

# First Grade Places in My Community Resource List

New York State Learning Standards for Social Studies

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/socst/>

## Places in my community and local region

Places can be located on maps and on a globe.

Maps and diagrams serve as representations of places, physical features, and objects. Cardinal directions can be used to locate places and physical features.

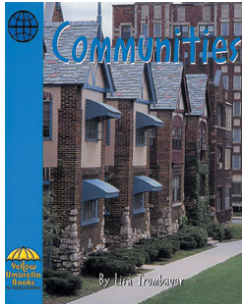
Symbols represent places and can be used to locate geographic features and physical characteristics.

People depend on and modify their physical environments to meet basic needs.

## Books:

*Communities* by Lisa Trumbauer (2001)

Describes different types of communities, including cities, suburbs, and rural areas. Also discusses various occupations in a community.

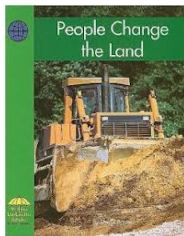


Guided Reading: I

20 Pages

*People Change the Land* by David Bauer (2004)

Simple text and photographs explore ways in which people change the land, from building houses and bridges to planting gardens.

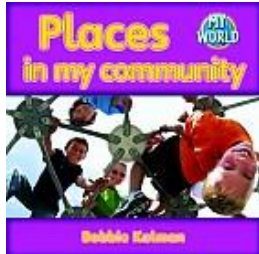


Guided Reading: J

16 Pages

*Places in My Community* by Bobbie Kalman (2010)

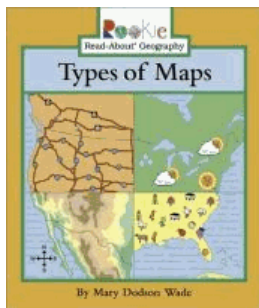
Includes index. What is a community -- Places to live -- Places to work -- Places to learn -- Places to buy food -- Places to shop -- Community safety -- Places to get well -- Long ago -- fun places outdoors. Text and photographs introduce readers to places found in a community, including homes and places to work, learn, and shop; and also discusses community safety, rules, and related topics.



Guided Reading: M  
24 Pages

*Types of Maps* by Mary Dodson Wade (2003)

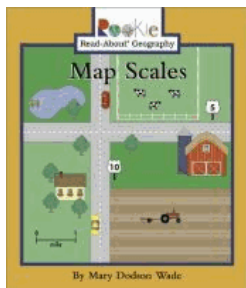
Introduces different types of maps and how they are used, including those that show how to get to a place and those that show what you will find when you arrive.



Guided Reading: J  
31 Pages

*Map Scales* by Mary Dodson Wade (2003)

Includes index. Explains what a map scale is, and shows how to use them to measure distances between places on the map.



Guided Reading: J  
31 Pages

*We Need Directions* by Sarah De Capua (2002)

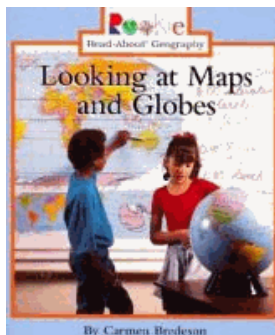
Includes index. An introduction to the cardinal directions and how to find them using a compass, the sun, and a map.



Guided Reading: I  
31 Pages

*Looking at Maps and Globes* by Carmen Bredeson (2001)

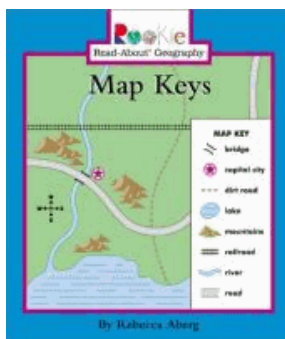
Introduction to maps and globes. Covers legends, directions, and scale.



Guided Reading: K  
31 Pages

*Map Keys* by Rebecca Aberg (2003)

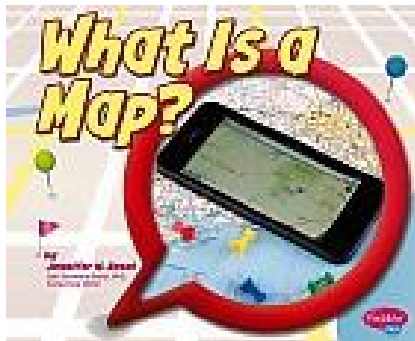
Introduces how to read and use a map key, and provides instructions on how to create a map of one's own bedroom and a key to its symbols.



Guided Reading: J  
31 Pages

*What Is a Map* by Jennifer M. Besel (2014)

Includes bibliographical references (page 23) and index. Simple text with full-color photos and illustrations provide basic information about maps.

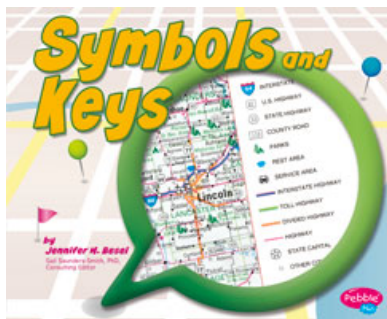


Guided Reading: J

24 Pages

*Symbols and Keys* by Jennifer M. Besel (2014)

Includes bibliographical references (page 23) and index. Learn how to find where to go using symbols and keys.

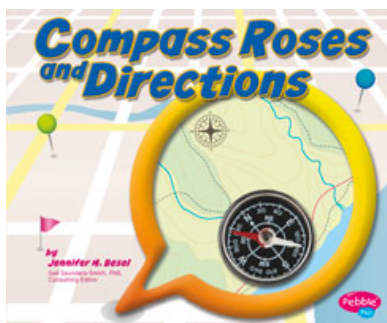


Guided Reading: I

24 Pages

*Compass Roses and Directions* by Jennifer M. Besel (2014)

Includes bibliographical references (page 23) and index. Learn how to get from here to there using a map and compass.

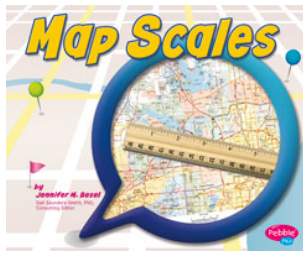


Guided Reading: J

24 Pages

*Map Scales* by Jennifer M. Besel (2014)

Includes bibliographical references (page 23) and index. Learn how to use map scales to find distances.



Guided Reading: J

24 Pages

*What is a Community* by Rebecca Rissman (2010)

Includes index. People around the world -- Going to school -- Making music -- Shopping at markets -- Wearing clothes -- Working on farms -- Playing games -- Families at home -- Similarities and differences -- Different communities. Shows different facets of community life around the world, such as schooling, games, and markets.

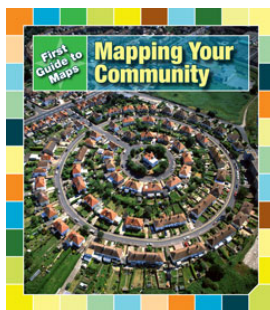


Guided Reading: J

24 Pages

*Mapping Your Community* by Marta Segal Block (2008)

Includes bibliographical references (p. 31) and index. Explains what maps are and how to read them, identifies the different symbols found on maps, looks at how maps are made, and provides instructions for mapping a classroom, school, neighborhood, town, state, and country. Includes activities.



Guided Reading: N

32 Pages

## Digital Resources

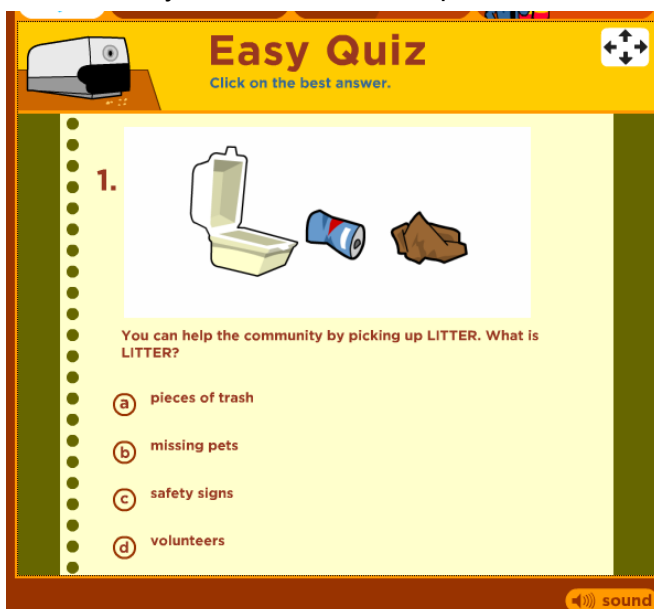
**Databases:** (To access these databases remotely, ask your librarian for your school's username and password.)

**Brainpop Jr.:** *Brainpop, Jr. is a database that provides a 3-6 minute video on informational topics followed by a comprehension quiz. The database includes activities and lesson plans as well. It is geared towards grades K-3.*

These videos align with New York State Social Studies Standards for first grade.



Two different online quizzes are offered after each video to check for understanding. They are entitled "Easy" and "Hard" with 5 questions each.



**Pebble Go!** *Pebble Go is a database that includes non-fiction books, videos and activities online. The target audience for Pebble Go is Kindergarten through 3rd grade, however Pebble Go can be a great way to pique interest in a topic for 4th and 5th graders. Each book is 5 pages long and includes a read-aloud button that highlights each word as it reads aloud. There are often one or two very short videos on the topic embedded within each book.*

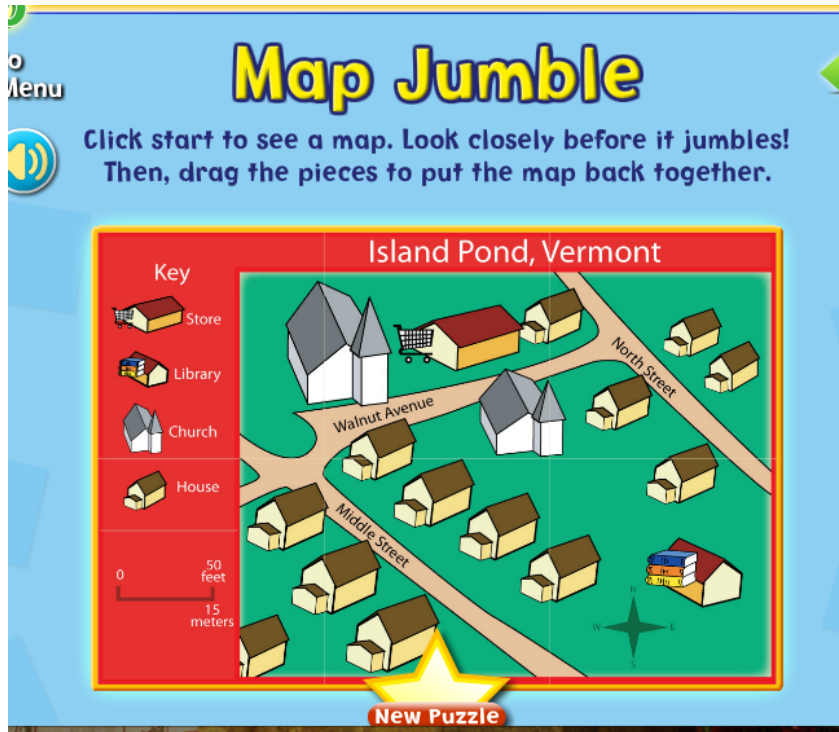
Pebble Go's Social Studies Section has a collection of books on Maps which support the New York State Social Studies Standards on Places in my Community for 1st Grade.

They include titles like the ones pictured below. You can access this section by Clicking on Social Studies and then "Maps"



The screenshot shows a digital interface for the 'Maps' section. At the top, there is a navigation bar with a green 'Back' button and a pink arrow pointing to a small image of a tablet displaying a map, followed by another pink arrow pointing to the word 'Maps' in white text. Below this, there is a grid of 12 book covers, each with a title and a representative image. The books are arranged in three rows and four columns:

- Row 1: 'What Is a Map?' (child with globe), 'Map Symbols and Keys' (map of London Zoo), 'Map Scales' (topographic map), 'Map Directions' (hand with compass).
- Row 2: 'Distribution Maps' (U.S. population density map), 'Globes' (globe), 'Physical Maps' (physical map of Europe), 'Political Maps' (political map of Texas).
- Row 3: 'Road Maps' (road map), 'Topographic Maps' (topographic map), 'The World on Maps' (world map).



Pebble Go offers a game called “Map Jumble” with 4 - 8 piece puzzles that are jumbled and reassembled:




Here is a sample book from the Maps section of Pebble Go:


Back →  →  → **What Is a Map?**

A Useful Tool    History    Features    Symbols    Using Maps

Maps are tools that help you find your way. They are like pictures of the world taken from above. Some maps show city streets and buildings. Other maps show mountains, rivers, and lakes.



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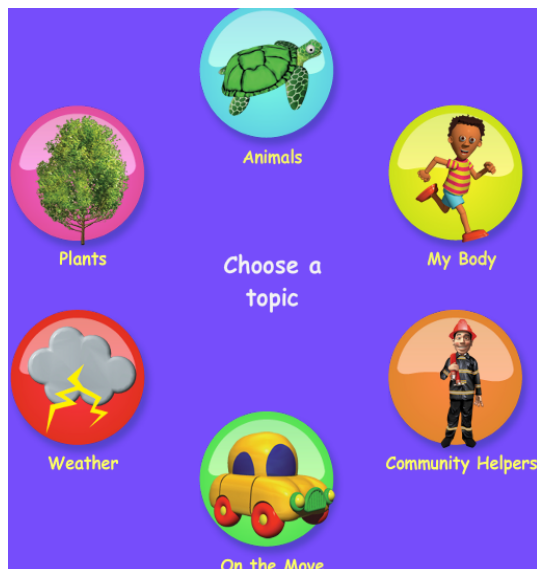


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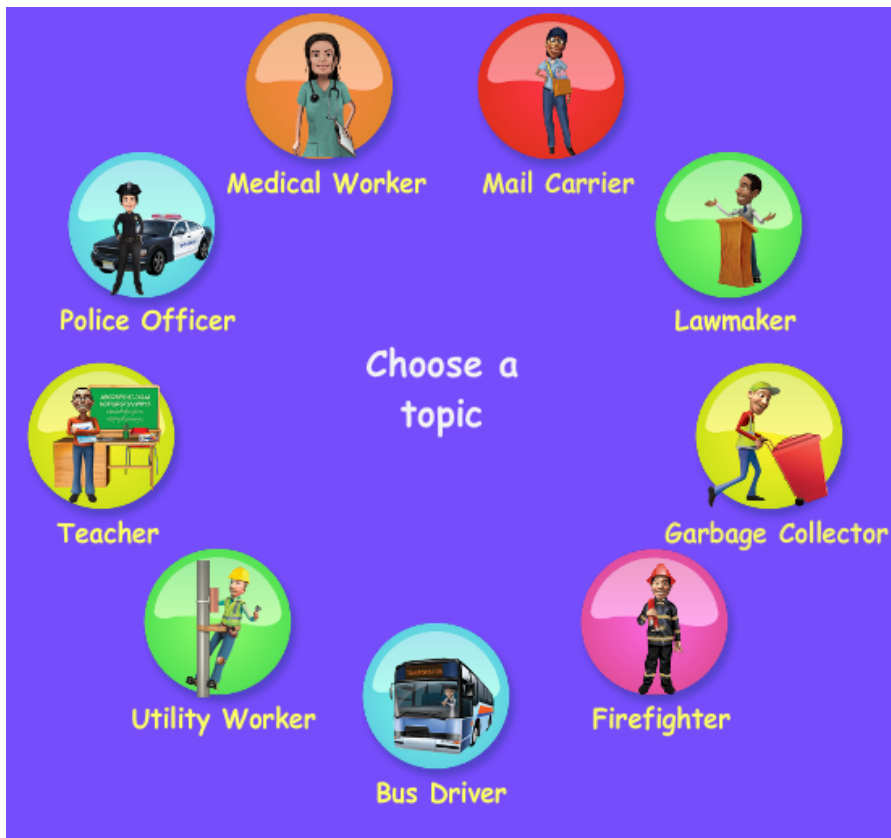
The World Book Web is a suite of online research tools that includes encyclopedia articles, primary source collections, educator tools, student activities, pictures, audio, and video, complemented by current periodicals and related Web sites. All Ithaca elementary school libraries currently subscribe to **World Book Kids**, **World Book Student**, **World Book Discover**, **World Book Timelines** and **World Book Classroom: Early World of Learning**. For specific training in how to use these amazing tools consult Worldbook's training website or ask your school's librarian. <http://www.worldbookonline.com/training/>

The best 1st Grade resources from the above list are in **World Book Classroom: Early World of Learning**. Early World of Learning includes a section on Community Helpers that aligns with 1st Grade's New York State Social Studies standards.

In Early World of Learning first Click on "Know It," then on "Community Helpers." Within Community Helpers there are a number of different options available to you. It is possible for you to create an account in Early World of Learning, set up a classroom, and use quizzes to check your students for understanding. There are built-in quizzes, and you can also design your own.



Students can choose from the following community helpers to learn more.



When you select a subject, there is a paragraph that is read aloud if you click on it. The question marks on the picture all include one fact that are read aloud if you click on them. There is a bonus fact in "It's a Fact!" There are also pictures and videos on the right to supplement the information on the left.



## Websites:

### **Compass Skills: BBC Landscapes**

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/scotland/education/sysm/landscapes/highlands\\_islands/flash/index.shtml?flash=land\\_ms\\_compass](http://www.bbc.co.uk/scotland/education/sysm/landscapes/highlands_islands/flash/index.shtml?flash=land_ms_compass)

An interactive game that teaches north, east, south, and west on a map.

### **Interactive Map: Use a Compass Rose**

[http://eduplace.com/kids/socsci/books/applications/imaps/maps/g1\\_u3/](http://eduplace.com/kids/socsci/books/applications/imaps/maps/g1_u3/)

Students learn that the compass rose has four main directions: *North*, *South*, *East*, and *West*. You can use the compass rose to give or follow directions.

### **Finding Nemo: Using a Compass Rose**

<http://www.mathslice.com/findnemo.php>

Compass rose will need to be provided to complete this activity.

## iPad apps:

### ***I Get ... My Community Vocabulary - by I Get It, LLC***

**Cost: \$2.99**

This app offers picture text and audio that explains key vocabulary words about community people, places and objects.

### ***Globe for iPad - by Alan Smith***

**Cost: Free**

A 3D globe that can be manipulated by dragging your finger to rotate it. Avoid tapping on the countries as it will lead out of the app to a wikipedia article on that country.

### ***GeoSeeker USA HD: Map-Reading and Geography - by Selectsoft***

**Cost: \$2.99**

Covers map-reading skills, including grids and legends.