

Map Symbols

I like to study globes and maps
Of places near and far.
The water's blue, the land is green,
A city is a star.
A town's a dot, small and black,
And roads will take you there and back.

Wiggly lines are rivers blue,
Red lines are highways straight.
Black lines abound to show us roads
And streets and paths to take.
And lines around the zoo or park
Are boundaries, the edge to mark.

A church can be a cross and square
Flags often mean a school
Green shapes for trees, mountains brown,
Rectangle blue - a pool.
All these things on maps I see.
What other symbols can there be?

Arlene Phillips

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Symbols

Here is a list of symbols you should have found in the poem, "Map Symbols". What maps in the classroom collection show these symbols. Put the number of the maps from our collection beside each of these symbols from the poem.

1. blue for water _____
2. green for land _____
3. star for a city _____
4. black dot for a town _____
5. blue wiggly lines for rivers _____
6. red lines for highways _____
7. black lines for roads, streets, paths _____
8. boundary lines _____
9. a cross and square for a church _____
10. flag for a school _____
11. green tree shapes _____
12. brown for mountains _____
13. blue rectangle for a pool _____

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1. Review the symbols from the poem "Map Symbols" by Arlene Phillips.
2. Now make a list of other symbols you can find on our classroom collection.

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Input Suggestions

Poetry (Memorizing Activity)

The following four poems by Arlene Phillips can be used for memory exercises. A lesson on punctuation and poetry reading could be incorporated here.

Divide the class into four groups & give each group a different poem.

Give the group 15 minutes to learn the poem & work out a way to present it to the class.

Each group presents their poem.

Repeat this activity by having the groups exchange poems and plan another presentation.