

## Lesson plan

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## View from Overhead

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**Key points**

- A map is a drawing, usually on a flat surface, of a part of the Earth.
- Many maps show an overhead view.
- A map is used by people to locate places on the Earth's surface.

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**Lesson objective**

- Students will develop an understanding of the overhead view presented by most maps.

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**Materials needed for this lesson**

- Illustration 2, showing a view of the park from above the ground.
- Illustration 3, showing a map of the park from overhead.

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**Suggestions for teaching this lesson (30-minute lesson)**

- To begin the lesson, show illustration 3. Have the students locate the same four items as in lesson 2. Ask them how they look different in this view. From above, the trees may look like circles and the buildings like squares. Explain that although this is an unfamiliar view, it is the one used in most maps.
- Point out the rolled up map in the leather bag. Ask the students how Nikki might use the map.
- Lead a class discussion about where students have seen maps and what different uses they have.
- Tell the students you will read more about Nikki's adventure and then read the final story box.

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**Suggested subjects for discussion and writing exercises**

- How would an overhead picture of our classroom look different than a picture from the door?
- I have seen maps in...
- Who might use maps in their work? Why would you need a map (to get to grandparents, toy store, vacation spots, etc.)?
- Draw a map of an island and describe what is located on your island.