

Gerónimo de Chaves (1524– ?), *La Florida*

Engrave a Map

Map engravers using wood or copper had the difficult task of engraving everything in a mirror image or backwards so the resulting impression on paper would be the correct image. In this activity students will try their hand at engraving a map in reverse.

Materials

Sheet of aluminum foil, 12" x 12"

Piece of cardboard, 8 1/2" x 11"

Dull pencil

Chaves map, displayed for all to see

Instructions

1. Place the sheet of aluminum foil over the piece of cardboard and wrap the edges around so that the cardboard is completely covered.
2. Using the dull pencil to draw on the aluminum foil, draw the Chaves map backwards on the foil. Include as many details as time allows.
3. Engrave the map with your name, backwards.
4. To see how your map turned out, unwrap the foil from the cardboard and turn it over.

