Louisiana
Maps & Features
Outcomes:

I can describe characteristics and uses of various types of maps.
* political and physical maps

I can engage effectively in collaborative discussions.
* maintain eye contact
We have been looking at how to define a place we know as Louisiana, but there are also places we can look at inside of our state.

Let's focus on Louisiana and the places inside of our state by using different maps of Louisiana!
Maps can show us many different things about a place such as the rivers in the area, the population of the area, roads in the area, and other features of the place.
View the maps on pages 3 and 6 in your workbook.

What do you notice about them? How are they similar? How are they different?
This is a political map.

Political maps like this show features that are not natural.

Ex) borders of parishes, states, or countries
This is a physical map.

Why do you think this is called a physical map?
What do you notice about Louisiana in Map #1?
In Map #4, we can see borders of other states and rivers. How are these two features related?
In these maps, we can see that Louisiana's borders are influenced by rivers.

Do you see any rivers that create borders around our state?
Do you notice any borders within our state?
We are the only state that has parishes. This is another thing that makes Louisiana **UNIQUE**.

Let's locate our parish on the political map on page 3.
When you look at the state of Louisiana, what does the shape remind you of?
Let's get your Social Studies Journals!

Draw an outline of Louisiana from memory.
Include physical features on your map.
(examples- rivers that border Louisiana)
Compare the map that you drew to the maps on pages 3-10.

What similarities and differences do you see between the map you drew and the maps of Louisiana?
Now that we have a clear idea about the state in our minds, we’re going to look inside the state to focus on our parish and our local community.
What type of map is this?

What does it show?

Locate the parish in which we live.
Just like Louisiana is a part of the United States, our parish is a part of Louisiana.

In each of these parishes, there are communities.
Let's search for our local community on Google Earth.

We will start with our state then slowly zoom into our parish and local community!
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