Activities

#1 Where is the Military Today?

Students will learn about active military bases in Florida by consulting a military base website and use Bachmann's map as a template to craft their own modern day bird's eye view map.

Materials

- The Internet with access to http://militarybases.com/florida/ and a search engine
- Bachmann's map
- Drawing materials

Directions

- 1. Consult Bachmann's map and look at the military detail locations and artistic details like ships, forts, railroads, etc.
- 2. Consult the military base website for information about current military installations. Students may know of other installations and want to use a search engine for a more exhaustive list by searching individual branches of the military (Army, Navy, Air Force, etc.)
- 3. Use Bachmann's map as an example to draw a bird's eye view of Florida with modern-day military detail. Remember to label, create a key and use some artistic license.



#2 Can You Cartouche?

Bird's eye view maps are intriguing because they provide an interesting and unusual look at geography. Cartographers often use artistic cartouches as a way to add descriptive words to their maps. Students will examine a modern bird's eye view map of Florida by Unique Media to discern the theme of the map and cartouches from other maps as examples of this art form. They will develop a cartouche (picture/illustration) that describes the newer map.

Materials

- The Unique Media map http://www.wall-maps.com/unique media/Florida.htm
- Cartouches
- Writing materials

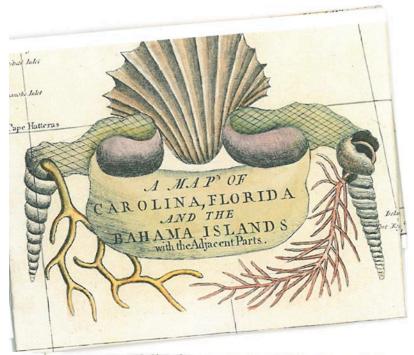
Instructions

- 1. Display the Unique Media map on a white board so that your students may carefully examine the map and develop one sentence that describes the theme of the map.
- 2. Examine the cartouches to get ideas about the use of a cartouche on a map.
- 3. Develop a cartouche that complements the Unique Media map.

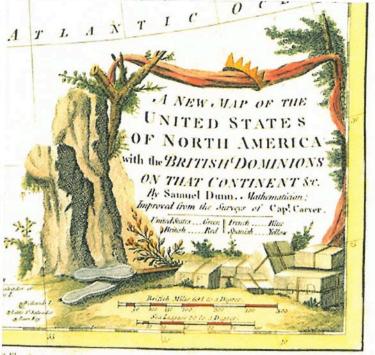


Cartouches

Below are two examples of colorful, artistic cartouches. Choose additional examples from other maps found on this website to complete the activity.



Mark Catesby, A Map of Carolina, Florida and the Bahama Islands with the Adjacent Parts from his Natural History of the Carolinas, Florida and the Bahama Islands: Containing the Figures of Birds, Beasts, Fishes, Serpents, Insects and Plants: Particularly the Forest-Trees, Shrubs, and the other Plants, not hitherto described..., 2nd ed. (London, 1754). Colored copper-engraving.



Samuel Dunn (1723-1794) A New Map of the United States of North America with the British Dominions on the Continent & c. (London, 1786)

