

# A SIMPLE WORLD MAP

*Geography for Life: The National Geographic Standards, 1995*, stressed the importance of children knowing how to draw a map of the world. It suggested using simple ovals for each continent. We loved the idea and created this lesson for *Draw Write Now®*, Book 7.



## THINGS TO NOTICE

1. The Equator goes through the middle of Africa. The Prime Meridian is on the edge of the continent.
2. Australia is close to the Equator and the edge of the paper. It is much smaller than Africa. South America is closer to Africa than Australia is to Africa. (The mouth of the Amazon River is at the Equator.)
3. Antarctica is at the South Pole, the base of the Prime Meridian.
4. Asia is close to the top and right edge of the paper. It touches the Equator and connects to Africa.
5. Europe is directly above Africa and is connected to Asia. The Prime Meridian goes through England.
6. North America is close to the top edge of the paper, the Equator and the left edge of the paper.

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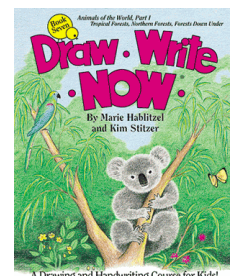
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# TEACHING TIPS

## PREPARE THE PAPER

Fold a sheet of 8-1/2 x 11" paper into quarters. Reopen the paper, and position it horizontally on the desk. The horizontal fold line is the Equator, and the vertical fold line is the Prime Meridian. The North Pole is at the top of the Prime Meridian and the South Pole at the bottom.

## MODEL OF EARTH

Refer to a globe and explain that the globe and the flat map being drawn are representations of Earth. The points and lines help us read a map.

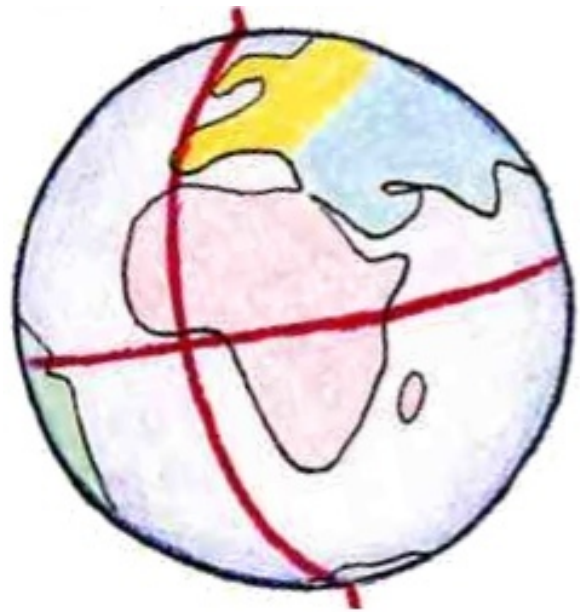
**NORTH POLE & SOUTH POLE:** the northern and southern points of Earth's axis of rotation.

**EQUATOR:** the horizontal imaginary line that circles the globe, halfway between the two poles.

**PRIME MERIDIAN:** the vertical imaginary line running from the North Pole to the South Pole through Greenwich, England.

## COLOR THE CONTINENTS

Color each continent using a crayon, shifting the edges or enlarging the oval to adjust the scale and proportion of the continent. (The instructions show the continents outlined, but it's best to omit outlining or leave outlining to the end.)



## LABELING

**CONTINENT NAMES:** Encourage the children to write the continent names horizontally and to try to keep the lettering size consistent.

**NORTH, SOUTH:** Prime Meridian—mark N at the top and S at the bottom.

**EAST, WEST:** Equator—mark E on the right edge of the paper, W on the left.

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