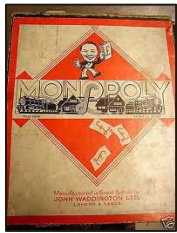


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Did You Know?



Covert Operations

During WWII, airmen and women had silk maps sewn into their jackets or concealed in the heels of their shoes as they flew over Europe. The maps wouldn't crease, spoil or betray themselves during searches, and they might help get them home after a parachute mission or capture.

With the approval of the secret British "escape and evasion unit", Monopoly was used to help prisoners of war escape. Silk maps were inserted between two pieces of the game board, game pieces were adapted to include a compass, and real money was shuffled into the playing notes. The games were sent to European prisoner of War camps by dubious charity organizations such as the Prisoner's Leisure Hours Fund. <http://www.kilroywashere.org/006-Pages/Monopoly.html>

Puzzled?

English mapmaker John Spilsbury invented the jigsaw puzzle – a map of the world- in 1767. Spilsbury attached a map to a piece of wood and then cut out each country. Students learned their geography by putting the pieces together.

Battle of the Sexes

Turns out males and females are equal in their navigational skills – they just use them in different ways. Recent experiments have shown that men work well with compass directions and flat maps, while women use buildings and landmarks to their advantage.

Check out these websites

- [The Blue Marble](http://visibleearth.nasa.gov/view.php?id=57723) presented by NASA <http://visibleearth.nasa.gov/view.php?id=57723>
- [GeoGuessr](http://geoguessr.com) – Let's Explore the World is a geography game that takes you on a journey around the world and challenges your ability to recognize your surroundings. <http://geoguessr.com>
- [Geocaching](http://www.geocaching.com) – the official Global GPS Cache Hunt Site <http://www.geocaching.com>
- [Scribble Maps](http://scribblemaps.com) – an easy way to draw and share maps <http://scribblemaps.com>
- [Places in the News](http://www.loc.gov/today/placesinthenews/) sponsored by the Library of Congress – maps correspond to current stories in the news, updated daily <http://www.loc.gov/today/placesinthenews/>
- [Emerging Explorers](http://education.nationalgeographic.com/education/media/emerging-explorers-geostory/?ar_a=1) sponsored by National Geographic http://education.nationalgeographic.com/education/media/emerging-explorers-geostory/?ar_a=1



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- [My Histro](#) A versatile browser-based tool that allows you to combine blogging, videos and photographs on interactive Google Earth and Google Maps <http://www.myhistro.com/personal-business-education/#education>
- [What Was There?](#) Ties historical photos to Google Maps, allowing you to tour familiar streets to see how they appeared in the past. <http://www.whatwasthere.com>
- [Wind Map](#) An invisible, ancient source of energy surrounds us—energy that powered the first explorations of the world, and that may be a key to the future. This map shows you the delicate tracery of wind flowing over the US. <http://hint.fm/wind/>
- The New Google Maps and Google Earth are amazing. There are plenty of YouTube videos to teach you how to use all of their features.
- [Newspaper Map](#) locates and translates newspapers all over the world. <http://newspapermap.com/>

Fun Reads in Print

Charting the World, by Richard Panchyk. Chicago Review Press, 2011.

Driving Around the USA: Automobiles in American Life by Martin W. Sandler

Florida in the Civil War, by Sandra Downs

Fort Mose, by Glennette Tilley Turner. Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2010.

FOUND IT! Introducing Geocaching to Kids and Families, by Phyllis J Perry and David L Perry. E-book, 2012.

Tools of Navigation, A Kid's Guide to the History and Science of Finding Your Way, by Rachel Dickinson. Nomad Press 2005.

Who was First? Discovering the Americas, by Russell Freedman. Clarion Books, 2007.

World Atlas of Pirates, by Angus Konstam. Lyons Press, 2010.

World Made New, Why the Age of Exploration Happened and How It Changed the World, by Marc Aronson, and John W. Glenn. National Geographic, 2007.

Pirate: The Golden Age, by Angus Konstam. Lyons Press, 2010.

Rube Allyn's Fisherman's Handbook, by Rube Allyn.

YA Novels – Road Trips

Amy and Rogers Epic Detour by Morgan Matson

An Abundance of Katherines by John Green

Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis

Going Bovine by Libba Bray

Hit the Road by Caroline Cooney

Leaving Unknown by Kerry Reichs

Rules of the Road by Joan Bauer



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So B. It by Sarah Weeks

The Miles Between by Mary E Pearson

Travels With Charley by John Steinbeck

Thou Shalt Not Road Trip by Antony John

Whirligig by Paul Fleischman

You Are Here by Jennifer E. Smith

ZigZag by Ellen Wittlinger

Historical Fiction

Carry On Mr. Bowditch by Jean Lee Latham

High Seas Trilogy by Ian Lawrence

Hurricane Dancers -The First Caribbean Shipwreck by Margarita Engle

Longitude Prize by Joan Dash

Peril on the Sea by Michael Cadnum

The Dark Frigate by Charles Boardman Hawes

Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson

True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle by Avi

