

Activity #2

From Here to There

Students will practice finding their way with MapQuest. A short YouTube tutorial <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4e-DAvehF9U> explains the ins and outs of using MapQuest.

Materials

- The Internet with access to MapQuest
- Paper and pencil to write down the answers

Directions

1. Consider the state of Florida, and all the interesting places you could go. Choose one destination in Florida that you would like to visit this year.
2. Access [Map Quest](#)
3. In the upper left corner click the "Get Directions" button.
4. Type in the student's home address (A) and then the place you want to visit (B). You can type in the exact address, or the general name like SeaWorld, Orlando.
5. Click the "Get Directions" button. Now you will be the detective and search for the following information. Write down your answers and be prepared to share them with the class. Look in the upper left corner for the following information:
 - A. How many miles is it to your destination?
 - B. How long (in hours and minutes) will it take you to get there?
 - C. Is there more than one route to get there?
6. Now, look at the map itself.
 - A. Find the scale in the lower left corner. How many miles are represented in 1 inch?
 - B. Find the compass. Is north pointing straight up?
 - C. Find the zoom in/zoom out button and give it a try.
 - D. Find the traditional map button, and the satellite button in the upper right corner. Which do you prefer - map or satellite?
7. Share your destination story with the class.