

Kid Cartographer Rubric

For “An Island of Your Own” or “Create Your Own Playground”

	Beginning 1	Developing 2	Accomplished 3	Exemplary 4
Map Legend	Legend includes less than 3 symbols with many missing labels. Symbols may not represent both natural and human made features.	Legend includes at least 3 to 5 symbols with some missing labels. Symbols represent natural and human made features.	Legend includes at least 6 to 8 symbols clearly labeled representing both natural and human made features.	Legend includes at least 8 to 10 symbols clearly labeled representing both natural and human made features.
Grid, Title and Cartographer	Grid is mislabeled and/or missing numbers. Title is unclear or missing. Cartographer’s name is illegible or missing.	Grid is labeled and numbered, may include a few inaccuracies. Title is written. Cartographer’s name is printed.	Grid is clearly and accurately labeled and numbered. Title is appropriate to the topic. Cartographer’s name is neatly printed.	Grid is clearly and accurately labeled and numbered. Title is unique and creative. Cartographer’s name is neatly printed.
Compass Rose	Compass rose is inaccurate. May include only partial components of cardinal or intermediate directions.	Compass rose is present. Includes only cardinal or intermediate directions.	Compass rose is present. Includes both cardinal and intermediate directions.	Compass rose is unique and creative. Includes both cardinal and intermediate directions.
Writing About Your Map	Writing is missing many explanations of the features on the map, where they are located and why, and what it would be like to be in their created setting.	Writing mostly explains the features on the map, where they are located and why, and what it would be like to be in their created setting.	Writing explains the features on the map, where they are located and why, and what it would be like to be in their created setting.	Writing is unique and creative. The text explains the features on the map, where they are located and why, and what it would be like to be in their created setting.
Map Quiz	Includes only one question. Question includes on one inquiry about directions, location or the components of the legend.	Includes two questions. Some questions including inquiries about directions, location and components of the legend.	Includes three or four questions. Questions are original including inquiries about directions, location and components of the legend.	Includes five or more questions. Questions are original including inquiries about directions, location and components of the legend.
Overall Impressions	Map project includes several missing components. Many errors with grammar, punctuation and spelling.	Map project is partially completed. Few errors with grammar, punctuation and spelling.	Map project is accurately completed. Some errors with grammar, punctuation and spelling.	Map project is unique, creative and neatly prepared. All grammar, punctuation and spelling are correct.