

Worksheet 2. Maps of Home

Student Name _____ Date _____

Step 1.

Make a list of places that you love or have meaning in your day-to-day life.

Places might include your personal spaces:

- Bedroom
- favorite chair
- favorite room
- places around the house or neighborhood in which you like to spend time

These might also include places you go on a regular basis:

- school and after-school activity locations
- friends' houses
- family members' houses

Places might include locations that have special importance for you but maybe do not have special meaning for anyone else:

- areas where important things happened (broke an arm; first caught the bus; lost tooth)
- areas personalized (forts; play houses; fields transformed into play spaces)
- pathways frequented (the way to a friend's house; the walk home from the bus)

Language of Place: Hopi Place Names, Poetry, Traditional Dance and Song

Step 2.

On a separate sheet of paper, sketch a map of those places.

Label them with names that reflect their importance to you. You may invent a name or rename those places that need a more significant or meaningful name.

Step 3.

Carefully study and think about your map. Answer the following questions:

What does the map say about you as a person?

How does it reflect what matters to you?

How does it reflect what is meaningful?

What relationships, experiences, or connections are apparent in your map?

What do the place names you gave to your place say about you?