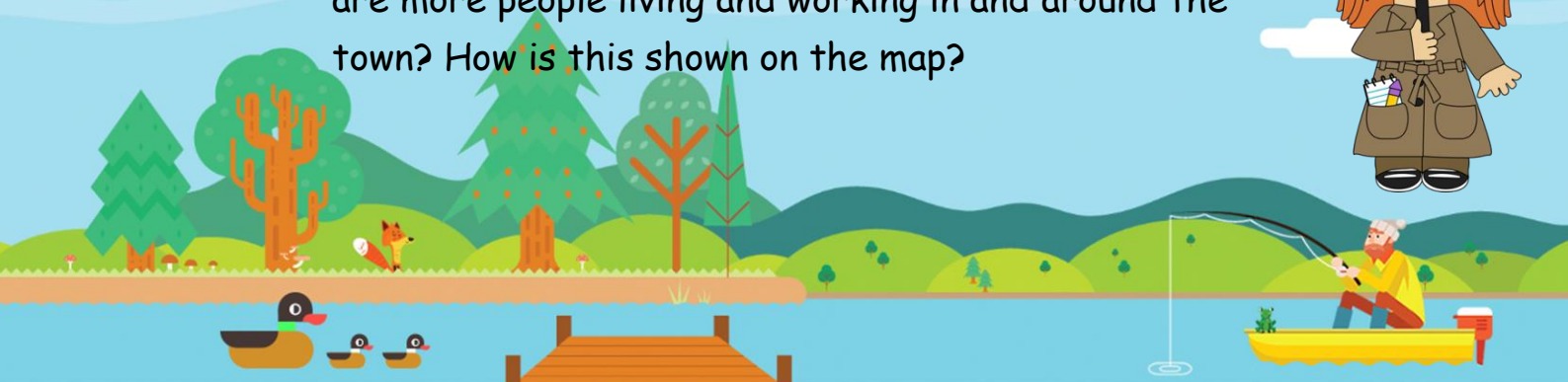
Did you know this
1832 map is the
earliest map of
Enniskillen??

Mapping Detectives!

Activity 1: Change over time

Examine the 1832 map of Enniskillen and the Enniskillen today map to compare how the town has changed over time.

1. What is the main difference between both maps?
2. Looking at the old map, name all the streets you would travel along to get from The Fair Green to Rossory?
 - a. Have any of the street names changed looking at the modern map?
 - b. What are the new street names?
3. The railway came to Enniskillen in 1854 and left in the 1960's. Can you see any signs of the old railway on either map?
4. Name 5 buildings or features on the old map that are missing from the new map?
5. Looking at the Enniskillen today map do you think there are more people living and working in and around the town? How is this shown on the map?





Mapping Detectives!

Activity 2: Lower Lough Erne Navigation Symbols Map

Use the symbols in the key on the left of the map to see if you can find the answers to the following questions:

1. Where can you find a speed limit symbol and why do you think there is a speed limit in these locations ?
2. Where can you find overhead wire symbols? Why do you think we need to put overhead wire symbols on a map?
3. Why do you think there are navigation markers around the islands and along the shore line? *HINT - they are important for boat users!*
4. Can you find Portora Lock? Why do you think we need locks on the navigation?
5. How many bridges can you find on map 3? Are there any missing?
6. If you were on Inish Doney name the nearest island going north?



Class Activity No. 2: Create a Map of Your Local Area

Learning Objectives: To enable students to discuss, name and visit places of interest in their local area. This could be the area surrounding the school. Research their area online comparing old maps with modern ones to find out how the area might have changed over time. Check out Map Viewer on www.osi.ie for locations in Ireland and for locations in Northern Ireland <https://apps.spatialni.gov.uk/EduSocial/PRONIApplication/>



Method:

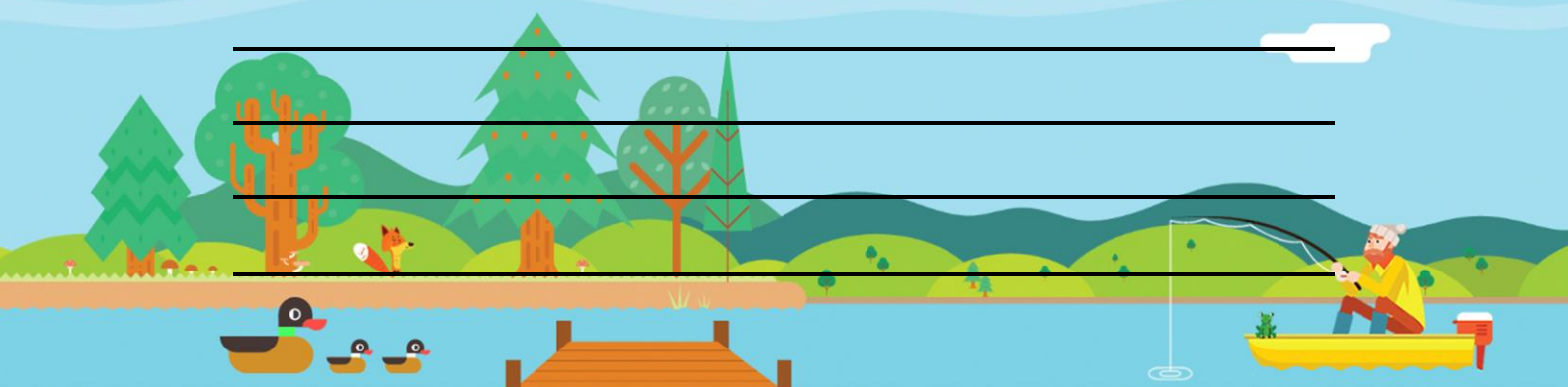
- Explain to the class that they are going to create a map of their own area
- Divide the class into pairs or small groups
- On a blank sheet have the pupils draw an outline of the local area
- Create a list of the common buildings and features in the area and agree on symbols to represent these. Ask pupils to write these symbols on the side of their page.
- If possible go on a field trip to visit some place of interest in the area.
- Take photographs of these places. If you know any older people in the area, ask if you can interview them to see how the area has changed over time i.e. has the buildings or the main street in the town changed in the last generation or has the shops changed name?
- Back in the class room get the pupils to draw an enlarged map so that the places of interest photos can be included in the correct location on the map. Write descriptions of the areas and research those areas online to include in the final map.
- Complete the map with all areas of interest included. Present your findings to the class.



Materials: Paper & pens, markers, clipboards if possible, camera to record field trip.

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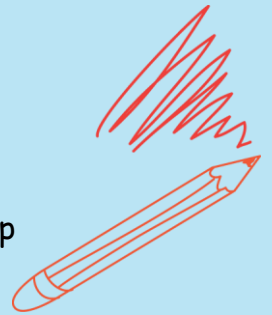
Name places of interest in your local area

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Worksheet 2

Interview a person from the area

Write a list of questions to ask a person who lives nearby and knows about a place of interest in the area. Compile the questions as a group and make sure to get as much information as you can.



Q1.

Q2.

Q3.

Q4.

Q5.

Q6.

Tell me about....



Worksheet 3

Assessment of maps

Who?
What?
Where? How?

Write down any questions you would like to ask the other groups after seeing their maps presented.

Q1. _____

Q2. _____

Q3. _____

Q4. _____

Q5. _____

Q6. _____

