

Class III

Social Studies

Lesson 3- Mapping Our Earth

INTRODUCTION -

In this lesson we will learn about :-

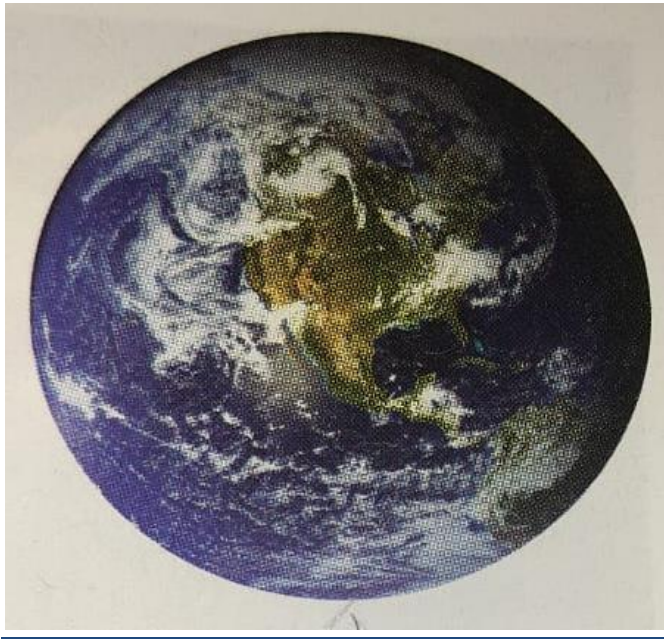
- a. Shape of the Earth**
- b. Maps and Globes**
- c. Why do we need Maps?**

SUMMARY –

The Earth as we have already read in the previous chapter is round like an orange and slightly flattened at the Poles. The Earth looks like a huge blue ball.

Since $3/4^{\text{th}}$ of the Earth is covered with water the earth appears blue in colour in the pictures of the Earth taken from the

space. That is why it is also called a **BLUE PLANET.**



Now we will learn about The Globe and the Maps.

GLOBE- As our Earth is very big in size we cannot see the entire Earth at one time so we use smaller models of the Earth to study its features. These models of Earth are called GLOBE.

We use globe because it is the most accurate way of showing the World's

surface and it also shows exactly how continents and oceans appear on Earth's curved surface.

It is difficult to carry globe around and we cannot have a glance of the whole Earth at one time.

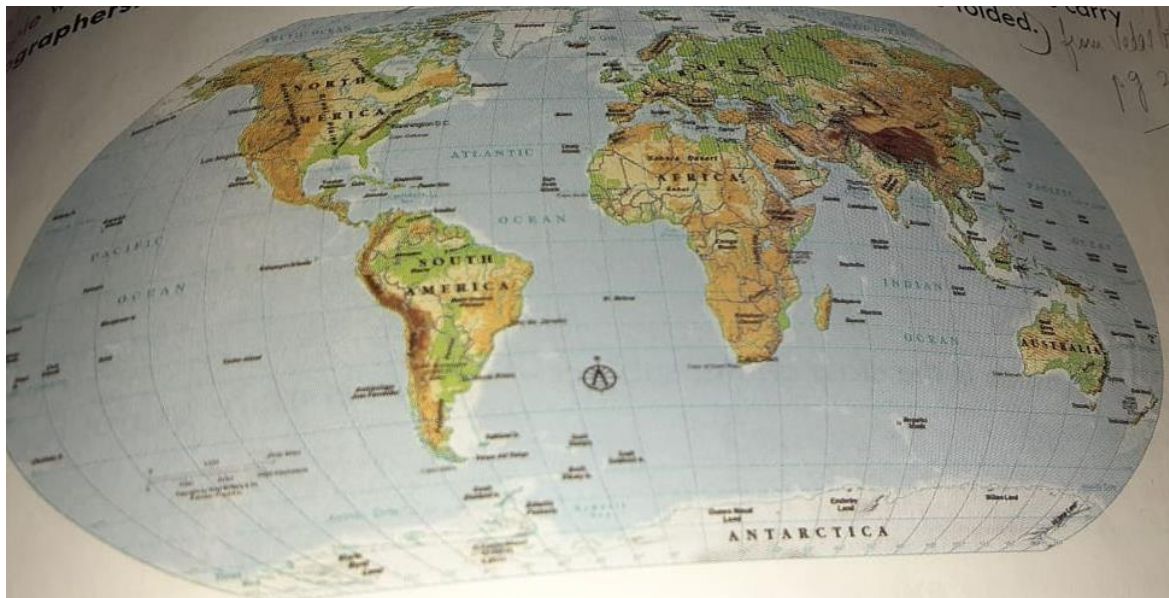


MAP- A map is a drawing of the Earth's surface or a part of it. Map can give more details than a globe. A map can show the whole world at a glance. A map can be big or small.

A book of maps is called **ATLAS**. Large wall maps can be hung on a wall for better understanding of the world around us.

People who make maps are called **CARTOGRAPHERS**.

Maps are not as accurate as globes because they are flat but we prefer to use maps because they are easier to carry as they can be folded.



Ques 1. Answer in one word:-

1. A book of Maps.

Ans. Atlas.

2. People who make maps.

Ans. Cartographers.

3. An instrument used to find directions.

Ans. Compass.

4. Earth is also called_____.

Ans. Blue Planet.

Ques 2. Answer the following

1. What is a Globe?

Ans. A globe is a model of Earth.

2. Why do we use globe?

Ans. We use globe because it is the most

accurate way of showing the World's surface and it also shows exactly how continents and oceans appear on Earth's curved surface.

3. What is a map?

Ans. A map is a drawing of the Earth's surface or a part of it.

4. Why do we need maps?

Ans. We use maps because it can give more details than a globe and can show the whole world at a glance.

5. Why do people prefer maps?

Ans. People prefer to use maps because they are much easier to make. We can fold it, roll it and carry it wherever we want.

Ques 3. Write T for true and F for false.

1. A flat drawing of the Earth or a part of it is called globe. _____
2. A model of the Earth is called a map. _____
3. A book of maps is called Atlas. _____
4. There are five Oceans and seven continents in the world. _____