

Activity 16: map your imaginary land

One of my favourite things about reading children's books is when you find a map right at the beginning showing the land in the story. I keep referring to the map as I about the different locations and settings in the story. I am sure that you have done the same. I thought it would be a great idea for you to design and draw your own map of where your type of elf or sprite lives. If you can, check out on the internet to see how Kieran Larwood, author of *Podkin One-Ear*, draws maps of his story worlds: <https://www.kmlarwood.com/resources/>

- ★ Step 1: draw the outline of your map
- ★ Step 2: fill in the landmarks: trees, rivers, boulders, mountains, volcano, cities, sea, swamps
- ★ Step 3: make up names for the different areas of your map
- ★ Step 4: stain the map to make it look old by using a used (and cool) tea bag to turn the paper brown. You don't need to get it that wet for it to change colour
- ★ Step 5: When it is dry, cut or rip the edges of the paper to make it look old and worn. A small hole in the middle of the map can look great